



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

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Respect – “One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say” Bryant H McGill (A goodwill ambassador for world peace)

Chicken Wire Workshop: Children in Year's 4,5 & 6 enjoyed a workshop run by Willaim Norman, who is a Chicken Wire artist. Linked to the theme of Climate Change and Sustainability, the children were guided to make a range of animals out of chicken wire for example: Birds, dolphins, or bumble bees. It was challenging but the children enjoyed learning a new skill. Later in the term, all classes will be creating artwork based on the same theme, but at the request of the Eco Council, focusing on oceans and plastic pollution. This work will then be displayed as part of a Trust wide art exhibition on the theme, which is taking place on Friday 3rd July at the Trust Offices. More details to follow.



Water Week: Next week is **Water and World Oceans week**. A letter has been attached to the Woodlea word detailing things the children and families can do at home to preserve water. We will be doing some learning about this next week as **Eco Council** were keen for us to have this as a focus this year.

Wow Woodlea started this week – “Widening Our World” and the children have enjoyed a wide range of workshops.

The Lambs have taken part in a DNA workshop, hosted by Mrs Chambers and Year 1 have taken part in an advertising workshop run but Mrs De Moraes.

There are lots more exciting workshops to come over the coming weeks and as always we are thankful to the volunteers who give up their time to run these workshops.



Respecting young people and listening to Children's views – Letter from the Children's Commissioner.

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



📌 PTA Socials 📌

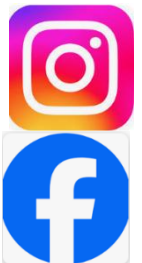
We're relaunching the PTA Facebook page and have a new Instagram account. Can we get as many followers as possible - this will help us keep you updated and will also make it easier for us to get sponsorship from local businesses, as they will want to advertise on our pages.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18QbamdLW9/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/woodleapta?igsh=djNhOWlhNmp5MGV0&utm_source=

Thank you,

The PTA x



📌 Woodlea PTA World Cup Football Tournament 📌

We are organising a football tournament on the Glebe for Saturday 13 June.

The booking form to register a team is now open - £35 for a team - a minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 players from the same year group:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAZ_oPHxgNUOEUxVkrFVlo4Sjg4Nzk1UTRTWU9CMUZZVS4u

Payments can be made here: <https://woodlea-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/category/woodlea-world-cup-tournament>

We look forward to seeing you there.

The PTA x



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 |

Head Teachers Awards – Respectful

Lambs – Ella W, Year 1 –Tommy S & Alfie A, Year 2 – Bella A,

Year 3 – Poppy T, Year 4 – Carla B & Jack N, Year 5 – Rayan T , Year 6 – Oliver A

Weekly Attendance

Lambs :94.1% Y1: 98.2%

Y3 :93.9% Y4 :96.7%

Y5 98.8%., Y6 : 97%

Winners : Year 2 – 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 – Water Week
All – Art Exhibition
Year 2,3,4,5 & 6 – PE Days
Year 5 – PGL Letter
Year 1 & 2 – Art Club Bookings
Year 4 – Guided Reading
All – Reminder Sports Day
Year 3 – Message from Mr Strolz

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.

Amazon Wish

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