

Friday 5th September 25



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our children and families! We hope your family had a lovely summer break and had lots of fun together.

After two very busy and productive training days it was wonderful to welcome our smiley children back into school on Wednesday. Our children are full of news about their summer adventures and enthusiastic to see their friends and teachers. It is difficult to believe that it is the beginning of the new school year when the majority of children have settled so quickly into their new classes. Already their new learning journeys have begun...

We welcome new additions to the teaching team: Mrs Evans in Y1, Miss Devey in Y2 and Mr Hand in Y5. We also welcome Miss Pitt, Miss Cook, Mrs Marney and Miss Williams joining the lunchtime supervisory team. The children have provided a warm welcome to the new members of the Woodlands family. Congratulations to Mrs Golightly who is now mum to a little girl and joins Mrs Hoccom on maternity leave. We wish them a very happy first year.

There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you with any questions or advice. You can see on the next page who the teachers and leads for different areas in school are. The best person to talk to about your child is the class teacher or a member of the year group team. On most days, teachers dismiss their classes but please wait until they have dismissed all children if you would like a quick word. If you have already spoken to the class teacher but need a little more help, then please ask for an appointment to meet the Phase Leader for your child. There are also many more fabulous members of the team who all do an incredible job in supporting your children in their learning and time at school by helping Woodlands run smoothly.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring all our children are in full school colours, looking smart and dressed for learning, many complete with very shiny new school shoes. The summer uniform continues this half term if you wish and changes to the autumn uniform after October half term. The weather is a little eventful at the moment... so could children please have their coats in school for break time in case of light rain.

It is lovely to be back in school with an exciting year to look forward to. Mrs Newton

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

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

8th - 14th September 2025

What makes a building special?

A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved to a new location.

Our linking Woodlands value is 'Resourceful'



There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you

Nursery Miss Roberts Supported by Miss Seale	Y3 3E Miss Edmunds 3A Miss Adams Supported by Mrs Smith
Reception RJ Mrs Jackson supported by Miss Coote (Mondays led by Mrs Stone, supported by Miss Judge) RG Mrs Gill supported by Mrs Stone (Fridays led by Mrs Stone, supported by Miss Judge)	Y4 4R Mrs Rich 4N Mrs L Newton Supported by Mrs Wilkes
Y1 1W Miss Whitehouse 1E Mrs Evans Supported by Mrs Ward	Y5 5D Mrs Day 5H Mr Hand Supported by Mrs Clifft
Y2 2CP Mrs Purcell and Mrs Corbett 2D Miss Devey Supported by Mrs Gilbody (Miss Townsend on Fridays)	Y6 6H Miss Harvey 6P Mrs Pickering Supported by Mrs Steventon (1 day) Mrs Meredith (4 days)
Phase Leaders Early Years: Mrs Jackson Y1 and Y2: Mrs Purcell Y3 and Y4: Miss Edmunds Y5 and Y6: Miss Harvey	
Or you might need to talk to The office team: Mrs Alves (Woodies Lead), Mrs Headley, Mrs Fieldhouse, Mrs Baker Woodies Team: Mrs Uppal, Mrs Froggatt, Mrs Cattell, Miss Bennett, Mrs Townsend, Miss Hancock Special Educational Needs: Mrs Dickson, supported by Miss Smith Pastoral and Safeguarding: Mrs Graham and Mrs Pedley Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Macpherson Headteacher: Mrs Newton	



Mrs Newton

*Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DSL)*

Responsible for over-seeing all safeguarding and child protection procedures across the school.



Mrs Graham

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)*



Mrs Macpherson

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)*



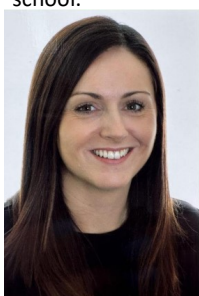
Mrs Pedley

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)*

Meet Our Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our safeguarding team.

We are here to listen and to help.



Miss Edmunds

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)*



Mrs Jackson

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
(DDSL)*



Mrs Dickson

SENDCo
Ensures that safeguarding practices fully reflect the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Miss Harvey

Online Safety Lead
Leads our approach to digital safeguarding and promotes safe, responsible use of technology among pupils.



Parent & Carer Alert: The "Salt & Ice Challenge"

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top.

- 👉 This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite).
- 👉 Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts.
- 👉 Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

- ✅ First Aid: Cool with lukewarm running water for 10+ minutes, cover with clean cling film, and seek medical help.
- ✅ Cool under lukewarm water 10+ mins
- ✅ Cover with cling film
- ✅ Seek medical help
- ❌ Do NOT use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.



Autumn Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 1 st September 2025	Term Starts
Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Staff Training Days – School Closed
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Friday 19 th December 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	End of Term Holidays

Spring Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 5 th January 2026	Term Starts
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holidays
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	End of Term Holidays

Summer Term 2025 / 2026

Monday 13 th April 2026	Term Starts
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Last Day of Term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Last Day of Term

Bank Holidays 2025 / 2026

Summer Bank Holiday:

Monday 25th August 2025

Good Friday:

Friday 3rd April 2026

Christmas Day

Thursday 25th December 2025

Easter Monday:

Monday 6th April 2026

Boxing Day

Friday 26th December 2025

May Bank Holiday:

Monday 4th May 2026

New Year's Day

Thursday 1st January 2026

Spring Bank Holiday:

Monday 25th May 2026

Please Note: There is an additional 1 staff training days to be confirmed!