

# Newsletter

FRIDAY 11TH  
SEPTEMBER 2026

## First Week Completed!

A huge 'well done' to everyone. We have completed the first full week back to school with enthusiasm and resilience. Even though some children have found it difficult to leave you all after being at home with you during the summer, within minutes of being in school they have shown their resilience, found their Woodlands Smiles and gotten stuck into their school day. We are so proud of all of the children for attacking the new school year with such gusto and I know that they are quickly settling into their new routines and environments.

Every term is busy at Woodlands, with so many events and learning opportunities but at the core of our days is personal, social development and the teaching of our curriculum. Every minute is a teaching and learning minute, so it is so important that our children are in school, ensuring that they don't miss any of their important building blocks.

We are working with Inclusive Attendance to raise the status of Attendance and Punctuality throughout school and are now embarking on our Silver Award in this area. Our aim is for every person in school to be talking about why it is so important to be here, ensuring that all of our children are enthused and excited to come to school and have a feeling of belonging.

If you are ever around school, you may hear the phrase 'Miss School, Miss What' being called out. Please feel free to try it at home and see what your child would miss if they weren't able to be in school.

Below are some of the things that they might mention.

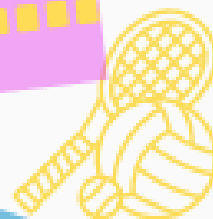
I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Macpherson



# MISS SCHOOL,



# MISS



Playing with my friends.  
Learning about toys from the past.

Making a car for an alien.

Counting up and down in tenths as  
a fraction.

Learning about plants.

Hockey and tennis skills.

Learning Spanish greetings.

Art

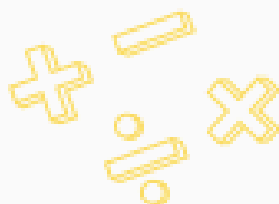
Learning how music brings us together.

Learning Makaton through songs.

School dinners

Singing Assembly

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## WHAT DO YOU MISS WHEN YOU MISS SCHOOL?

## IMPORTANT: CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS

Families with a child in Year 6 who live in Walsall should have received a letter about the application process for Secondary Schools from Woodlands.

Families need to apply online, through the below link, to select the choices for their child.

[Apply for a secondary school place | Walsall Council](#)

The portal is already open so if you know which schools you would like to apply for then you can complete and submit the form now. The portal will close on 31st October so it is important that every family applies before this date because otherwise a school will be selected for your child which might not be your preference and might be located a distance from your home.

Parents can list up to 5 school preferences, they recommend that parents use all 5 preferences.

If you are still unsure then please do go and visit the Secondary Schools that you are interested in. Many Secondary Schools are currently holding Open Evenings when you can go and visit and meet the staff. The dates of these events will be on the Secondary Schools' website.

Parents will be notified of the school that has been allocated for your child on the 1st March 2027.

You should only apply through the Walsall Council website if you are a Walsall resident family. If you pay your Council Tax to a different Local Authority (LA), then you should apply through them. Contact details for other neighboring LAs are available in the online Information for Parents booklet.

You can apply for Walsall schools through their application form.

It is however extremely important that your application is submitted by the closing deadline of 31st October 2026. Any applications, or changes to your preferred schools, made after this date means that your application will be processed as late and you will not receive your offer until after national secondary offer day of 1 March 2027.

### Drop-in sessions

At our drop-in sessions, we will be available to help you make your child's secondary school application.

| Location                                                                               | Date                      | Time       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Lichfield Street Hub, Lichfield St, Walsall WS1 1TR                                    | Tuesday 29 September 2026 | 9am to 5pm |
| Willenhall Library, 1 Walsall St, Willenhall WV13 2EX                                  | Wednesday 7 October 2026  | 1pm to 5pm |
| Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Road, Bloxwich WS3 1LZ                             | Tuesday 13 October 2026   | 1pm to 5pm |
| Brownhills Community Library, Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills WS8 7JB | Tuesday 20 October 2026   | 1pm to 5pm |
| Darlaston Library, 1 King St, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 8DE                           | Thursday 22 October 2026  | 1pm to 5pm |
| Lichfield Street Hub, Lichfield St, Walsall WS1 1TR                                    | Friday 30 October 2026    | 9am to 5pm |

# IMPORTANT DATES

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



The question of the week that have been discussing in school and that you can discuss at home too:

**What keeps us going when things get tough?**



The Woodlands Value that we will be focusing on this week is:

**Resilient**



Can your child tell you about the British Values?

We use this handy reminder in school!

# JOIN US

FOR OUR OPEN EVENING!

Wednesday 16th September 2026

4:30pm - 6:30pm

- Explore our academy
- Meet our dedicated staff and welcoming students
- Take part in interactive activities
- Discover the wide range of opportunities available



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Academy

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## FREE WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

PALLET-TRACK BESCOT STADIUM,  
WS1 4SA  
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

**AGES 10/11/12 - 6PM - 7PM**

**AGES 13/14 - 7PM - 8PM**

**AGES 15/16 - 8PM - 9PM**

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## FREE GIRLS WEEKLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

MANOR FARM COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION, WS4 1EU  
EVERY MONDAY EVENING  
STARTING MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**AGES 10/11/12 - 4PM - 5PM**

**AGES 13/14/15/16 - 5PM - 6PM**

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