



WOODLEA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Woodlea Word

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*“Every day is a renewal, every morning the daily miracle. This joy you feel is life.” — Gertrude Stein*

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break.*



**Goodbyes:** Easter and Spring are seen as times of renewal. As nature starts to sing loudly, with green shoots of freshness, the slithers of warm sun and longer days, we start to feel brighter in ourselves. With renewal can come goodbyes and sadly we are saying goodbye to two members of the Woodlea team – **Miss Rice and Mrs Varndell**. Both will be greatly missed by staff, children and the Woodlea community. Their impact has been immeasurable. They are both positive, kind, caring, supportive and dedicated practitioners. I know they both appreciate the thanks and goodbye wishes they have received from the children and families. I want to thank them publicly for everything and wish them all the very best with their new adventures and hope they keep in touch to tell us how they are getting on.

Looking forward, we welcome **Mrs Evans and Mrs Southall** who will start with us after Easter. Mrs Evans will be teaching reception and Mrs Southall will be our SENDCo, working two days (Tuesday and Thursday). Both have been into school over this half term working with Mrs Varndell and Miss Rice to ensure a smooth transition for parents, staff and children. I know they both already feel welcomed by the Woodlea Community. Despite all the transition work, it will take them both time to feel settled but I know you will be both patient and welcoming as a community. We are looking forward to them joining our team.

## Easter Sing Song

On Thursday morning year 1 and 2 performed their annual Easter sing song to the parents. The children did fantastically well, and it was a joy to see so many parents attending to watch the children perform.



**Football v Marden – Won 16 – 0**

On Tuesday the team played Marden Lodge. We ended with a good result that was 16 – 0 to Woodlea. George scored 1, Max 3, Xavier 4, Raffi 3, Arjun 3 and Oliver 1 and sadly there was 1 own goal. Thank you to Mrs Gambier for taking the team in Mr Cole's absence.

Team – George B, Alfie J, Arjun S, Max VTB, Henry H, Oliver H, Luca S, Xavier B and Rafferty S

**Netball v Marden – Won 7 - 1**

On Tuesday the netball team played a match against Marden Lodge. It was a great match and ended up 7 – 1 to us. Maya scored 4, Ellie scored 1, Ella 1 and Lilly 1. We played Really well and Lilly G was chosen as player of the match, for improving a lot over the season.

We would like to thank Mrs Varndell for all her support and training us over the last year.

Team, Maya S, Ellie K, Ella M, Clara I, Lilly G, Ava H, Olivia S. Fay and Shiya JJ



**St Johns Cross Country** Woodlea took part in the first of the local school's cross-country events this week at St John's Primary School in Caterham. Year 3 & 4 had to run 2 ¾ laps and Year 5 & 6 had to run 3 ¾ laps. All the children did really well and completed the course which was not easy. We are so proud of all the children who took part as every child finished the course which was not easy and they did it with a smile. Woodlea came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall as a school. Well done to: Xander; Arthur L, Henry L, Jacob S; Isaac B; Joshua B; Benjamin H; Austin K; Vienna D; Evie H; Erin W; Kasumi L; Daisy M; Rex G; Raffi S; Jack M, Theo M; Lily B; Shiya Jayne; Daisy H, Olivia S & Maya S.

**SLH School's Cross County Competition** Over the course of the Autumn and Spring terms there have been four South London Harriers cross country events on Saturday mornings. We are small but dedicated team. We came 10<sup>th</sup> in the Year 3 & 4 girls; 7<sup>th</sup> for Year 3 & 4 boys; 8<sup>th</sup> for Year 5 & 6 girls. Thank you to: Kasumi L; Erin W; Joshua B; Harry S; Jacob S; Benjamin H; Shiya Jayne; Daisy H; Rex G. A particular thank you to Kasumi L and Shiya who ran in every event.

**Thank you to all the parents who have supported with these events. Without you organising transport and giving up your time, Woodlea children would not be able to take part in any competitions.**

**Red Nose Day**

Thank you for the donations for red nose day we raised £159.50 for the charity. It was great to see so many children dressed in red for the day. As this years red nose theme was doodling, we setup a doodling station in the playground and it was great to see so many children expressing themselves, drawing on the paper.



## Woodlea Citizen Awards

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**Reception** Leo, Hugo, Scarlett B, Lily

**Year 1** Nora, Elouise, Tommy, Wilkie

**Year 2** Jemima, Freddie, Alicia, James

**Year 3** Sylvia, Daisy, Arthur L, Arthur R

**Year 4** Arthur, George, Kasumi, Ada

**Year 5** Alice, Tristan, Hamdy, Lily B

**Year 6** Ellie, Ella, George, Alfie



### Weekly Attendance

Lambs **94.4%**: Y1 **97.5%** ,

Y2: **89.7%** , Y3: **97.1%**

Y5: **96.4%**, Y6: **95.6%**,

**Winners : Y4 - 97.9%**

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
13.04.2026	Year 2 Trip – Morden Mosque	Year 2 only Book via Arbor ( <b>please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend</b> )
17.04.2026	Year 6 – Fundraising	Year 6 Prom Fundraising – Wonka Bar Sale after school in the gazebo
22.04.26-24.04.26	Year 4 – Carrot 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. ( <b>please note if you do not consent for your child they will not be able to attend</b> )
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.

## WOW Woodlea 2026 - can you help?

Widening Our World or WOW is a program of interactive workshops that parents and carers put together so the children at Woodlea can benefit from the expertise that we have within the school community. Previous workshops have included; advertising, app design, basketball, dance, event planning, finance, law, neuroscience, podcasting, property, publishing, and taekwondo - what a list!

The children gain so much; they get a glimpse of the breadth of jobs and careers that our community has, they learn new skills that connect them to the real world and they build confidence through trying new things. They also have a lot of fun!

So the ask is this - do you have a job, passion or skill that you would be prepared to come in and workshop with a class during the month of June? No need to feel daunted, if you have expertise and enthusiasm we can help you finesse that into an amazing workshop and your child will be delighted that you're helping the school!

If you're interested please get in touch over the Easter holiday, many thanks Kirsty Irvine (kirstinspeary@hotmail.com)

## Weekly Communication

All – Lost property  
All – Last of book fair  
Lambs – Showcase – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5- Festival of Sport De Stafford

### 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 – Summer 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](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

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