



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

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"It'll be better in the morning. You'll see" — Donkey

A massive well done to the Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs with such a positive mindset. Every single pupil was focused throughout all of the papers. The children seemed very proud of themselves and so they should be. Every member of the teaching team, and particularly the Year 6 team are very proud of all the children. I know that yesterday Year 6 were very keen to find out their surprise as they set off to London and Mr Cole did seem to enjoy not revealing the details. I believe the Year 6 parents were also keen to find out. And of course the surprise was revealed when they arrived as a visit to the "Shrek Exhibition" as part of their learning toward the play which will be "Shrek"

Thank Year 6 parents for all your support with your children over this year and this week. Thank you also for those of you who have shown your appreciated of the Year 6 team and they way their have prepared the children.



As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](#). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner



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
20.05.2026	Lambs – Arc Trip	Please refer to the email sent. Please consent and make payment on Arbor
20.05.2026	PGL Meeting	Year 6 only. Please see the email sent regarding the PGL meeting.
21.05.2026	Census Day (Bee day menu)	Arbor special menu. See menu attached to the Woodlea Word.
21.05.2026	Reading Festival	See email sent
22.05.2026	Year 5 – Swimming	Year 5 Swimming – please refer to the email
25.05.2026 - 29.05.2026	Half term holiday	
02.06.2026	WOW Woodlea	Opening Assembly - Children only
08.06.2026	Multiskills (Year 3 & 4)	Further details to follow
11.06.2026	Multiskills 9Year 1 & 2)	Further details to follow
13.06.2026	PTA World Cup Event	12 – 6pm – See details on flyer or follow PTA on Instagram
15.06.2026 – 19.06.26	Year 6 – PGL	Refer to emails sent for further details
19.06.2026	Year 5 – Swimming	Year 5 Swimming – please refer to the email
22.06.26 – 23.06.26	Life Bus	Further details to follow
26.06.2026	Year 5 – Swimming	Year 5 Swimming – please refer to the email
29.06.2026	District Sports – Field	Further details to follow
02.07.2026	District Sports – Track	Further details to follow
02.07.2026	Year 1 – Hever Castle	Please see email and book on Arbor
03.07.2026	Year 5 – Swimming	Final year 5 Swimming
07.07.2026	Sport Day	Please see email for further details
09.07.2026	Back up sports day	
13.07.2026	PTA Colour Run	Colour run 3.30 – 5pm – Book via the PTA
14.07.2026	Year 6 Production	Further details to follow
16.07.2026	Year 6 Production	Further details to follow
18.07.2026	PTA SummerFest	12pm – 10pm – See details from the PTA
23.07.2026	Leaver assembly	Year 6 only – further details to follow
23.07.2026	Last day of term	Early finish 2pm

Weekly Attendance

Lambs : 95.9%Y1 98.5% :

Y2 : 98.3%Y3:91.4%,

Y4 : 97.8%, Y6 : 98.2%

Winners : Year 5 – 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.



Weekly Communication

Year 6 – Trip
Year R – 6 – Class Photos
Year 3 - Carrot Wood

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 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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