

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parent and Carers,

Autumn has officially started, although the weather is not quite matching the season so we are making the most of the unusually mild weather and using the field for lunchtimes which provides extra space for everyone.

Autumn brings 'Harvest Festival' which we shall be celebrating next week in school. Harvest is a time when we can make a difference to our community through the Local Food Bank. Therefore, we are asking our families to send in food donations (non-perishable) so that we can help our local food bank. Even just one can of food per family would make a massive difference. There is a list below of the items they need. If you could donate an item it would be very gratefully received.

On Monday, during Congratulations Assembly we celebrated our new school leaders. Our new School Councillors and new Learning Ambassadors stood up to receive their new badges and very proud they were too. Our School Councillors are chosen by their new Class Teacher whereas our Learning Ambassadors are chosen by their peers through democracy. You can see who our new Leaders are inside the newsletter.

Other leaders in school include our A Star Sheriffs who went out of school on Thursday with Mrs Rich to undertake their training for their new role, with Sheriffs from all over Walsall. Reuben, Hareem, Holly and Carrick will be leading road safety and promoting active travel across the Academy, including presenting assemblies and competitions. They were really enthusiastic, had a fantastic day and a lovely lunch too!

Your children all looked very smart this week as they had their photographs taken, on their own and with their siblings. Photographs of our children are incredibly important as they capture those special moments and capture our memories.

Unfortunately, photographs of our children that are posted on line brings risks. There is a new report about these online risks and so we have made the decision at Woodlands to change our practice and not include frontal photographs of our children online; on our website or on the newsletter which goes online. Please see inside the newsletter for more information about this significant change.

Next Friday is a Teacher Training Day and so the children have an extra day at home. The staff will all be in school learning about something called OPAL. OPAL stands for Outdoor Play and Learning which is one of our priorities for this year when we will endeavour to bring even more fun to lunchtimes. We are working with the OPAL team and begin this exciting journey next Friday.

Wishing everyone a fun weekend. Mrs Newton





SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

• CARTONS OF UHT MILK	• TINNED MEAT
• TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S	• TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
• SMALL JARS OF COFFEE	• BREAKFAST CEREAL
• CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE	• PASTA SAUCE
• CORDIAL/SQUASH	• SAVOURY RICE
• TINNED POTATOES/MASH	• INSTANT NOODLES
• TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES	• TINNED FRUIT
• TINNED VEGETABLES	• TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
• TINNED FISH	• BARS OF SOAP
• TINNED SOUP	• SHOWER GEL
• TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)	• TOILET ROLL
	• ROLL ON DEODORANT
	• SHAMPOO



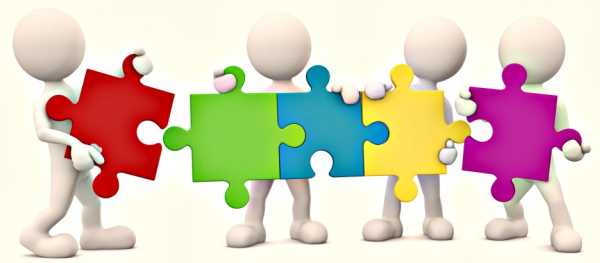
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY



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PUPIL LEADERSHIP



Woodland's Learning Ambassadors

RJ Cade &	RG Frankie & T
1W Madison & Theo	1NP Ayaan & Poppy
2CH Amrit & Rajeeve	2D Alarna & Jaycee
3A Rosie & Noah	3E Brooklyn & Bella
4N Jeevan & Lilly	4R Poppy & Karman
5D Bebe & Roshan	5H Skylar & Haiden
6P Nella & Jacob	6H Kane & Fahmida

Woodland's School Council

2026 - 2027

1W Willow & Toby	1NP Grace & Kovan-Jay
2CH Sienna & Ronnie	2D Emilia & Carter
3A Octavia & Jacob	3E Perin & Delilah
4N Lucy & Arthur	4R Lilian & Haaris
5D Carrick & Isobelle	5H Jaxson & Alara
<u>Led by Y6 Children who applied successfully for their roles</u> Head Boy - Lincoln D Head Girl - Isobel D Deputy Head Boy - Billy G Deputy Head Girl - Millie C	



Congratulations to all our children who have been appointed in leadership roles.

Learning Ambassadors and School Councillors are only two of the leadership roles in school.

We also have Phunky Food Ambassadors; Woodland's Warriors; Librarians; Office support; A Star Coordinators, Buddies and Rotakids!

Photographs online at Woodlands

The 'UK Online Harms Early Warning Working Group' have shared guidance for education settings on the use of photos and videos of children and young people across their online platforms.

Moving forward, photos that we post online will feature backs of heads, over-the-shoulder shots, hands only, or examples of pupil work.

This approach allows us to share valuable insight into life at Woodlands whilst prioritising the safety and protection of every child. You'll also notice gradual changes to our website, all designed with safeguarding at the heart.

This link shares a short video about the dangers of posting photographs online. It is called [A Message from Ella | Without Consent - YouTube](#). If the link doesn't work then just type 'message from Ella' into Google.



We remain dedicated to celebrating every moment and protecting every member of our Woodland's community.

Well done to our 'Out of school achievers':

Ivy in Year 4 was Star of the Week at her dancing club for perseverance. Well done Ivy!

Ethan in Year 4 was awarded Man of the Match. Ethan saved many goals as his team's goal keeper.

Elsie in Year 3 shared her swimming certificates for Octopus 1 and 2. Elsie also received two dancing medals for her ballet and lyrical dance at her recent competition.

Reuben in Year 5 was awarded Man of the Match because he did a great job of keeping the ball away from his team's goal.



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Michael	For participating in his first ukulele lesson with his class. Well done Michael! ☐
NAM	Nathan	Having fun for developing our pre-writing skills. By dragging a comb through the paint top to bottom, left to right.
NPM	Vienna	Having fun for developing our pre-writing skills. By dragging a comb through the paint top to bottom, left to right.
RG	Emily	For amazing counting during our Wobbling Soldier's maths song.
RJ	Macaire-Andre	For a fantastic start to Reception! You bring your smile to school every day, you are a fabulous role model to your friends and try hard in everything you do!
1W	Kamen	For a fantastic start to Year 1. Kamen has settled well and has been working hard to learn all our new routines and expectations. Well done, Kamen!
1NP	Nevaeh-Rose	Having a great start to Year 1 giving 100% effort and always trying her best. She has knocked our socks off already, keep it up!
2CH	Finley C	Looking at a picture of Queen Elizabeth II to complete his drawing with care and pride. We love having you in 2CH Finley – well done!
2D	Xander	For fantastic work in all his subjects and always trying his best. He regularly takes part in learning discussions and working in a team. Well done Xander!
3A	Jamie	For Jamie's fantastic work in science this week! Jamie was a 'super scientist' whilst carrying out an experiment to test the durability of different rocks. Well done, Jamie!
3E	Delilah	For a super re-tell of The Three Little Pigs and The Big Bad Wolf using time adverbials and a range of conjunctions
4R	Emmie	For using great tone and texture in observational drawings. Well done.
4N	All of 4N	For all trying their best during assessment week. You all worked your socks off!
5D	All of 5D	For trying their very best on all of their tests. Each child persevered with unfamiliar concepts and gave each question a go. Well done 5D! ☐
5H	Esma	For consistently demonstrating excellent behaviours for learning, listening attentively and completing every task to the very best of your ability. Well done! You have made a fantastic start to Year 5 — keep up the excellent work.
6P	Jacob C	For making a real effort with his learning. Even when things feel tricky, he is working hard to stay focused, and we are beginning to see the progress that comes from keeping on trying.
6H	Fahmida	For a fantastic effort with her learning. This has shown in our recent assessments. Well done Fahmida you have a great work ethic, keep it up.

WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive on time, before 8:50, and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.

Best classes during the last week who earn extra play time are:

NAM 99% and 4N 99.7%

Absolutely Fantastic!



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

Do wild animals have as much right to the land as we do?

Nepal has announced that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today.



**Our linking Woodland's
value is:**

Adaptable

Which British Value does this question highlight?

It highlights
Rule of Law because
protected areas help
keep people and
wildlife safe, and
allow them to share
the land.

**Which
Protected
Characteristic does
this story link to?**

This story links to **religion or belief** because many people believe we should care for the natural world and respect all living things.



Information about applying for Reception for our Nursery parents

Admission to Reception and Transfer to Junior School September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 & 31 August 2023, or is in year 2 at an infant school, they are due to commence reception, or transfer from infant to junior school in September 2027. This means that you must apply for a reception or junior school place for your child by **15 January 2027**.

To do this, you must submit an on-line application through the Primary Admissions web page of the Walsall Council website: www.walsall.gov.uk/primary_school_admissions. Alternatively, from the front page of the Walsall Council website, follow: Schools and Learning – School Admissions – Apply for a primary school place.

You will also find, on this web page, our online Information for Parents booklet that provides more information about the school admissions process. We strongly recommend that you read this booklet before making your application.

Please note that the online application portal is open daily up until the 15 January 2027.

You should only apply through the Walsall Council website if you are a Walsall resident. If you pay your council tax to a different Local Authority (LA), then you should apply through them. Contact details for neighbouring LAs are provided in the online information booklet.

You can list up to three schools in your application, in your order of preference. List all the schools that you are interested in, including those that may be located in other local authority areas.

Some schools also require applicants to complete an additional Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to naming the school on the online application form. Please refer to the online Information for Parents booklet to see if you need to complete a Supplementary Information Form for any of your preferred schools. If you intend to name any schools outside Walsall, then please contact the relevant LA to check if you are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form for that school.

All places are offered based on how well a child meets the over-subscription criteria for each school and, regrettably, it is not possible to guarantee that a place will be offered at a particular preferred school. We strongly recommend that you use all three preferences and include at least one local school in your selection that you feel that your child would have met the admission criteria for in previous years.

Details of each school's admissions criteria and how places have been offered in previous years are included in the online Information for Parents booklet.

The deadline for submission of applications is **15 January 2027**.

There is ample time for you to consider which schools you intend to list and make your application; there is no priority given to applicants who make their application earlier than others.

It is, however, extremely important that your application has been submitted by 15 January 2027. 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 the national primary offer date of 16 April 2027.

Making a late reception or junior school application will significantly reduce the chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

All on-time applicants will be notified of the outcome of your application on 16 April 2027.

A timetable of key dates is included overleaf.

If you require any advice or support with making your application, then please contact the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk.

Key Dates to share for the Autumn Term:

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.
Thursday 1st October	Y6 Brynti Meeting for parents at 2:45
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 Consultations
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
Tuesday 20 th October	2:45, 5D Class Assembly. Please bring your letter as your ticket.
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
Thursday 5 th November	Height and Weight by the NHS for YR and Y6
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

What's happening in our community?



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YOUTH OUTREACH

NON-CONTACT BOXING

Green Rivers Community Association, WS3 3BF
Every Thursday 4:15PM-5:30PM
October to December
Aged 8-14

BOXCLEVER
Mentoring

Free

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YOUTH OUTREACH

FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Green Rivers Community Association, WS3 3BF
Every Thursday 3:30PM-5:30PM
Aged 8-14

Free

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18:00 - 19:00

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
GET ACTIVE & BUILD CONFIDENCE
LEARN NEW SKILLS
BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM

TRY RUGBY.
MAKE FRIENDS.
HAVE FUN!

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WEEKLY SESSIONS
EVERY THURSDAY 18:00 - 19:00

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