



WOODLEA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Woodlea Word

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***“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled” Plutarch***

**Reading Festival** Trying something new in a school takes someone with an idea and determination and a team to support and throw themselves into the event despite some reservations. At Woodlea, I am extremely lucky to work with colleagues who present new ideas and a team who will work together to refine and develop the initial idea. The Reading Festival which took place on Thursday, was a resounding success because of Mr Cole's initial ideas, the support of a parent's expertise and contacts and a staff team which threw themselves into the event by developing a set of activities which all of the children thoroughly enjoyed. Poetry, art, music, imagination, and adventure activities all designed to celebrate the year of reading and inspire the pupils. Eric Huang, the author of Guardians of the New Moon, joined the event and was excellent at inspiring all the children to imagine their own magical worlds. To finish the day, it was wonderful to see so many parents able to join their children to read with them in the sunshine. We know there was a bit of a queue for parents to get in, and if we did an event like this again, we would look at how this part could be improved, but hopefully parents enjoyed the time.

Thank you to the Woodlea staff, pupils and parents for making the first Woodlea Reading Festival a great success.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term.



### Lambs – The Arc

On Wednesday the Lambs went on an exciting trip to The Arc in Selsdon. They travelled by minibus which was an adventure. When we arrived, they met the ranger and then went to, meet the Capybaras and got to feed them sweet potatoes which is one of their favourite foods. This was swiftly followed by seeing a rather large porcupine, although they did not get close, they got to feel a porcupine needle that the ranger had. After this they met an 18-year-old tortoise and then went into the meercat enclosure where they got to sit down and meet the meercats, we were not allowed to touch them in case they got scared but they did climb over some of the Lambs. After lunch the children got to see some invertebrates which they were very excited about. This included a stick insect, a centipede, a giant African snail and a spider's skin. The children had a great time and learnt a lot.



### Netball Rally

Woodlea took part in the netball rally at Hamsey Green Primary against other local schools. The team played fantastically well, and it was great to see them having fun and supporting each other so well. The first game was against Marden Lodge which they won 7 – 0. The second game was St John's which was a tense game ending up 2-2. This meant Woodlea qualified for the semi-final. We came up against a very strong Whyteleafe side, but the team battled superbly well but unfortunately lost 2 – 1. Well done to the team, Clara I, Ellie K, Maya S, Ella M, Shiya JJ & Ava H.



### Football Rally

On Thursday the mixed year 5 & 6 football team took part in the football rally at Hamsey Green Primary. The team played really well. The first game they Won 1 – 0 against Audley and their second game they drew 1-1 against ST John's and their final game was against Hamssey which they won 3 – 0. Sadly due to goal difference the team did not make the final but they played fantastically well and were a credit to the school.

Team – Raffety S, George B, Alfie J, Max VTB, Henry H, Rex G, Theo M, Jack M, Adam W, and Arjun S

### Head Teachers Awards – Curios

**Lambs – Emily D, Year 1 –Maverick C, Year 2 – Teddy K,**

**Year 3 – Remy S & Hailey P, Year 4 – Erin W, Year 5 – Scarlett M , Year 6 – Buddy H**

# 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
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)	Selected children – please see email
11.06.2026	Multiskills (Year 1 & 2)	Selected children – please see email
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	In school workshops
23.06.2026	Parent/ Carer Workshop Life Bus	8.45am – 9., 10am. 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
03.07.2026	Happy School Bag Collection	
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 :96.7% Y1:99.1%

Y2 :97.7% Y3:92.7%

Y5 98.7%; Y6 : 97.6%

Winners : Year 4 – 99.2%

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

All – Reminder Reading Festival  
Year 6 – PGL final arrangements

### 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.

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