



WOODLEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodlea Word

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“The English summer is two fine days and a thunderstorm.” Traditional Proverb

I want to say a huge thank you to the staff, children and parents for working together to get through the extreme heat we have had this week. We are very lucky as a school to have so many shaded areas and the advantage of a main building which for most of the year is freezing, is that it is perfect during a heat wave. However, it has not been easy and when you have the responsibility of ensuring that all the pupils and staff are safe in such extreme weather for the UK, every decision is a difficult one. If these temperatures are to become more normal, we need to look at finding funds to make improvements in the infrastructure of the building as our junior classrooms have been pushed to the limit this week.

Water Health & Safety: I am sure you have read about the number of tragic deaths this year from water accidents. I know our children are of an age where you would be with them, but it is always good to teach your child how to be safe. This is the link for guidance [The Water Safety Code | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](#) Keep safe.

PGL – Year 6 had a fantastic time at PGL last week. Marchants Hill was a new venue for the Year 6 residential, and it was a beautiful place; right next to the Devil's Punch Bowl and set in woodland. The children got to take part in a whole range of activities, and every child challenged themselves in their own ways, whether that be scaling heights, solving problems, working as a team or just persisting with the challenge of lighting a fire. Getting to watch the England match with their classmates would have been a highlight for some. A massive thank you to Mrs Andrew and Miss Gulless for being with the children the whole week and of course Mrs Hanley who I know was quite sad not to be able to stay longer: she very much enjoyed her first residential. The children were of course fantastic demonstrating all of Woodlea's values.



Year 5 Science Showdown – It was my pleasure to accompany 15 year 5 pupils to the inaugural Science Showdown organised and hosted by De Stafford School. The children were organised into three teams and had complete 6 challenges, competing against other local schools. Each team had a De Stafford Year 9 pupil helping them. The first task was deciding their team names: Woodlea H2O; Magnetic Woodlea and Woodlea Explosions. The 6 challenges were: estimating the length of a piece of string; creating a creature who lived in a crystal cave and explain how it is adapted; creating the slowest marble run; labelling the human organs and placing them in the right location; combining everyday ingredients to create the best reaction; and creating a water rocket. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip and even more so as one team won the first De Stafford Science Showdown trophy – well done all the children, but particularly Woodlea H2O



Ready for Life: Academic Success – Creative Skills – Emotional Understanding

Wow Woodlea started this week –

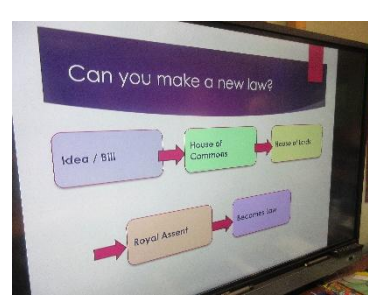
Year 6 – Basketball – Matt Growth Academy

Year 6 – Law – Mrs Cullen

Year 3 – Taekwondo – TKD

Year 4 – HR – Mrs Koss

Thank you again to all the volunteers, the children have loved their sessions.



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Help your school raise vital funds by donating all your unwanted yet reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags & accessories. Happy Fundraising

Bring all your donated clothing on:

3rd of July

Please bring your clothing in bags



For any queries please call 0800 242 5838 or email info@happyschoolbag.co.uk

ART EXHIBITION CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY



Please join us at an exhibition of artwork created by pupils at all seven of our schools inspired by the theme of Climate & Sustainability. The exhibition will be open from 4pm to 6pm on Friday 3rd July 2026 in the Beech Hall at the Tandridge Learning Centre, Tithepit Shaw Lane, Warrington, Surrey, CR6 9AN.

We will be providing tea and coffee, so please RSVP to Info@TandridgeLearningTrust.co.uk by the end of the day on Wednesday 30th June so that we can cater appropriately. We will also send you a location map.

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Head Teachers Awards – Resilient

Lambs – Marguerite W & Scarlett B, Year 1 – Chloe S, Year 2 – David C

Year 3 – Aurelia LA Year 4 – Dylan H, Year 5 – Theo M, Year 6 – Rafferty S

Respectful – Caring – Resilient - Curious - Reflective - Aspirational

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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
29.06.2026	District Sports - Field	Emails sent to parents of children selected
02.07.2026	District Sports – Track	Email sent to parents of children selected
02.07.2026	Year 1 – Hever Castle	Please see email and book on Arbor
02.07.2026	Art show at Trust	Please refer to the email
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
08.07.2026	Year 2 – Kent Life	Book via arbor and refer to email sent home
09.07.2026	Back up sports day	
10.07.2026	Reports to parents	
10.07.2026	Year 6 cake sale	In the playground after school
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
17.07.2026	New Lambs transition morning	
17.07.2026	Year 1 Bracelet Sale	In the playground after school.
18.07.2026	PTA SummerFest	12pm – 8pm – 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

*PTA Socials!

We also wanted to remind you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so we can keep you updated about news and events from the PTA - don't miss out on more fun that is coming before the end of term.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1EQPpZrAAA/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

https://www.instagram.com/woodleapta?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet&igsh=ZDNIZDc0MzIxNw==



Weekly Attendance

Lambs : 95.4% Y2 : 87.5% Y3 : 88%

Y4 : 95.4% Y5 : 89.7% Y6 : 93.3%

Winners : Year 1-96.3%

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 Croam Workshop
All – Year 6 sale today
Year 5 & 6 – Production information
All – Warm weather update
All – All Early pickup Thursday
Year 6 – Costumes
All – PHSE lessons
All – Warm weather update Friday early finish
All – Pickup arrangements today

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 Lists

[Year 6](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Lambs](#)

[Outdoor Learning](#)

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