



It sizzled at the Summer Sizzler!

There is hot and there is hot... but the show must go on and it did. Last minute changes to the plan and it worked wonderfully with the whole show live streamed into classrooms. Summer Sizzler week is always a special week at Woodlands as children are fully involved in planning and creating their Summer Fayre items to sell and practising their year group dance.

It was a wonderful afternoon and your children performed with joy and enthusiasm, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Mrs Day and Miss Harvey did a great job of coordinating everything behind the scenes and our team ensured the afternoon and Summer Fayre was a wonderful success. Every adult is involved in such a big event and it wouldn't be possible without everyone's contributions. Thank you Team Woodlands!

Also this week, Year 6 were entertained by the theatre company Loudmouth regarding healthy relationships and puberty. Y4 and Y5 went to watch The Wizard of Oz at Pool Hayes Secondary which they said was brilliant and we finished the week with a well-earned ice pop!

Next week is the last full week of the year, although the final school day is the following Monday, 20th July. It is another incredibly busy week starting with our 'Parent Drop In' after school on Monday for an hour. Parents and children are welcome after school to come and say goodbye to their current teacher and look at their children's books, they can also go and visit their new teacher and see where their child will be based for the next academic year.

That is only the beginning of the week.... Y1 will be visiting the farm, then the Saplings and their parents are off to the theatre and we cannot forget doughnut day on Tuesday. The final full week is also a time to celebrate our amazing children with Forest School presentations on Tuesday, Y6 performance and presentations on Thursday and our final whole school assembly on Friday when we celebrate The Stars of the Year.

The end of the school year is a time to celebrate what has been achieved, but it is also a time to say goodbye to some very special people. Mrs Steventon and Mrs Schofield are two incredible members of staff who have finally decided it is time to retire at the end of this academic year. I am not sure what we will do without them but I am very hopeful that they will still be popping up every now and again. We are also waving a sad farewell to Mrs Evans in Y1 who has been brilliant and to Miss Price who is a busy member of the kitchen team.

We are looking forward to the last week, and a day, but there will be many mixed emotions.

I have no doubt that many of our children will be staying up late on Saturday to watch the big match. Although Y6 might be a little busy as they enjoy their Prom Celebrations that they, and their families, have worked so hard for.

We hope all our Y6 families have the best time and England have the best match! Mrs Newton



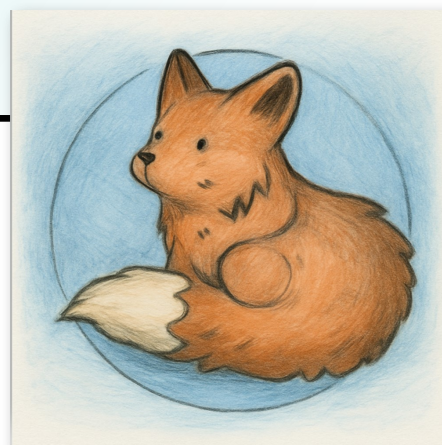


The winning House team are Foxes!

All the foxes, from the school, got to jump on the inflatable on Thursday morning for earning the most house points during the year.

Squirrels came a close second, with rabbits third and hedgehogs not too far behind.

It was very close!



HOUSE GROUP	OCT	DEC	JAN	MAR	APR	MAY	JUL	OTHER	SPORTS DAY	TOTAL
SQUIRREL	319	328	203	533	206	312	436		1045	3382
HEDGEHOG	308	304	216	503	235	304	438		762	3070
RABBIT	371	352	124	457	220	306	407		1144	3381
FOX	384	368	272	299	248	337	443		1033	3384

We achieved GOLD!

We have achieved The Gold School Games Award!

This means we have continued to demonstrate commitment and engagement to the values of sport in all the physical education that is provided in the curriculum and through after school clubs.

A big well done to Mrs L Newton for leading us, and to everyone else, for helping in achieving this gold award.



Woodlands

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2025/26.



HM Government



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Extra information to share

The high temperatures continue into next week, although there are no weather warnings or weather alerts. Therefore school will be open as normal every day and children are expected to attend as normal, full school days.

Although children can continue to wear their PE kits for the whole of next week to keep them cooler. There will also be changes to the menu. There will be a hot dinner on Monday but sandwiches on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Also:

- Year 6 SATs results – The latest information we have received is that these will now be released to schools on Thursday 16th July which is later than was originally planned. We will endeavour to get the results out to you on the same day.
- Pupil end of year reports should have come home today



Dates on the horizon

Saturday 11th July	Y6 Prom celebrations
Monday 13th July	3:30 - 4:30 Parent Drop In, Visit your current and new teacher and have a look through your child's books with your child.
Tuesday 14th July	Year 1 trip to the farm
Tuesday 14th July	2:30 Forest School end of year presentations for chosen children and families
Wednesday 15th July	Saplings trip to the theatre
Thursday 16th July	9:15 Year 6 Production and presentations
Monday 20th July	Last day of term - Break up at normal time
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	Teacher Training Days
Thursday 3rd September	All children welcomed back into school for the new academic year

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



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How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit [your local library](#) and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.

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Set your own goal and read anything you like. Add your books to your profile, with a review!



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock special online badges and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.

The Summer holiday is the perfect time to get reading so why not undertake the Summer Reading Challenge and win some rewards as you read?

You could either undertake online or through the local library.

Click the link below
to find out more
information

Summer Reading Challenge

The learning highlights that everyone should have the freedom to play with any toy that they choose.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Opie	For fantastic participation in his races! Well done Opie!
NAM	All of NAM	For having an amazing fun week of sport activities and an amazing sports day. Well done everyone.
NPM	All of NPM	For having an amazing fun week of sport activities and an amazing sports day. Well done everyone
RG	All of RG	For fully embracing health and fitness week, you were amazing in your sports day and threw yourself into the fun run mayhem.
RJ	All of RJ	For fully embracing health and fitness week, you were amazing in your sports day and threw yourself into the fun run mayhem.
1W	All of 1W	For a super sports afternoon. Everyone was enthusiastic, determined and full of team spirit. Well done everyone!
1E	All of 1E	For a super sports afternoon. Everyone was enthusiastic, determined and full of team spirit. Well done everyone!
2CP	Perin	For having a sensible attitude and showing super teamwork skills throughout health and fitness week.
2D	Hugh	For taking part enthusiastically throughout the whole of Health and Fitness week, participating well with others in his class. Well done!
3A	All of 3A	Well done to everyone in 3A for a brilliant sports afternoon and Health and Fitness week! You all showed fantastic enthusiasm, determination and teamwork.
3E	Aurora	For being absolutely fabulous! Aurora has settled brilliantly into Woodlands. She is always ready to learn, listens attentively and tries her best all of the time. Well done Aurora!
4R	Leo	For a fabulous character description of Thor. Leo used expanded noun phrases and similes in his writing. Well done.
4N	All of 4N	for all showing the School Games Values throughout the week. You worked together as a team and had fun while being active!
5D	Robin	For showing great enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn in your first week at Woodlands. You have settled into your new class well, followed routines sensibly, and made a fantastic effort to get to know your classmates and teaching staff. Well done Robin!
5H	Lenny	For taking part enthusiastically throughout Health and Fitness week. You showed super skills as a goalkeeper and precision striking with a bat. Well done!
6P	All of Year 6	A great Health and Fitness week! They all demonstrated teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the week. It was also great to see how much they have improved when playing rounders.
6H		

Out of school achievers...

John won a rosette for being the fastest on his pony Buzz. John said he had to ride backwards and forwards over short distances and is adding his rosette to his growing collection.

Hero has achieved his 25 metre swimming certificate and badge with the new group he is now in called the octopus group. Hero was very excited to tell us how far he can swim on his front without armbands.



Brooklyn was named as the best performer at his Stage Coach Club.

Carter has mastered another grade in his swimming skills and also achieved Level 5 in his kick boxing.

Alex has improved in confidence in Karate.

Fantastic out of school achievements!



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Woodland's School Uniform

At Woodlands Academy of Learning we dress for learning! We strongly promote school uniform and have high expectations which foster a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. We are very proud of our uniform which is in our school colours of green and grey.

In the school office, we sell a number of the items with the school logo on, they can be ordered and paid for through Scopay, there is also a stall on Willenhall market that sells Woodland's uniform.

Autumn & Spring Term

White buttoned shirt
Woodlands School tie
Grey skirt that is below the knee
Grey pinafore dress
Grey tailored trousers
Bottle green V neck sweatshirt or cardigan with Woodlands logo (style shown in picture)
White/grey socks or green/grey tights
Black, flat school shoes with a closed toe & fastenings that the children can manage



Optional Summer Uniform

The Summer Term and the 1st half of the Autumn term.

Green and white checked summer dress
White buttoned polo shirt
Grey tailored shorts
White buttoned polo shirt

All other items as above.



P.E. Uniform

Plain coloured t-shirt (according to house colour)
Black 'football style' shorts (no lycra)
Clean trainers or black pumps (slip on or Velcro)
Plain navy blue sweatshirt with Woodlands logo



Alternative kit for colder weather

Plain navy blue / black leggings or plain navy blue joggers (no brand logos). If the child is wearing tights they will also need a spare pair of socks in their PE kit.

Swimming Kit

Swimming trunks (no shorts) or one-piece swimming costume
Swimming hat
Towel



Nursery children should wear the above uniform, but may wear a plain white polo top instead of a shirt.

School Shoes

It is vital that your child has comfortable shoes which cover their feet properly while they are at school. We also expect them to be super smart! We do not allow the children to wear trainer-type school shoes – even those sold in Clarks!

Trainers with sports logos such as Converse, Adidas or Nike or those made to replicate these brands are not permitted even if they are entirely black.

Children are not permitted to wear any shoes with open toes, sandals or heeled shoes/boots. Our children spend time running, jumping, crawling and playing with their friends, their shoes must be suitable for this to prevent accidents.

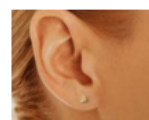
Unfortunately, if you do send your child to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be asked to change into black school pumps and we will contact you to ask that you provide suitable school shoes as requested.

Sturdy, robust, leather shoes that can be polished, with fastenings that your child can manage independently are the best ones you can buy – see the examples below:



We also ask that you do not purchase or send your child with:

- x Playsuits – they're just not practical for toilet visits!
- x Trainers, canvas shoes or shoes with heels
- x Lycra or bootleg school trousers or leggings as school trousers.
- x Jewellery – simple stud earrings for the earlobes, are the only exception to this rule and must be removed for PE. No other body piercings. Watches are permitted for KS2 children, although watches that are a form of communication or take photographs are not allowed
- x Nail varnish or false nails
- x Large colourful hair accessories including bows – any accessories must be small and green.
- x Extreme hairstyles including shapes/patterns/logos cut into hair or hair dyed a vivid colour or extensions. Tying long hair up is always much more practical for our busy bees and must be tied up for swimming, PE and some craft / science lessons



Feedback from our parents about our school uniform has always been positive and visitors or people in the community who see our children out and about never fail to comment about how smart and well-presented our children are – this makes us all very proud! We thank all parents who support us in keeping our standards high.

One last thing..... Our most important item of uniform that you will see every member of the Woodlands family wearing is a SMILE!
At Woodlands, you're never fully dressed without a smile!