

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a special end to the term with all the fun of Easter!

The week started with a special trip to the farm for the Saplings, not only did they see all the animals you would expect to see on a farm but a deer from Cannock Chase also appeared, which was just magical!

It was great to see so many parents at Parent Consultation, we hope that this has provided you with an overview of how your child is doing in school. Also, thank you to all our families who supported the Book Fair too, all those pennies spent enable us to purchase books for our children.

Thursday brought all the fun of Easter as we admired our children's creativity in a Easter Display on Thursday afternoon and held an Easter Bonnet Parade which children loved. The standard really does get higher every year and consequently the judging team gets bigger – it is so hard to choose a winner for every class! Thank you to all our families for entering into the Easter spirit and to our Prom Committee for providing the prizes.

This term has flown by and been packed with many exciting events and lots of learning. Your children have continued to amaze and inspire us with their commitment to their learning, kindness and enthusiasm for life.

We hope everyone has a chocolatey Easter with lots of special family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April.

Happy Easter Woodlands!

Mrs Newton, Mrs Macpherson, Mrs Jackson, Miss Edmunds and everyone in Team Woodlands



Y6 Prom Committee

Easter Raffle

Teal in Y6

Miss Townsend

Opie in Nursery

Isaac in 5D

Logan in Y6

Nelly in 5H

Amiya in Y6

Angel in Y6

Thomas D won 2 prizes

Mia R in Y6 won 3 prizes!

Name the bunny was won by Finley in Reception (Boo!)

Guessing the number of sweets in the jar was won by Darcie H in 2D (130)

Thank you Y6 parents and congratulations to our winners!



Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg Crazy Creation Winners

Nursery AM	Annie G	3E	Noah
Nursery PM	Cade	3A	Leighton
RG	Chiedza	4N	Hazel
RJ	Noah	4R	Jaxson
1E	Kristian	5D	Isaac
1W	Amrit	5H	Bonnie W
2CP	Mila-Rae	6H	Amelia
2D	Amaya	6P	Sienna
Tree-house	Tommy		



Spring has Sprung for RJ!

RJ brought the sunshine to Woodlands on Tuesday, as they reminded us all of the joys of spring; from lambs to chicks and the wonderful early morning bird song that helps motivate us all.

It was wonderful to hear that children had been learning about what plants need to grow and to see the children planting seeds and bulbs in their outdoor area, which will bring further joy when they grow.

The children led a fabulous assembly with enthusiastic singing and were clearly very proud to share their learning.

RJ really did remind us all that spring is a special time of year.

Mrs Newton









The Saplings
had great fun
making and
eating their
dinner and
then exploring
the farm.



So many out of school achievers...

Elsie C took part in a dance competition performing a lyrical solo and placing 3rd out of 7 children. She also performed her ballet solo for the first time and felt like a real ballerina in her special made pancake tutu.

Daphne achieved her yellow belt for kickboxing and has her sights on her orange belt next.

Noah has been to a boxing club and got a medal for his skills on the punch bag.

Willow went to a stage show and has a medal for taking part with 5 costume changes, although cheerleading was her favourite dance.

Elsie achieved a gold and silver medal for taking part in a festival at the weekend coming first in lyrical and second in ballet.

Nixon was Player of the Match, Parent's Player and Coaches Player of the Match. Wow!

Tommy H was good at defending and scored 4 goals.

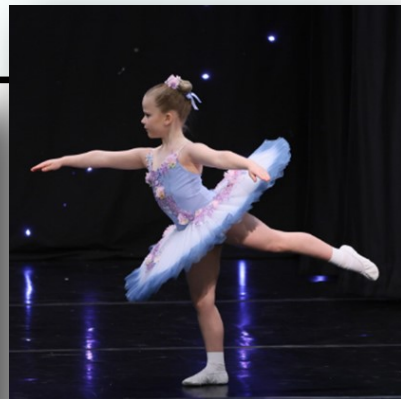
Molly-Anne shared her neckerchief for the next scouting Jamboree.

Ollie scored a top corner in his football match.

Reuben was awarded Player of the Match for his football skills.

Leela had her grading on Saturday and achieved her green belt with a score of 104/110!!

Fantastic out of school learning Woodlands!



'Snack Attack' - Poster competition

Our Phunky Food Ambassadors are inviting you to take part in a competition to design a bright and eye-catching poster encouraging children to eat more healthy snacks. You can use the heading 'Snack Attack' to make your poster stand out along with facts, creative drawings or both!

There will be a prize for the winner of each key stage.

Completed posters should be handed in to your class teacher by Friday 17th April 2026. Good luck!

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:



1E 99.3%, 2CP 99.3% and 6P 98.6%

Absolutely Fantastic!



A few important dates to share with parents

On Friday 22nd May, school will be closed to children for our final Teacher Training Day of the year.

It is also important to note that the last two days of the academic year, Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July, are days when school is open and children are expected to attend as normal.

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holiday.

This means children do not need to wear a tie if they are wearing a polo shirt but if they chose to wear a normal shirt then a tie must be worn.

We have also noticed trainers creeping back in, children should be wearing school shoes to school. If children arrive in trainers they will have to change into black pumps during lesson times.

**Thank you to all our families for supporting our uniform policy
so our children always look smart!**

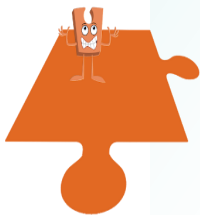
What is PSHE?

Personal, Social and Health Education which is mainly taught in our weekly Jigsaw lessons

Jigsaw's Units of Work (Puzzles)
are:

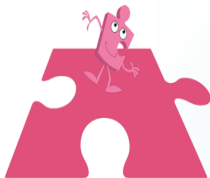
1. Being Me in My World

Includes understanding my place in the class, school and global community as well as devising Learning Charters.



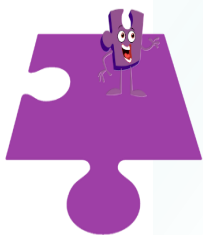
2. Celebrating Difference

Includes anti-bullying (cyber and homophobic bullying included) and diversity work.



3. Dreams and Goals

Includes goal-setting, aspirations for yourself and the world and working together.



4. Healthy Me

Includes drugs and alcohol education, self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices.



5. Relationships

Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills.



6. Changing Me

This puzzle includes relationships education in the context of coping positively with change.



Updated Statutory Relationships and Health Education Guidance

The Government first brought out statutory guidance regarding what schools should teach for personal development in 2021, alongside the National Curriculum. They have now updated this guidance which is to be implemented by schools from September 2026.

We have been busy at Woodlands getting ready for these changes and wanted to ensure that our families are aware of what will be taught and to ask any questions that they may have.

This guidance focuses primarily on the personal development of children during primary years which is something that we already place great importance on at Woodlands.

Many aspects of this guidance are taught through formal lessons and in different subjects. However, our school culture prioritises the importance of developing positive values and developing character with an emphasis on emotional wellbeing. This is epitomised in our school values – The Woodlands Smile Tree.

The core of this guidance is taught through the published scheme Jigsaw, taught in weekly Personal, Social and Health Education lessons in every year group. Other aspects of the guidance are taught in strands of subjects across the curriculum, such as science, design and technology, computing and physical education.

The updated and draft Relationships and Health Education Policy is currently on our website in the policies section for our families. This policy details how we shall teach this guidance and what will be taught in each year group.

We would welcome any feedback from parents regarding this updated policy. This could be emailed to postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk with the email heading of RHE, or feedback could be placed in the suggestion box in the foyer.

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	All Saplings	For being superstars when visiting the farm and joining in with all the activities!!
NAM	Nelly-Jean	Exploring the art lab using various materials to create a unique jellyfish.
NPM	Ushna	Exploring the art lab using various materials to create a unique jellyfish.
RG	Alfie S	For working really hard to know his numbers to 20. Alfie is able to form his numbers to 20 independently .
RJ	Noah C	For working really hard to build a sentence by sticking the words in the right order, using a finger space between each word and forming his letters well!
1W	Holly T	Holly showed excellent artistic skills by creating an egg using a weaving pattern. She carefully remembered to alternate under and over to keep the design accurate. Fantastic work, Holly!
1E	Sienna W	For consistently demonstrating excellent handwriting across all subject areas. Sienna takes her time to ensure that each letter is neatly presented. Keep it up!
2CP	Mila-Rae	Showing enthusiasm with all of her learning especially maths. Mila has a super understanding of addition and subtraction using the column method.
2D	Miley	For always trying to challenge herself throughout her learning, developing in her work to a greater understanding and always willing to help others in
3A	All of Y3	For an excellent Musical Extravaganza! Everyone worked so hard to rehearse and perform our songs. Well done Year 3!
3E		
4R	Aryaan	Excellent use of punctuation when writing direct speech. Well done.
4N	Tommy	trying so hard during writing lessons. He is making careful choices to make his writing better and hit year 4 objectives.
5D	Lincoln	For showing an excellent understanding when arranging decimals in order. Lincoln can confidently identify greater and smaller values and apply these skills accurately. Well done!
5H	Zara	For creating your best Star Write yet. You used lots of the historical facts that were available to you and built sentences using the supporting tools. Your final write was full of super sentences.
6P	Luco	You have made great progress in both Grammar and Maths, and your improved scores show just how far you have come. Keep striving and doing your best!
6H	Sianna	For making great progress across all areas, this is clearly reflected in your assessment scores. Keep continuing to do your very best! Well done!

Dates on the horizon

Friday 27th March School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 13th April School open to children at 8:40 as normal

Thursday 16th and 17th April Bikeability for children that have been allocated a place in Y5 and Y6.

Tuesday 21st April 4R Class assembly (2:45pm start))

Tuesday 21st April 2:15 Y6 Parents Prom Committee meeting

Wednesday 22nd April Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery

Wednesday 22nd April Y5 Learning First Aid at Woodlands

Thursday 23rd April The Fire Service visiting Y4 at Woodlands

Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood / Cake sale after school

Monday 4th May School closed for Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 8th May Online Safety Session for Y5 at Woodlands with PC Holownia

Monday 11th May Y6 SATs all week

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th April Reception trips to Tamworth Castle

Wednesday 20th May 10:00am New Reception Parent meeting

Thursday 21st May Y6 Geographical visit to the Beach

Thursday 21st May School closes at the end of the day for May half term

Friday 22nd May School closed to children Teacher Training Day

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th April MAY HALF TERM

Monday 1st June Swimming starts for Y6, continues for three weeks

Wednesday 3rd June 10:00am New Nursery Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9th June 3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)

Week Beg Monday 15th June Transition Begins for two weeks - children working with their new teachers in their new classes for the mornings.

Monday 22nd June Swimming starts for Y5, continues for three weeks

Week Beg Monday 29th June Health & Fitness Week

Monday 29th June Y5 and 6 Sports Afternoon

Tuesday 30th June Y1 and 2 Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 1st July Y3 and 4 Sports Afternoon

Thursday 2nd July Nursery and Reception Sports

Thursday 9th July Summer Sizzler

Saturday 11th July Y6 Prom celebrations





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Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme



HAF Easter 2026

**FREE
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What's on offer this Easter?

This Easter we have lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live for you to get booked on **23/02/26**.

Free activities:

- Horse riding
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pantomimes
- Football
- Sports
- Swimming
- & much more!


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