

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back!



Welcome to the new academic year everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer in the sunshine and enjoyed catching up with friends and family, we were certainly blessed with the weather. Judging by the excited

chatter from our children, everyone has a lot of news to share with their friends and teachers. The children have spent the last two days settling into their new classes, getting to know their teachers (and classmates) learning about routines and taking on responsibilities. It has been a great start to the year!

The start of a new year is always an exciting time as we look ahead with anticipation and excitement to the year ahead, ready to explore new learning and achieve academically and personally. Everyone is full of determination to achieve and impress their new teachers – which they most definitely have!

It has been a busy summer for our children and especially so for certain members of staff. Miss Smith is now Mrs Walker following a very beautiful summer wedding. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Walker! There are also additional name changes to keep us all on our toes – Mrs Ward in Y1 is now Miss Slater and Miss Pottle is now Mrs New, who will be based in Y1. We welcome two new members of staff to the SEND support staff team: Mrs Keen and Miss Mansell. Mrs Keen will also be working in the Woodies team in the mornings.

Woodlands has an incredible team who are all here to help. I have listed who the key staff are that you may need to contact with questions, queries of concerns - the first point of contact is the class teacher. Class teachers generally dismiss their classes at the end of the day so if you need a quick word then please wait until the teacher has dismissed everyone when they will usually have time to speak to you or arrange an appointment.

One of our first jobs this academic year is updating the school website. The company who set up the website had to re-create the website due to their internal changes. This has gone live at the end of the summer holidays and so is on the job list because it is looking rather empty at the moment...

It has been a very smart start to the year as children arrived in their full school uniforms – thank you to our parents for ensuring your children are school ready! The summer uniform continues up until October half term and then it is shirts and ties for all children from Y1 to Y6. Autumn is definitely in the air so if parents could ensure their children have coats in school in case of light rain then children can still go outside for break.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead! Mrs Newton

There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you

If you need to talk to someone about your child then the first person to talk to is your child's class teacher

Nursery Miss Roberts Supported by Miss Seale	Y3 3E Miss Edmunds 3A Miss Adams Supported by Miss Smith
Reception RJ Mrs Jackson supported by Miss Coote (Mondays led by Mrs Stone) RG Mrs Gill supported by Mrs Stone (Fridays led by Mrs Stone)	Y4 4N Mrs L Newton 4R Mrs Rich Supported by Mrs Wilkes
Y1 1NP Mrs Purcell and Mrs New 1W Miss Whitehouse Supported by Miss Slater	Y5 5D Mrs Day 5H Mr Hand Supported by Mrs Clift
Y2 2CH Mrs Hoccom and Mrs Corbett 2D Miss Devey Supported by Mrs Gilbody	Y6 6H Miss Harvey 6P Mrs Pickering Supported by Mrs Meredith

If you have spoken to your child's class teacher and you feel that you need more help then the next person to talk to is the Phase Leader:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception): Mrs Jackson
Y1 and Y2: Mrs Purcell
Y3 and Y4: Miss Edmunds
Y5 and Y6: Miss Harvey

Or you might need to talk to:

The Office Team: Mrs Fieldhouse, Mrs Alves (Woodies Lead), Mrs Headley, Miss Fieldhouse, Mrs Smith
Finance and Business Lead: Mrs Baker
Woodies Team: Mrs Uppal, Miss Hancock, Miss Bennett, Mrs Townsend, Mrs Keene
Specila Educational Needs: Mrs Dickson, supported by Mrs Walker (previously Miss Smith)
Pastoral and Safeguarding: Mrs Graham and Mrs Pedley
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Macpherson
Headteacher: Mrs Newton



Autumn Term 2026 / 2027	
Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Term Starts
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026	Half Term Holidays
Friday 18 th December 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 21 st December 2026 – Friday 1 st January 2027	End of Term Holidays

Spring Term 2026 / 2027	
Monday 4 th January 2027	Term Starts
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2027	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 25 th March 2027	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 th March 2027	Good Friday – Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2027	End of Term Holidays

Summer Term 2026 / 2027	
Monday 12 th April 2027	Term Starts
Monday 3 rd May 2027	May Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2027	Half Term
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	Last Day of Term

Teacher Training Days – when school is closed to children

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Friday 2nd October 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026
- Friday 28th May 2027

Key Dates to share for the Autumn Term:

Thursday 1 st September	Children return to school!
Tuesday 22 nd September	Individual / Family School Photographs for children
Thursday 24 th September	Individual / Family School Photographs for children
Monday 28 th September	Harvest Festival celebrated in school (Food Bank donations are welcome)
Tuesday 29 th September	2:45, 6P Class Assembly. Please bring your letter as your ticket.
Friday 2 nd October	Teacher Training Day: School Closed to children.
Tuesday 6 th October	2:45, 3E Class Assembly. Please bring your letter as your ticket.
Week Beginning Monday 12 th October Book Fair in school	
Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th October Parent Consultation	
Week Beginning Monday 19 th October Y6 to Bryntysilio Residential Week	
Week Beginning Monday 19 th October Explore and Discovery Week: 11 Before 11	
Tuesday 20 th October	Nursery and Reception Pumpkin Party after school with a parent
Thursday 22 nd October	Y1 to Y5 Halloween Disco (Fancy Dress)
Thursday 22 nd October	Flu vaccination for all children in school by the NHS (Y6 on 27.11.26)
Friday 23 rd October	School closes at the end of the day for half term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school after half term
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need. Non Uniform for a £1.00 on Scopay
Week Beginning Monday 16 th November Anti-bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday)	
Friday 27 th November	Flu vaccination for Y6 by the NHS
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christmas Fayre after school
Tuesday 15 th December	Y6 at the Theatre
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 9:15. Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 2:15
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 9:15. Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 2:15
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term for children
Friday 18 th December	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children
Monday 4 th January	Everyone returns for the Spring term