

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parent and Carers,

Hooray, we've made it to the last week of the half term with so many learning opportunities enjoyed, assemblies completed and fun with friends, amazingly the sun has still shone on us.

Throughout this half term we have been focusing specifically on the 5 British Values. Within our Wednesday assemblies, we have looked at each value in detail and the children are able to name each value by heart. I wonder if they can tell you a little more about each one.

During this academic year we will be embarking on a completely new look for our lunchtime provision in the guise of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). The plan is to provide much more equipment and areas for children to explore, extend their relationships and types of play. Therefore, we will be asking for your help to make this happen. Please look out for more information, which will be coming out to you soon.

We are also looking forward to our first Explore and Discovery week of this academic year next week, which will focus on 11 before 11. Each year group will be looking at their focus area. They may be breaking records, looking after our world, celebrating diversity or learning about careers for the future, earning badges along the way. Please look out for some special tasks to be completed at home for extra badges!

Just one more week left of walk to school month to take advantage of, especially when the fine weather is just about hanging on. There are so many benefits!



Enjoy your weekend, whatever you are up to, maybe packing for Brynti, carving those pumpkins or shopping for spooky Halloween outfits. See you next week!

Mrs Macpherson

P.S. Remember, Y6 Secondary School Applications - The deadline is 31st October

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:

RJ 97.7% and 5H 98.9%

Absolutely Fantastic!

Miss School, Miss What?



Well done to our 'Out of school achievers':

Natalia Year 4- Football tournament medal for manager's player and a trophy for trainer of the week.

Amit year 4- Grading certificate and red belt achieved in martial arts.

Evie- year 3—certificate for her acting and dancing

Rylee and Lucas in year 5 - Man of the match for their respective football teams.



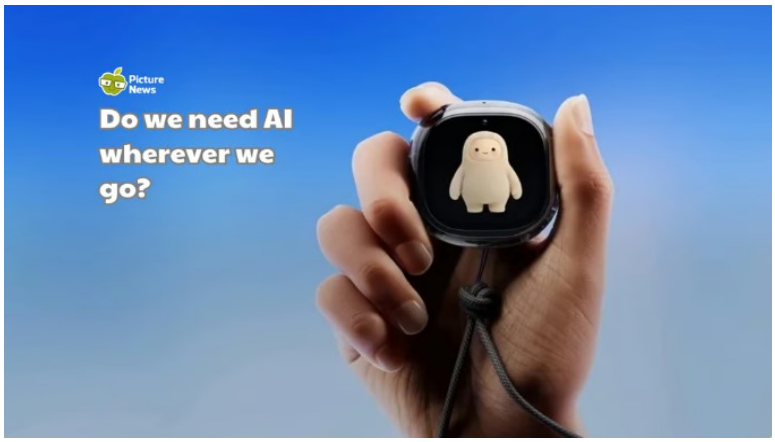




Question of the week that we have been discussing in school and you can discuss at home too:

Do we need AI wherever we go?

Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that uses artificial intelligence, which can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring.



Our linking Woodland's value is:

Enquire

Which British Value does

Individual Liberty is highlighted, as people can choose how they use technology and make responsible choices.

Which Protected Characteristic does this story link to?

The protected characteristic of age is highlighted, because the device is designed for people aged 18 and over, showing that some technology has age limits to help keep people safe.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Louie	For showing us his brilliant number knowledge and starting to write some of those numbers down. Well done Louie!
NAM	Leontay	Lovely pencil control when drawing an owl. Also confidently talk about our story Owl Babies.
NPM	Nancy	Drawing the characters from our story Owl Babies and talking about the story.
RG	Polly-Anna	for making amazing progress in RWI and you always try your best in all the labs challenges you attempt. Well done
RJ	Paige	Always giving 100% to your learning! You choose all of our labs challenges to practise your skills and work so hard to reach your next steps! Well done!
1W	Theo	For being a fantastic scientist. Theo was able to recognise whether materials were opaque or transparent by carrying out an investigation. Well done, Theo!
1NP	Jayden	Recognising the science star words linked to materials and using them in context.
2CH	Talia	Always trying her best, giving it 100% whilst doing it all with a smile.
2D	Sukhman	For practising her handwriting and taking care in her presentation skills. Well done, keep it up Sukhman.
3A	Tommy-Keiron	For Tommy's fantastic work in maths last week adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 to three-digit numbers.
3E	Nancie	Writing super descriptive sentences about The Big Bad Pig in English. Well done Nancie.
4R	Hunter	For super observational drawings. You thought carefully about the proportions and shading. Well done.
4N	Sophia	A wonderful compositional drawing in Art. You used tone and texture wonderfully.
5D	Bradley	For showing great progress in your concentration and engagement. You have worked hard to remain on task and complete learning challenges and have shown real effort in self-regulating yourself when needed. Well done! Keep it up! □
5H	Emilia	For showing great determination in improving your presentation and letter formation. You have made fantastic progress, and your hard work is shining through in your books.
6P	Kaiya	Kaiya is a lovely member of the class. She is always polite and kind, participates well in class activities and shows a positive attitude towards learning. Well done for being such a wonderful role model! Keep shining! ⋆
6H	Serina	For being persistent in wanting to achieve multiplying by a two-digit number in Maths. She found this tricky to begin with but became more confident as she completed questions. Well done!

Key Dates to share for the Autumn Term:

Week Beginning Monday 19th October	Y6 to Bryntysilio Residential Week
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Tuesday 20th October	Nursery and Reception Halloween Spooktacular, 4:30 with a parent
Tuesday 20th October	2:45, 5D Class Assembly. Please bring your letter as your ticket.
Thursday 22nd October	Y1 to Y5 Halloween Disco (Fancy Dress)
Thursday 22nd October	Flu vaccination for all children in school by the NHS (Y6 on 27.11.26)
Friday 23rd October	School closes at the end of the day for half term
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school after half term
Tuesday 3rd November	Reception phonics and reading workshop for parents (2:15pm or 4:30pm)
Thursday 5th November	Height and Weight by the NHS for YR and Y6
Monday 9th November	4:00 Information meeting for Y5 parents regarding Queen Mary's Grammar Schools
Tuesday 10th November	Y1 Parent Workshop at 2:00 and repeated at 4:30
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November	Y1 Parent Workshop at 2:00 and repeated at 4:30
Friday 13th November	Children In Need. Non Uniform for a £1.00 on Scopay
Week Beginning Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday)
Friday 27th November	Flu vaccination for Y6 by the NHS
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Fayre after school
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas dinner for 3A (parents invited—letter closer to the time)
Tuesday 15th December	Y6 at the Theatre
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 9:15.
	Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 2:15
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Performance for Y1 and Y2 at 9:15.
	Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception at 2:15
	Christmas dinner for 3E (parents invited —letter closer to the time)
	Christmas dinner day for everyone
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term for children
Friday 18th December	Teacher Training Day – school closed for children
Monday 4th January	Everyone returns for the Spring term

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We're using ClassDojo!

Our new way to keep in touch with families

We are excited to let you know that we will be using ClassDojo as our new messaging system. ClassDojo helps us to communicate with you, share updates and celebrate your child's learning – all in one safe and easy-to-use app.

You will receive an invite via your email

We will send you an invitation to join ClassDojo through your email. Look out for an email from ClassDojo (please check your junk/spam folder if you can't see it).



Download the ClassDojo app

To use ClassDojo, you will need to download the free ClassDojo app on your phone or tablet. You can't access messaging through a web browser.

How to get started

1. Look for your invitation email from ClassDojo.
2. Click the link in the email.
3. Download the ClassDojo app from the App Store or Google Play (if you haven't already).
4. Follow the instructions to create your account and connect to your child's class.

With ClassDojo you can:

- Receive messages from your child's teacher.
- See updates and photos of what your child has been learning
- Celebrate your child's achievements
- Receive important reminders and announcements
- Use translations to read messages in your home language



A happy community helps children thrive!

Download the app here:

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GET IT ON Google Play

Or search for 'ClassDojo' in your app store.

If you have any problems receiving your invite or need any help, please let us know.
We're here to support you!

EYFS FUNDRAISER

To raise much needed funds for our EYFS provision we are inviting you to our

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Tuesday 20th October
4.30 - 5.30

Wear fancy dress!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Only one child per ticket.

£5.00 entrance fee

which includes:

- A drink and biscuit to decorate
- A chocolate apple made by the children
- Face Painting Face Art
- Halloween Hoopla & Spider Pull
- Crafts Pumpkin lanterns and hanging spiders

Please pay on scopay by Thursday 15th October 2026

Woodlands Academy of Learning

HALLOWEEN DISCO Year 1 & 2

Thursday 22nd October
3:30pm – 4:30pm

£3.50 per Child

FANCY DRESS!!!

Pupils must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm

REFRESHMENTS

A drink and a pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Halloween disco, please pay the admission charge of £3.50 through your Scopay account by **Monday 12th October 2026**.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO. An entrance ticket will be sent to your child's class once payment has been received on Scopay.





Woodlands Academy of Learning

HALLOWEEN DISCO Year 3 - 6

Thursday 22nd October
4:45pm – 5:45pm

£3.50 per Child

FANCY DRESS!!!

Pupils must be collected by an adult at 5:45pm

REFRESHMENTS

A drink and a pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Halloween disco, please pay the admission charge of £3.50 through your Scopay account by **Monday 12th October 2026**.

An entrance ticket will be sent home with your child once payment has been received. Please make sure that your child brings their ticket with them to gain entrance.

Walsall Police
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Date: 7th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

This is a message from West Midlands Police about Halloween and Bonfire Night.

We want everyone to have an enjoyable Halloween and Bonfire Night this October half term. This letter is to provide you with useful advice to keep you, your child, and your community safe.

On the run up to half term, your child might get a visit from one of our local officers visiting their school to deliver important messages about how to stay safe around fireworks and keep themselves safe in the darker nights.

To help start that conversation with your child about personal safety, stranger danger, and antisocial behaviour School Officer PC Smith has created a short video for you to watch with your child. Watch here: https://youtu.be/hylRME6G9hU

Trick-or-treating safety tips:

- Accompany young children while trick-or-treating and talk to your child about staying with their friends. Tell them never to enter a property they do not know.
- Plan a safe route in familiar neighbourhoods, use pelican and zebra crossings, and stick to well-lit streets.
- Add reflective tape to costumes and carry flashlights or glow sticks.
- Make sure phones are charged, have location apps turned on, and keep it out of sight when they are not using it.
- Keep a light on in your home to help welcome your children home and prevent burglars.
- We ask that children do not visit homes that display a 'no trick-or-treating' sign as this time of year can be unsettling for many.

It is always best to check any sweets, gifts, or toys children have been given while trick-or-treating.

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety Tips:

- Attend a public firework display rather than handling fireworks at home. Never allow children to handle fireworks or sparklers without supervision.
- Talk to your children about the danger of pointing fireworks at people or buildings. Police can prosecute for dangerous use of fireworks.
- Wear high-vis jackets, glow sticks, or give a torch to your children.

Community Matters







Celebrating Halloween at the British Legion





