Friday 13th November 2026

It's getting a little chilly at Woodlands!

Dear all,

I hope that you enjoyed the recent festivities for Bonfire Night and Diwali that happened during the weekend and that any pets feel safe after those loud bangs.

We are feeling the cold in school now, as we begin thinking about Christmas. Choir have been rehearsing their Christmas songs for quite a while, as a whole school we joined in during singing assembly and plans are underway for the Christmas Fair. Look out for more information on this soon.

During Assemblies this week Mrs Newton talked about the importance of Remembrance and we observed the 2 minute silence on Armistice day. Thank you so much for supporting this very worthy cause by buying remembrance items. The children have very proudly been displaying their purchases, showing their understanding of charity and one of our British Values of Individual Liberty.

Next Week we will have a focus on keeping ourselves safe and being kind to all during Anti-bullying week. Monday is Odd Socks day and we are looking forward to seeing all of your wacky sock combinations. I think I might need to buy myself a new pair!!



Have the best weekend everyone!

Mrs Macpherson

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:

PM Nursery -100% and 5H 99.3%





OPAL

We are moving on in the next phase of our OPAL adventure. Learning Ambassadors have been tasked with a very important job, that will enable us to put our larger equipment plans into action.

We will be writing to local businesses to ask for donations of various items for our set up mission.



These include builders merchants, building contractors, plumbing and electrical companies, garages and shops.



We will be asking for larger unwanted items such as empty cable reels, large pipes for children to crawl through, tyres, sleepers, guttering, plastic pallets, wooden pallets (not roughly sawn), thick rope, tarpaulin, large nets (hammock type).

If you know of any companies that might be able to help, please let Mrs Macpherson or Mrs Dickson know and the children can address one of their letters to them.

We are also looking for any volunteers to help with digging to make a dirt digging area and sandpit for our children or constructing some of our static stations.







It is the Time When Coughs and Colds Appear.

How We Can Help?

- Let us know on the door if your child is feeling under the weather. We will pass the information to their teacher.
- Their teacher will keep watch over your child to see if they need any support.
- If staff feel that your child is too ill to be in school you will be called and asked to collect or they may ask you to bring some medicine ie: Calpol to help them to feel more comfortable.



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

NHS

yes ... until...

CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.



NO



CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Leonora	For showing super Maths learning and independently completing subtraction number sentences. Well done!
NAM	Emma-Lee	For working had to complete all the challenges set to support our Autumn learning. Including Maths, Art, Science, mark making and History.
NPM	Maryann	Independently chose the story Owl babies and confidently talking about the pictures to retell the story. Also using her phonic knowledge to find O for owl.
RG	Declan	For some super maths learning. Declan was able to count to 5 and order the numbers in the correct order.
RJ	Jacob	For excellent recall of our book talk and understanding our bump words Author, Illustrator, Front Cover, Title - well done!
1W	Prabhjot	For being a super scientist. Prabhjot was able to recognise and name all the body parts on a human and has started to recognise different senses. Well done, Prabhjot!
1NP	Keanu	Working so hard with his handwriting and being kind to his friends
2CH	Amrit	trying hard with her handwriting. Amrit has been trying hard to sit her letters on the line and ensuring they are formed correctly.
2D	Patrick	For working hard in his learning all week and staying in the learning room when working. Well done!
3A	Storm	A fantastic line drawing in Art last week of a local landmark. Storm took her time on her artwork and it was lovely to see her passion for art. Well done Storm!
3E	Albie	For excellent reasoning skills in the digging deeper challenge and helping the class to solve the problem.
4R	Arshveer	For super work in Maths. Arshveer has persevered and completed column addition with more than one exchange. Well done.
4N	Isla	Persevering with column addition. You have tried hard this week to complete questions with exchanging.
5D	Tommy	For setting an excellent example for others. Your actions inspire those around you, and you should be incredibly proud of the wonderful role model you are. Well done Tommy! □
5H	Alfie-Mark	For showing great improvement in your handwriting and sentence structure. You are becoming increasingly independent and confident in your writing each week. Keep up the fantastic work!
6P	Sam B	For being an absolute superstar during our residential trip to Bryntysilio! Sam's kindness, helpfulness and positive attitude stood out so much that even the instructors commented on what a wonderful person Sam was to have around. A fantastic example to everyone – well done, Sam!
6H	Zara	For truly shining during our residential trip to Bryntysilio! Zara showed fantastic leadership skills, was always willing to lend a helping hand and went out of her way to support anyone who needed



Well done to our 'Out of school achievers'

KS1

Millie in Y2 and Hero in Y1 both proudly showed off their Gio Kickers Martial Arts certificates for 'Student of the Month.

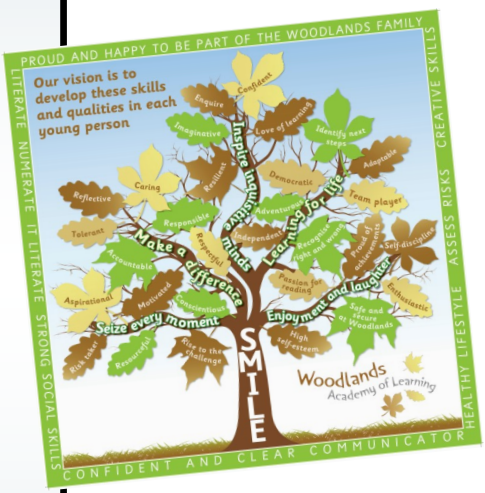
KS2

Harry Y3 football award for competing against one team and saving lots of goals.

Kitty Y6 gymnastics award. Kitty came 1st in floor and 1st overall.

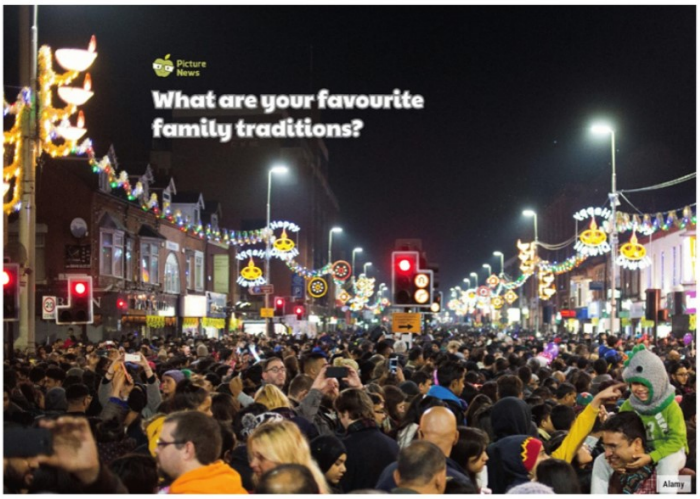


Question of the week that we have been discussing in school and you can discuss at home too:



What are your favourite family traditions?

Think about: Have you heard of the celebration Diwali before? What do you know about it?



Our linking Woodland's value is: Caring

Which British Value does this question highlight?

Families choose to take part in different traditions that are important to them. One family's traditions can look very different to another family's.

Which Protected Characteristic does this story link to?

Diwali is an example of how people come together to celebrate their faith and traditions. Everyone should be able to practise their religion or belief and celebrate traditions that are important to them.

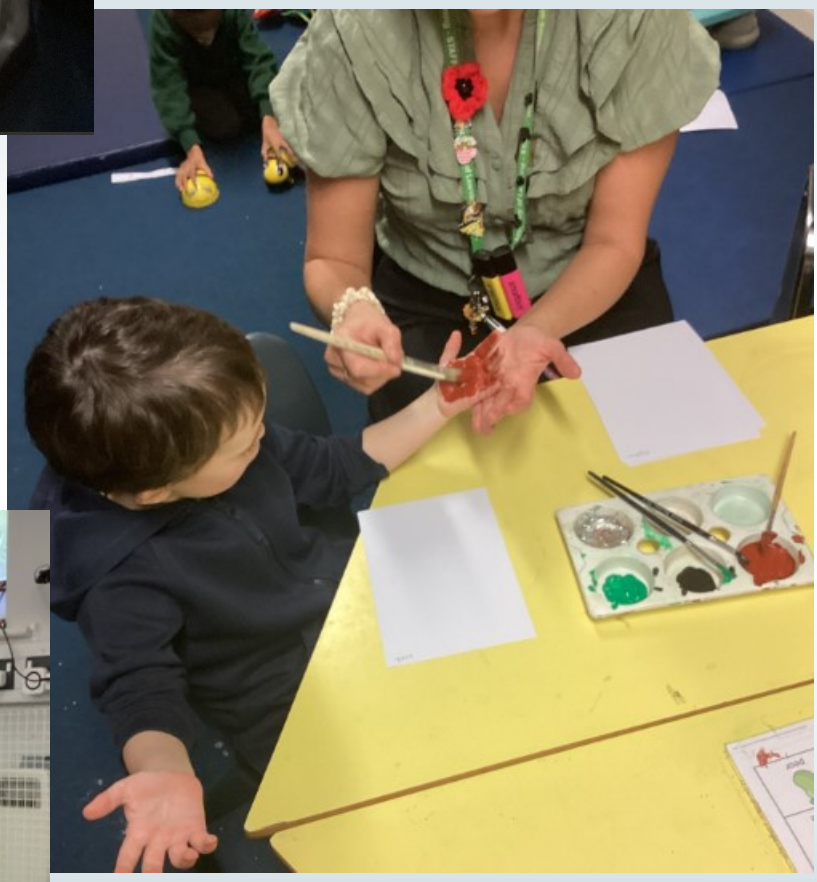
Key Dates to share for the Autumn Term:

Week Beginning Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week: Break The Silence
	(Odd Socks Day with School Uniform on Monday)
Tuesday 17th November	Photographs for children who missed photograph day
Friday 20th November	Last day to pay for Y3 Parent Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 24th November	Choir performing at Walsall Arena: Travelling Through Christmas
Friday 27th November	Flu vaccination for Y6 by the NHS (and for those children who were absent when the NHS came in last time)
Friday 27th November	Last day for Y3 Parents to inform the office of any dietary requirements for the Y3 Parent Christmas lunch
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Fayre after school
Tuesday 8th December	2:30 Musical Event for Y4 parents and parents of children who have private music lessons in school
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas dinner for 3A (parent per child 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 (parent per child 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
Wednesday 13th January	Choir performing at Young Voices at the NEC
Friday 15th January	Y5 visiting Selly Manor
Thursday 11th March	Y2 visiting Dudley Zoo



Remembrance Day in the Treehouse

Remembrance day was observed in a very special way as children used different textures to create a 2D poppy field and painted their hands to make their own poppy blooms.









Walsall College's next Open Day takes place on Wednesday 25th November from 4.30pm – 7.30pm (last entry 7pm)!

Join us at our Wisemore Campus to find out more about the courses available for adult learners (aged 19 and above) taking place throughout this academic year, either in college or done remotely.

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Our Careers Guidance team will also be available on the day to help plot a path to help you get to where you want to go.

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Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

11 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Beacon Hockey Club are based at Queen Mary's Grammar School, with all training sessions and regular home games taking place at the brand-new pitch at the school. Alongside Beacon's adult teams they also have a growing youth set up, offering training and game opportunities across a wide range of ages and abilities.

Beacon Hockey Club welcomes players of all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced players. The club's aim is to provide a friendly and inclusive environment where young people can develop their skills, build confidence, make friends and enjoy hockey.

Beacon run two junior training sessions each week during term time:

- **Wednesdays, 7.00pm - 8.15pm**: Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s
- **Sundays, 9.45am - 11.00am**: Under 8s, Under 10s and Under 12s

Age group examples: U16s = Y10/11, U14s = Y8/9, U12s = Y6/7, U10s = Y4/5

All sessions take place at Queen Mary's Grammar School.

Training focuses on developing hockey skills, game awareness, teamwork and confidence. The first three sessions are free, allowing your child to meet our coaches and experience the club with no commitment.

For primary school-aged children, Beacon would recommend that students attend the Sunday training sessions to begin with, especially if they are new to the sport. The coaches at Beacon will then be able to guide students in the best direction.

As students get older, their playing and training opportunities increase. Players aged 13 and over who wish to develop their game further can also attend the Thursday club training sessions from 7.00pm - 8.15pm at Queen Mary's Grammar School. These sessions help players develop their technical and tactical abilities and prepare for more competitive hockey, which can include progression into the adult teams.

All Beacon juniors can take part in matches, ranging from friendly local games to competitive matches at both youth and adult level.

If you would like more information or to arrange a first session, please contact Beacon Hockey Club via social media or by email at beaconhockeyclub@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Beacon Hockey Club,

Richard Langton
Headmaster

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