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“Neurodiversity is our strength – we all think differently”

Neurodiversity week: Understanding and Kindness were the messages from our assembly on Monday. We explored how some of us might think, tackle our learning or relate to each other if our brains are seen to be wired in a certain way. We all have different brains and approach things differently. This is a strength, but sometimes we do not always understand each other. I talked to the children about how school can be a tough place if differences are laughed at or criticised. I described the experiences at school of a young boy with Tourette’s syndrome, who is the subject of a recent film, and how they as young people can make such a difference if they try to understand or show kindness to a person who might seem different. We all need people to take time to understand us and be kind.

Science Fair Postponed – We apologise but we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Science Fair which was due to take place next Wednesday. We will announce a new date in the Summer Term.

Big Spring Clean As part of the “**Big Spring Clean**” we have been doing some extra litter picking both in the school grounds and around the local community. It was lovely to see some of our families at the Woldingham Litter pick event on Saturday 14th. A lot of litter was collected from the area and I was quite surprised by the amount. **Eco-Council members** went out on Thursday this week and cleared litter from two key areas by the school – from the top of Long Hill to the entrance to the Glebe tennis club. Again the children were surprised by the amount and type of litter they collected in such a small area. Lambs, have been learning about how to care for the environment so they also spent some time on Thursday collecting litter within the school grounds. **Let’s all think hard about where we put our litter, so we protect the environment from the harm litter does. Keep Britain Tidy!**



Year 5 – Wisley Gardens

We were very lucky to see all of the wonderful things at Wisley. We were split into groups. In our groups we went around the glass house, we also tried to find a variety of flowers. After that, we all got together for lunch and walked up to the allotments. There, we got back into our groups and built structures out of sticks, for beans to grow up. At the end we cloned some plants and even got to take them home! It was a really fun day and we were all well behaved!”



Parking

We have had an increasing number of complaints from neighbours and fellow parents about the parking in long hill. Please can we remind parents:

There is no parking in long hill in the morning. The turning circle is to be used. Please do not stop in the turning circle as this creates a back log of traffic and further parking issues.

Please do not park across neighbour's driveways, always ensure there is enough space for them to get in and out. Please respect their property.



Lambs – Under the Sea

This half term, Lambs have been exploring the topic 'Under the Sea'. We discovered that the best way to learn is through hands-on experience, so we brought real sea creatures into the classroom. At first, we felt a little unsure and hesitant, but by the end of the session we were confidently picking up, touching, and closely examining an octopus, trout, sole, and shrimps.

We talked about how to keep our oceans healthy, labelled the different features of the sea creatures, and used our senses to describe how they felt and smelled. It was an exciting and memorable learning experience for everyone!



Weekly Attendance

Lambs : 96.7% Y1 : 95%,

Y2: 97.8% , Y3: 97.2% ,

Y5 : 96.4% , Y6 : 99%

Winners : Y4 - 99.6%

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.



Events Calendar

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

New events are listed in red

Date	Event	Details
21.03.2026	Cross Country	Cross Country – Oasis Academy. Year 3 – 6 – Signup via Arbor under Trips
23.03.2026	Rock Steady Concert	9:15-9:45am For Rock Steady parents please contact rock steady for any queries
23.03.2026	Book Fair	See flyer attached to the Woodlea Word
24.03.2026	Book Fair	See flyer attached to the Woodlea Word
25.03.2026	Book Fair	See flyer attached to the Woodlea Word
Science Fair Postponed until the Summer Term 2026		
26.03.2026	Year 1 & 2 Easter Sing Song	Parents are invited to attend the Year 1 & 2 Sing song. It will start at 9am. Please enter the hall via the car park. The event will last for around 15/20 minutes.
27.03.2026	Last Day of term	Early finish 2pm
13.04.2026	Year 2 Trip – Morden Mosque	Year 2 only Book via Arbor (please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)
17.04.2026	Year 6 – Fundrasing	Year 6 Prom Fundraising – Wonka Bar Sale after school in the gazebo
22.04.26-24.04.26	Year 4 – Carroty Wood	Year 4 only Please refer to emails regarding the trip.
30.04.2026	Year 3 - Roman Day	Year 3 Only Please refer to the email sent regarding the day. (please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend)
06.05.2026	Class Photos	Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform including ties and jumper/cardigan
08.05.2026	Year 3 Class Assembly	Year 3 Class Assembly. 9.15am Parents are invited to watch the class assembly. Please enter the hall via the car park.

Weekly Communication

Year 3 – Year 6 – Mobile Phone Policy – KS2
Year 3,4,5 & 5 – Mobile Phone Policy
Year 5 – Wisley Trip – 18th March
All – Summer Menu 2026
Year 1 – Park trip & Postponed Park trip
All - Reminder – Red Nose Day – 20th March
Lambs - Reminder – Lambs meet & greet
Year 4- Class Assembly – 20th March
Year 3,4,5&6 – Waringham Cross Country
All - Meningitis

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
- Check all trip payments are 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 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.

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