

Friday 11th July 25



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredibly exciting week at Woodlands!

The Summer Sizzler really did sizzle and the Disco Foam Party was so much fun, messy, but fun!

We hope you really enjoyed the Summer Sizzler and the Summer Fayre. The children have been buzzing with excitement in school all week as they have been busy preparing and rehearsing.

These events would not be possible without the hard work of our staff team. Thank you to Mrs Day for leading the Summer Sizzler and thank you to the whole staff team involved in this event. Thank you also to Mrs Dickson for leading the Disco Foam Party and the other fun Rotakid events.

There is still a week to go but the pace isn't slowing...

Swimming groups change again next week: Y5 have completed their three weeks of swimming lessons and so it is time for Year 4 to have some fun in the pop-up-pool.

Y1S are off to the farm, there is our parents drop in on Monday after school, the Forest School Annual Awards afternoon on Thursday for invited parents and there will also be some tears too...

We will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 and to Miss Evans too. Not forgetting Mrs Golightly who will be starting her maternity leave.

It is going to be a strange week! Mrs Newton







We have been awarded GOLD!

We continue to uphold the values in sport through what we offer for our children and every year Mrs L Newton applies for a sports award based on this offer. For numerous years we have been very proud to receive a Silver Award.

However, this year the bar has been raised and we have been awarded the Gold Award.

We are delighted with this award and thank Mrs L Newton, Mr Dovey and all the staff for their work in this important area of the curriculum.



Woodlands Academy of Learning

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement in the School Games for 2024/25.





Celebrating our out of school achievers!

It is the end of season football presentations and we have lot of committed and talented footballers at Woodlands. All children who play in a team receive an award for their commitment to training and to the matches, including all the children below and Roshan and Jude B. Sometimes children also receive additional awards at the presentations:

Ethan L – Manager's Player of The Year

Tobias – Parent's Player of The Year

Ollie A – Top Goal Scorer

Lincoln - Player's Player of the Year

Reuban - Parent's Player of The Year

Olli S – Most improved player

Oliver J - Manager's Player of The Year

Plus, well done to Olivia for being awarded
Gymnast of the week and to Thea too.

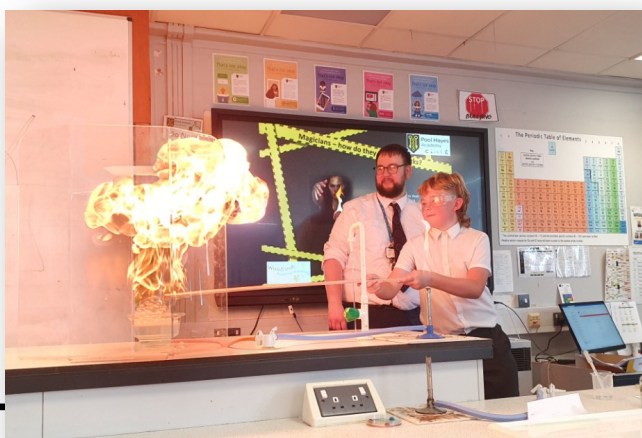
Thea performed in the Stagecoach production
of Annie and was amazing!

So many talented and busy children!



Science at Pool Hayes for Year 5

Year 5 visited Pool Hayes Secondary to learn about secondary science and absolutely loved their secondary lessons. There were Bunsen burners, forensic testing, bubble challenges and fire balls! It was quite a morning and our children were gripped. They were an absolute pleasure to take out of school in all respects, their knowledge and scientific language was super and their behaviour was excellent. A very large thank you to Pool Hayes, Mr Jones and his colleague for such an exciting morning.



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!

14th - 20th July 2025

**How can stories help us
understand others?**

A Ukrainian mother has written a story book inspired by her daughter's experience of starting a new school after moving to the UK.



Our linking Woodlands value is 'Passion for Reading'.

School Uniform for September

This tends to be the time when parents start to buy new school uniform and new school shoes for September. Therefore, I have attached the uniform policy to help you in these purchases.

The summer break is also a good time for any child who is getting their ears pierced as this will not impact on their PE lessons.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE DURING THE LAST WEEK!

1W 98% and 4N 99% both achieved great attendance

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Whole year group	For working hard during health and fitness week and participating in an amazing sports day.
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RG	Huey-Hunter	For trying hard to improve his handwriting in RWI.
RJ	Heidi	For always being ready for learning and being an amazing role-model to our class. You really are a superstar!!
1W	Bella B	Super work during Health and Fitness week. Bella worked really hard creating an information leaflet about the school games values. Well done Bella!
1S	All of 1S	For a fantastic sports day. All the children got involved and tried their best during the races. Well done everyone!
2CP	Lexie M	Her enthusiasm during Health and Fitness Week. Lexie was especially creative with her fabulous design of a mascot for the Red Roses.
2D	All of 2D	For an excellent sports day. All children participated well and cheered each other on! Well done team 2D!
3A	All of 3A	For a wonderful Health and Fitness Week! All children took part in every activity, showing enthusiasm and the school games values. Well done 3A!
3G	3G	Effort and enthusiasm during health and fitness week. We packed so much in including; school games values, women's rugby, Jigsaw lessons, sports day, water safety, Zumba, yoga, summer sizzler practice, circuit challenges and cheerleading. We also managed a ukulele lesson and watching Y6 rehearsal.
4R	All of 4R	For a fabulous Health and Fitness week. Well done to all of you for taking part in new sports and activities and for the enthusiasm you have shown this week.
4N	All of 4N	Such a wonderful attitude towards Health and Fitness Week. You have thrown yourselves in to every activity and shown so many of the school games values.
Y5	All of Y5	For a wonderful visit to Pool Hayes Secondary for science. You were exemplary in your learning behaviours and manners. You also impressed the teachers with your scientific knowledge and vocabulary. Brilliant Year 5!

Dates on the horizon

Monday 14th July	AM Treehouse parents coffee morning
Monday 14th July	3:30 - 4:30 Parent Drop In to meet teachers.
Parents and children are welcome to visit their current teacher and see their children's books and also visit your child's new teacher in their new learning room.	
Wednesday 16th July	Y1 Farm Visit
Thursday 17th July	9:15 - 11:00ish Year 6 Production and Leaver's Presentations
Thursday 17th July	PM Forest School Presentations, invited parents
Friday 18th July	Last day of the academic year for children, school closes at normal time
Monday 21st July	Teacher Training Day
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

External Information that might be useful for our families

**LANE HEAD GIRLS
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FRI 1st AUGUST - WALSALL WOOD
MON 4th AUG - STAFFORD
THURS 7th AUG - SWADLINCOTE
THURS 14th AUG - CANNOCK
FRI 15th AUG - BLOXWICH
FRI 22nd AUG - WALSALL WOOD

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Woodland's School Uniform

At Woodlands Academy of Learning we dress for learning! We strongly promote school uniform and have high expectations which foster a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. We are very proud of our uniform which is in our school colours of green and grey.

In the school office, we sell a number of the items with the school logo on, they can be ordered and paid for through Scopay, there is also a stall on Willenhall market that sells Woodland's uniform.

Autumn & Spring Term

White buttoned shirt
Woodlands School tie
Grey skirt that is below the knee
Grey pinafore dress
Grey tailored trousers
Bottle green V neck sweatshirt or cardigan with Woodlands logo (style shown in picture)
White/grey socks or green/grey tights
Black, flat school shoes with a closed toe & fastenings that the children can manage



Optional Summer Uniform

The Summer Term and the 1st half of the Autumn term.

Green and white checked summer dress
White buttoned polo shirt
Grey tailored shorts
White buttoned polo shirt

All other items as above.



P.E. Uniform

Plain coloured t-shirt (according to house colour)
Black 'football style' shorts (no lycra)
Clean trainers or black pumps (slip on or Velcro)
Plain navy blue sweatshirt with Woodlands logo



Alternative kit for colder weather

Plain navy blue / black leggings or plain navy blue joggers (no brand logos). If the child is wearing tights they will also need a spare pair of socks in their PE kit.

Swimming Kit

Swimming trunks (no shorts) or one-piece swimming costume
Swimming hat
Towel



Nursery and Reception children wear the same uniform as everyone else

but they can wear a plain, white polo shirt instead of a normal shirt during the Autumn and Spring months.

School Shoes

It is vital that your child has comfortable shoes which cover their feet properly while they are at school. We also expect them to be super smart! We do not allow the children to wear trainer-type school shoes – even those sold in Clarks!

Trainers with sports logos such as Converse, Adidas or Nike or those made to replicate these brands are not permitted even if they are entirely black.

Children are not permitted to wear any shoes with open toes, sandals or heeled shoes/boots. Our children spend time running, jumping, crawling and playing with their friends, their shoes must be suitable for this to prevent accidents.

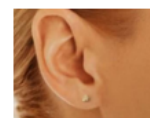
Unfortunately, if you do send your child to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be asked to change into black school pumps and we will contact you to ask that you provide suitable school shoes as requested.

Sturdy, robust, leather shoes that can be polished, with fastenings that your child can manage independently are the best ones you can buy – see the examples below:



We also ask that you do not purchase or send your child with:

- × Playsuits – they're just not practical for toilet visits!
- × Trainers, canvas shoes or shoes with heels
- × Lycra or bootleg school trousers or leggings as school trousers.
- × Jewellery – simple stud earrings for the earlobes, are the only exception to this rule and must be removed for PE. No other body piercings. Watches are permitted for KS2 children, although watches that are a form of communication or take photographs are not allowed
- × Nail varnish or false nails
- × Large colourful hair accessories including bows – any accessories must be small and green.
- × Extreme hairstyles including shapes/patterns/logos cut into hair or hair dyed a vivid colour or extensions. Tying long hair up is always much more practical for our busy bees and must be tied up for swimming, PE and some craft / science lessons



Feedback from our parents about our school uniform has always been positive and visitors or people in the community who see our children out and about never fail to comment about how smart and well-presented our children are – this makes us all very proud! We thank all parents who support us in keeping our standards high.

One last thing..... Our most important item of uniform that you will see every member of the Woodlands family wearing is a SMILE!
At Woodlands, you're never fully dressed without a smile!

Is your child starting School this September ?

We are thrilled to introduce Summer Adventure Passport.

You can pick up your passports from 11th July

We have lots of fun and exciting activities on offer across Walsall to support you and your little one , while helping them learn new skills throughout the summer.

Take a look at Family Hubs website [Summer Adventure passport :: Walsall Together](https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/2-4/summer-adventure-passport#main)

This special booklet is packed with exciting activities and challenges designed to spark curiosity and build confidence in little learners. From developing independence to making friends, exploring stories, and getting school-ready — there's something for every child!

✿ **What's inside?**

- ✓ Creative arts & crafts
- ✓ Treasure hunts & bear hunts
- ✓ Sports days & Tiny Rangers
- ✓ Toilet training & virtual family workshops
- ✓ Storytelling, LEGO fun & so much more!



Summer Adventure

Help your child stay curious, confident, and ready for September with our Summer Adventure Passport!

Packed with fun, simple activities you can do together, from exploring outdoors to sharing stories.

It's a great way to support their development while making summer memories.

Pick up your passport and start the adventure today!

Take a look at Family Hubs website to see what's on offer and where to get your passport from.
www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk





We're proud to be working with amazing partners like the **Art Gallery, Voluntary Community Sector, Library, NHS Health Visitors, Leisure Centres, Arts Connect**, and the **National Literacy Trust** to bring these experiences to life.

 **Don't miss out!**

Explore the passport here:

 <https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/2-4/summer-adventure-passport#main>

Supported Waiting Parent Network

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?
Come and join us for support while you wait to be seen.

Forthcoming dates for 2025

June 25th

July 30th

August 27th

September 24th

October 29th

November 26th

For further advice or information,
telephone **01922 656463**
or email pals.officer@nhs.net



🕒 9.30am-11.30am

📍 Manor Farm Community Association

King George Crescent, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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Healthy Stars, eat, move, shine- including fussy eating strategies

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.

We have guest speakers to advise on a variety of monthly topics and many services who support with access to additional support for you and your child. Come and chat to other parents, find out what additional support is available across the partnership with our monthly themed support group.

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🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 30 July 2025

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School Nurses are here for you during the Summer Holidays!

Drop in to one of our weekly sessions for advice and support for your child or young person around

- Emotional Health and wellbeing
- Keeping safe and support with bullying
- Healthy lifestyles
- Healthy weight
- Healthy relationships
- Bedwetting
- Continence
- Sleep
- Behaviours
- Neurodiversity
- Smoking, alcohol and drug advice
- Body changes/puberty
- Immunisations



Every Wednesday starting on 23 July and ending on 27 August, 10am-12pm

Harden Health Centre, First Floor, Harden Road, Walsall, WS3 1ET

If you need to get in touch with School Nurses you can call our Single Point of Access on 01922 423349

Or text:

Parent - 07520 634909

Teenager - 07480 635363 (confidential and anonymous support and advice)

We have resources to help you:

Health for Teen Website for teenagers, scan the QR code



Health for Kids Website for children, Scan the QR code



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Sleep Strategies

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.

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🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 27 August 2025

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Sensory Strategies

Is your child on a waiting list to be seen by a paediatric health service?

Come and join us at Manor Farm Community Association for the first meeting of the Supported Waiting Network.

We have guest speakers to advise on a variety of monthly topics and many services who support with access to additional support for you and your child. Come and chat to other parents, find out what additional support is available across the partnership with our monthly themed support group.

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🕒 9.30am-11.30am

📅 24 September 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association

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HAF (Holiday Activities & Food Programme) is a free programme during the summer holidays for children and young people aged 5-16yrs who are eligible for free schools' meals, and other vulnerable groups

Children will be guaranteed Healthy food on each day and all activities will include a hot healthy meal

The HAF online portal will go live on **Thursday 26th June 2025 @ 10.00am** for bookings for the Summer delivery activities.

Parents need to register their children prior to this date by sending an email to wr4c@walsall.gov.uk or families can contact Mrs Graham and Mrs Pedley who could help you register.




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- To register your child or to find out more email wr4c@walsall.gov.uk





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You can also contact the team on 01922 653899 or email WR4C@walsall.gov.uk

The best activities go very quickly when the portal goes live so families need to be ready to book.

