



WOODLEA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Woodlea Word

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**“Resilience is not what happens to you. It is how you react to, respond to and recover from what happens to you.”** Jeffery Gitomer

## Be Resilient

On Monday, in assembly, I shared with the children some of the experiences of the runners who ran the Montane Winter Spine Race the week before. This is believed to be one of the toughest Ultra Marathon races in the world. For the full Spine, runners have to run 268 miles along the Pennine way from Edale to Kirk Yetholm in Scotland. They do this with limited stopping time. There are also other shorter races within the series, 48 miles and 108 miles and 160 miles. The conditions this year were very challenging and runners have to climb up and down hills in snow, ice, rain and occasional sunshine. We talked about the resilience which would be required to achieve even the shortest distance. What we learnt from the runners was how they all **talked about the positives**. How even if they had spent hours walking through bogs, they appreciated the sunrise, amazing views or clear night skies full of stars. While we might not be able to run an ultra-marathon, we can learn from the runner's approach and respond to challenges in a way which helps us get through them.



### Cross Country: Surrey Schools Cross County competition

On Saturday, 650 Runners over two age group ran in Reigate Park. The children were from a whole range of schools across Surrey and many train at running clubs. It was a tough race, a mile for Year 5s and about 1.5 miles for Year 6s, Our children did themselves proud.

Well done to Shiya-Jane JL; Rex G; Theo M, Daisy H and Rafferty S and thank you to the parents for taking them.



PTA Disco – Year 2 - 6

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

3.15 – 5pm

To book please click on the link

Below:

<https://woodlea-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com>



### Head Teachers Awards –

**Lambs – Vivienne T, Year 1 – Wilkie N, Year 2 – Vinnie L, Year 3 – Arthur R & Jacob S, Year 4 – Kasumi L, Year 5 – Joshua S, Year 6 – Ellie K & Aydan CM**

Year 6 Synagogue –

First, we entered the synagogue, and all the boys were given Kippahs. Then we talked about the torah scrolls and the ark. The rabi used a yad (which means hand) to read a bit of the Torah scroll. We looked at the stained glass and everything they use when other Jews are at the service. At the end we got to try their bread and matzo crackers.



Lambs fire visit

Lambs were very excited to welcome the Godstone firefighters on Tuesday! We were lucky enough to explore the fire engine, climb inside, see the tools, and most exciting of all spray water using the hose. The children had the chance to get up close and ask lots of questions about what being a firefighter involves. We explored the uniform, including the steel-capped boots, thick protective clothing, heavy helmet, and the oxygen tank that supports firefighters during fires. We all had a fantastic time and learned so much from this exciting visit!



Year 3 Science Museum

This week Year 3 went on a trip to the Science Museum. As part of our topic on Forces and Magnets we took in a show presented by Brian and his sidekicks Phil and Philomena the Frog. We learnt all about different types of forces and scientists who studied forces like Isaac Newton and Galileo. Year 3 took public transport to and from the museum, which was a great way to consolidate their PSHE learning this term on identifying risks and keeping safe which included a lesson on how we stay safe when travelling as a class.



School Council

Dearest parents of Woodlea students,  
Here in school council, we would like to be able to accomplish the following: more pyjama days, more own clothes days, more sales, new trim trail equipment and more. You are hopefully going to be the ones who help us raise money toward our goal. To do so, we are kindly requesting that on the pyjama days and own clothes days you could try to bring in a pound. If you have forgotten, don't worry. We will provide dates for these in the coming weeks.

Help us make a better school for the younger children that go here.

Kind regards,

Freya, Alfie, Oliver and the rest of school council.

(Written by Freya Foster)

# Events Calendar

Please see below for all upcoming events and how to book. Please refer to the original email for full details of events.

Date	Event	Details
28.01.2026	Art Gallery	After school, please collect your child and the art exhibition will be in the hall for you to view the children's art work.
29.01.2026	Year 6 Imperial War Museum	Year 6 only Packed lunch required Book via Arbor <b>(please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)</b>
03.02.2026	Year 6 SATs Workshop	Year 6 only Year 6 SATs workshop 2.30pm. To confirm your attendance please <a href="#">click here</a> .
06.02.2026	Year 5 Class Assembly	Parents are invited to attend the year 5 class assembly at 9.15am. Please wait by the hall entrance in the car park.
10.02.2026	Safer Internet Day – Workshop 7 – 8pm	Please see flyer attached to the Woodlea Word - Helping children stay safe online To book please click here: <a href="#">Meeting Registration - Zoom</a>
12.02.2026	PTA School Disco	Please see flyer attached to the Woodlea Word
16.02.2026 – 20.02.2026	Half Term Holidays	
23.02.2026	Young Voices	Year 5 & 6 – children that have already booked only.
07.03.2026	Cross Country	SLH Cross Country Farthing downs Year 3 – 6 – Signup on Arbor under Trips
13.03.2026	Year 4 – Egyptian Day	Year 4 only Book via Arbor <b>(please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)</b>
16.03.2026	Parents Evening (early)	Further details to follow
18.03.2026	Year 5 Wisley Gardens	Year 5 only Packed lunch required Book via Arbor <b>(please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)</b>
19.03.2026	Parents Evening (late)	Further details to follow
20.03.2026	Red Nose Day	Further details to follow
20.03.2026	Year 4 Class Assembly	Parents are invited to attend the year 4 class assembly at 9.15am. Please wait by the hall entrance in the car park.

## Weekly Attendance

Lambs: 99.1%, Y2: 89.7%, Y3 99.6%;  
Y4 : 92.5%, Y5 : 91.4%, Y6 : 95.2%  
Winners : Y1 – 100%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory.

**Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.**

**If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:10am at the latest.**

## School Uniform

Our current school uniform supplier can be found here. [MyClothing](#)

Please check with your class rep if you require second hand uniform.



## Weekly Communication

Year 3 – Science Museum – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Year 5 – Wisley Gardens - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Year 3 – Update

All – Art Exhibition – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Universal Credit

Did you know that the school receives extra funding for every child that is entitled to universal credit? If you are entitled to universal credit, please do make sure that you come and make us aware in the school office. This means that we can access more funding for the school and for your child. To check eligibility click the link below

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](#)

### Lunches



Please update  
Arbor every day,  
even if your child  
has packed  
lunches



Menus are available on – Autumn Spring 2025/26  
[Woodlea School Website](#)

Unfortunately, the 'pick for all future dates' option was removed by Arbor during an update and we have been told by them that 'new features in the meal section wouldn't support this.'. We have raised this as an issue with Arbor as we know that this made ordering lunches in advance so much easier for parents. We hope to hear back from Arbor very soon regarding this important feature.

### Arbor Checklists:

- Check all meal payments are up to date: Arbor – Payment
- Ensure all dietary/medical information is correct and up to date.
- Add any emergency contacts for your child.

For any how to guides please [click here](#).

**Please remember for there is a 2-week deadline for booking lunches.**



### Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email [info@woodleatft.co.uk](mailto:info@woodleatft.co.uk) or leave a message on the absence line (01883 652358 option 1) before 9.10am. Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children should be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

To avoid impacting your child's attendance ALL medical/dental/optician appointments should be booked outside of school hours where possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Leave of Absence

As a school we are only able to grant a leave of absence, during term time, for exceptional circumstances. If you intend to take a leave of absence for your child, please collect a 'Leave of Absence' form from the school office and return the completed form for Mrs Gambier's consideration. Please note that the form should be given to the office prior to the period of absence.

### Amazon Wish Lists

[Year 6](#)

[Year 5](#)

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