

Every teacher selects one child to be the 'Star of the Year' for a special reason. It could be incredible progress either personally or academically or it could be overcoming a particular barrier. It is a special honour to be named:

Star of the Year 2025

Nursery: Mia K and Casey-Ray L

RJ: Jaycee-James B RG: Zachary D

1W: Mila-Rae D 1S: Tommy-Kieron

2CP: Alessa P 2D: Hallie S

3G: Holly M 3A: Dylan H

4R: Bonnie J 4N: Fahmida A

5Ho: Teal LB 5Ha: Fateh

6P: Isabelle 6E: Rosie M

Mrs Graham and Mrs Pedley:

Amber and Isabelle MJ in Y6

*Cadence was awarded
The Mary Gallen
Award in Y6*

*Emily was awarded
The Governor's
Award in Y6*

It is the last day of the year and what a fantastic year it has been!

We have spent this week celebrating our wonderful children and all that they have achieved this year. The annual Forest School Awards were led by Miss Noakes on Thursday afternoon when children across the school were celebrated for their contributions in Forest School.

There was a very special performance undertaken by Year 6 on Thursday morning for their families, this was then followed by Year 6 presentations. It was an emotional morning because Year 6 have been a fantastic year group in every respect and we are going to miss them.

I have to mention Year 6's wonderful SAT results which were above the National results in all areas. I hope our children feel incredibly proud.

Year 1 children also undertake a phonic screening check in which 97% of our children passed this year. This is our highest result ever in this statutory assessment! Year 4 also did incredibly well in their multiplication check with 77% of Year 4 children achieving 20 or more out of 25.

We are very proud of what all our children have achieved across the school in their learning. Yet we recognise that our children could not make the progress that they do without your continued support which we all value a great deal.

The Woodlands team continue to be amazing, doing everything they can to enable every child to be the best that they can be.

Thank you to everyone in the Woodlands family!

The end of the year also brings changes. This summer we are waving goodbye to Mrs Golightly for a little while as she goes on maternity leave, we wish Mr and Mrs Golightly a very special year as their family grows.

We also wave goodbye to Miss Evans, who is leaving to work in a school closer to home. Miss Evans has been at Woodlands for over 12 years in Year 6 and has helped many children in their transition from Primary School to Secondary School. We thank Miss Evans for everything that she has done for the children of Woodlands and wish her much happiness in her new school.

It has been a fabulous year, with lots of learning, exciting events, enjoyment and laughter. Your children continue to amaze us, inspire us, teach us new things and make us laugh. There is never a dull moment at Woodlands!

We wish everyone a very happy, fun filled summer with family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 3rd September.

Mrs Newton and the Woodlands Team



The Rita Cole Award 2025

This award is presented in memory of Mrs Cole for the child who has made significant personal progress during the academic year.

It was an incredibly difficult task, numerous children were nominated for the award.

Nominated:

Zachary (NAM), Jaxson (NPM), George (RG), Mason (RG), Finley (RJ),
Ella (2CP), Nevaeh (3G), Haiden (3A), Miyah (4R)

The Rita Cole Award 2025 was presented to Jayden E in Y5
Very well deserved Jayden and well done to all our nominees.

Forest School Achievers 2024 - 2025

Congratulations Forest School Achievers!

Each child has been presented with a
prize, medal and certificate.



Nursery - Harris and Reya
Reception - Sienna and Ezikial
Year One - Ella Mae and Perin
Year Two - Lillian and Ollie A
Year Three - Pippa and Skylar
Year Four - Bonnie and Serina
Year Five - Harley and Jenson
Year Six - Amelia and Lydia

Mrs Smith won the staff prize for Forest
School Achiever



We have a new award this academic year in memory of our previous
Chair of Governors who was a strong advocate of forest school: Mr Roger Butt.

The Roger Butt Forest School Award for 2024 - 2025 has been awarded to
Angel BT in Year 5 for her love and passion for nature.

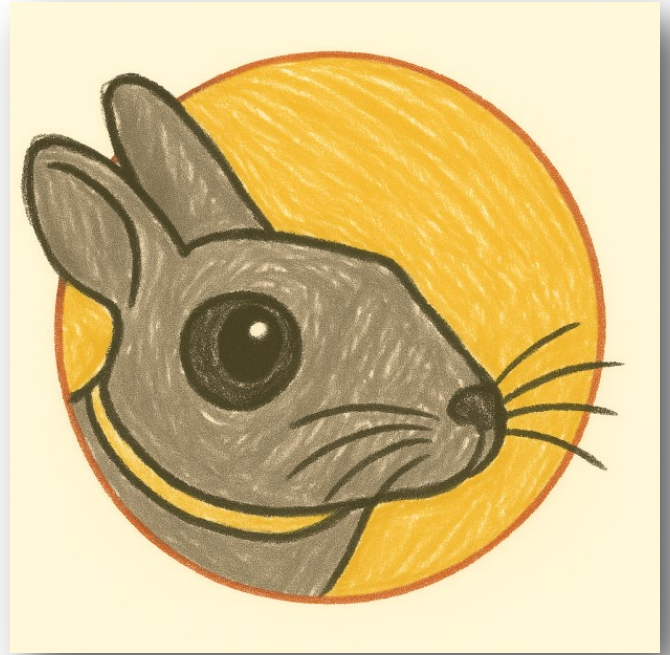
Thank you to Miss Noakes for leading everyone in the fun and learning of Forest School

House Competition Winners

Earlier in the year, Mrs Hoccom launched a competition for our children to design a new logo for their House. We can now reveal our winning entries:

- Foxes designed by Milana in 5Ho
- Squirrels designed by Harry 6E
- Hedgehogs designed by Isabelle in 6E
- Rabbits designed by Teal in 5Ho

We absolutely love them!



Year 1 had great fun at the farm and made their own lunch - very professional pizzas in-between gardening and meeting the animals.



Y5 and Y6 have been working hard in the Pop Up Pool.

The information below shows just how much progress our children have made by swimming every day for three weeks.

Y5 - By the end of their course:

52% were able to swim at least 25m

86% of children were able to swim using a range of strokes effectively

90% of children were able to perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations

Y6 - By the end of their course:

59% were able to swim at least 25m

95% of children were able to swim using a range of strokes effectively

84% of children were able to perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations

100% Attendance Winners



We had 187 children who managed to achieve 100% attendance during the summer term and 25 children who achieved 100% attendance all year which is amazing

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for the summer term is Mason H in Y3

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for the year is Jaxson G in Y3

Dates on the horizon

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 3rd September School starts for children

Training Days 2025 - 2026 when school will be closed to children

(Knowing these might help with some holiday early get aways...)

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 22nd May 2026

Day 5 to be arranged

Water safety- please talk to your child about how to keep safe around water



Water safety is really important, as a child or an adult. Whether it's on holiday abroad or around canals, lakes or other waterways. Water can be attractive, whether for boating, sports, walking alongside or other activities. But it has significant dangers.

Here are some shocking statistics:

- around 236 people accidentally drowned in the UK in 2023
- over 63% of those involved inland water such as rivers, canals, lakes or aqueducts
- common everyday activities such as walking or running accounted for 48% of the deaths

Here's what to do if you fall into deep water:

- **float to live – lie on your back and float** – take a look at [RLNI's \(The Royal National Lifeboat Institution\) Float to Live campaign](#)
- resist the instinct to panic or swim
- lie back and keep your airways clear, push your stomach up and extend your limbs, moving hands and feet to help you float
- try to take control of the effects of cold water shock, such as the gasping reflex. Once your breathing is controlled call for help and, if possible, try making your way to safety.

What to do if someone falls into deep water:

- call 999 and ask for the fire service, if you're inland such as in the West Midlands, or the coast guard if you're at the coast. If you don't have a phone, shout for help – but **do not enter the water**
- encourage the person in the water to try to float on their back – and, if there's rescue equipment nearby, throw it to them
- never enter the water to try to save someone – you could well suffer from cold water shock yourself, which will leave you unable to help even if you're a strong swimmer.

For more information on water safety, the [RLSS has some great resources](#).

Open water safety

- Of all drownings in the UK (2023), 60% happen in inland open water such as rivers, canals, lakes, quarries, and reservoirs.
- You might be tempted to go for a dip to cool off but, whilst it might be warm out of the water, the temperature beneath the surface can be so cold you can get cold water shock. This can cause you to gasp and stop your muscles from working properly preventing your ability to swim.
- **Never jump or dive straight into the water. This can cause cold water shock and under the surface could be currents, unknown depths, hazardous objects or pollution – all of which may stop you from being able to swim or get to safety.**
- If you still decide to enter the water and you start to feel cold, you must get out. Hypothermia will reduce your muscle strength and ability to swim.
- Before you get in, make sure you're familiar with the area including signs and advice, and think about what you might do if things go wrong. If you can see fast-flowing water, DON'T get in – currents can quickly sweep people away.

Some great advice on the [RNLI website](#)

