

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful end to another wonderful year at Woodlands.

Y1 visited the farm and had a smashing time (literally smashing with their present of a real egg!) We celebrated our Forest Achievers of the year with their families. Our Saplings also joined their families for a trip to the NEC for an immersive theatre experience.

On Thursday, Year 6 shared their talents as they performed their final production at Woodlands, which was just incredible, our children are so talented! We will miss our Year 6 children but wish them every success in the future.

The end of the year brings changes and this year we wave goodbye to Miss Schofield, Mrs Steventon and Mrs Evans. Mrs Evans has moved house and will be working closer to home, thank you for being wonderful Mrs Evans! Miss Schofield and Mrs Steventon have been at Woodlands for many, many years and have made the difference to so many children. We wish Mrs Steventon and Miss Schofield much happiness in their retirement and thank them both for everything they have done for the children of Woodlands.

Another exciting event this summer is the marriage of Miss Smith who will be returning to Woodlands in September as Mrs Walker. Congratulations Miss Smith, we hope your wedding day is magical!

Thank you to everyone in the Woodlands Team! Everyone has continued to be amazing, always going above and beyond to help every child achieve the most that they can whether that is personally or academically.

We have loved being with your children for another year, their enthusiasm and joy make every day special. We always appreciate your ongoing support which helps us achieve the best for your child/ren.

Don't forget we are in school on Monday for a non-uniform day and we welcome any pre-loved donations of uniform or PE kit in school for spares for any children that might need them.

We look forward to all our children returning on Thursday 3rd September with stories of their summer adventures.

Happy holidays everyone!
Mrs Newton and the Woodlands Family

Every teacher selects one child to be the 'Star of the Year' for a special reason. It could be incredible progress either personally or academically or it could be overcoming a particular barrier. It is a special honour to be named:

Star of the Year 2026

Treehouse: Michael

Nursery: Isobel D and Declan O

RJ: Noah

RG: Ivy

1W: Ronnie

1E: Jaycee

2CP: Freyja

2D: Riya

3E: Ted

3A: Seraya

4R: Jaxson

4N: Aubrey

5D: Kitty

5H: Nelly

6P: Ava B

6H: Harrison L

Mrs Graham: Bebe in Y4

Mrs Pedley: Sophie P in Y6

*Harrison (Y6)
was awarded
The
Mary Gallen Award*

*Mia (Y6)
was awarded
The
Governor's Award*



The Rita Cole Award 2026

This award is presented in memory of Mrs Cole for the child who has made significant personal progress during the academic year.

It was an incredibly difficult task, numerous children were nominated for the award.

Nominated:

Emily (N), Annie (N), Keanu (R), Zachary (R), Noah (Y1), Hannah (Y2), Charlie (Y3), Hamza (Y3), Ruby (Y4), Michael (Treehouse)

The Rita Cole Award 2024 was presented to Charlie in Y3

Very well deserved Charlie and well done to all our nominees.

Forest School Achievers 2025 - 2026

Congratulations Forest School Achievers!

Each child has been presented with a prize, medal and certificate.

Saplings - Xander
Nursery - Cade & Darcy
Reception - Effy & Willow
Year One - Joshua & Isla
Year Two - Brooklyn & Miley
Year Three - Nixon & Karmen
Year Four - Holly & Alara
Year Five - Elijah & Millie
Year Six - Pippa & Imogen

Miss Hancock won the staff prize for Forest School Achiever

**The Roger Butt Award went to
Sophie C in Y5**



Thank you to Miss Noakes for leading everyone
in the fun and learning of Forest School

98% or more Attendance Winners

- 31 children have 100% attendance for the whole year which is just **AMAZING!**
- 197 children have had 98%+ for the whole year which is also
 - **AMAZING!**

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for the summer term is Bani in Y1W
The winner of the 100% attendance prize for the year is Ted in Y3E

Summer Sizzler winners

The year group that collected the most tokens will receive the money to pay for an exciting activity next year.

EYFS – 110 tickets

Year 1 – 75 tickets

Year 2 – 370 tickets

Year 3 – 200 tickets

Year 4 – 285 tickets

Year 5 – 65 tickets

Year 6 – 45 tickets

Thank you to all our parents who supported the Summer Sizzler.



Shakespeare Rocks!
Y6 impressed us all with their singing, dancing and acting!





Immersive Theatre!

The Saplings and their families headed to The NEC on Wednesday for an immersive theatre experience which was so exciting..

The children and their parents (and staff) had an amazing day!



Out of school achievers...

Willow achieved a medal with her dance class for performing at the weekend. Willow did three different routines including a dance with a partner.

Ettie received a football award at her end of season presentation evening.

Rylee completed a 5K sponsored park run on Saturday with his football team to raise funds for the coming season.

Carter in 1W has done a 5k muddy run for race for life. He's been raising money for family members and successfully raised £152.

Fantastic out of school achievements!



UNIFORM DONATION WELCOME at Hive Hub!

As the school year is coming to an end, some of you might have uniform that's no longer needed! Please remember that we are always very happy to receive donations at our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop at Hive Hub!

We accept tops, shirts, blouses, trousers, cardigans, jumpers, skirts, dresses, shoes, pumps, blazers, PE items, coats, tights, socks, ties and other pieces of uniform that you might have in clean and good condition. Uniforms can be plain or with logos of local schools.

You can drop your donations off at:

The Hive Hub, 28 The Square, Lichfield Road, Willenhall, WV12 5EA

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am–4:00pm, Saturday: 10:00am–1:00pm

Every donation is greatly appreciated and can make a real difference to local families!

Thank you all!

The Hive Hub - Frank F Harrison Community - Association

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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](#)

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.

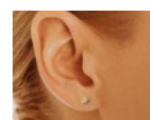
Unfortunately, if you do send your child to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be asked to change into black school pumps and we will contact you to ask that you provide suitable school shoes as requested.

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:

- × Playsuits – they're just not practical for toilet visits!
- × Trainers, canvas shoes or shoes with heels
- × Lycra or bootleg school trousers or leggings as school trousers.
- × 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
- × Nail varnish or false nails
- × Large colourful hair accessories including bows – any accessories must be small and green.
- × 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!