

Health and Fitness Week 2025

By Mrs L Newton



Our focus this week for Health and Fitness Week has been the Women's Rugby World Cup. We have also been learning new sports, learning about the ways to keep fit and healthy and most of all getting our hearts pumping!

Because of the lovely weather, most of our Sports Days have taken place this week.

Year 5 and 6 is rescheduled for Monday afternoon next week.

The School Games Values that we follow at Woodlands are very important to us and we are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the School Games Gold Award!

What else has been happening?

We started the week with a bang by skipping and target throwing on the playground before school.

Billie who runs our KS2 Cheer leading afterschool club on a Friday night, popped in to school twice this week. She taught the children some dance moves and worked together to perform a dance. (Scan the QR code to have a sneak peek!)

On Thursday our Phunky Foods ambassadors gave out healthy drink alternatives. Children on KS2 tried a mixed berry with kiwi and mint infused water and a mango and pineapple infused water. This was to encourage children to try and drink non sugary alternatives. Well done everyone for giving it a try.

Swimming has continued in our Pop Up Pool for Year 5 where each child has swam every day for 45 minutes. Year 6 have completed their 3 weeks of lessons, I am looking forward to the results. This has been fabulous exercise and it is nearly all of their recommended 60 minute a day physical activity!

Year 4 will be having some swimming taster sessions in the last week, which I know they will be so excited about.

Other events that have taken place this week:

- Year 2 had a scooterthon,
- Year 6 had a great day at the beach
- Year 4 and 5 had fun at Pool Hayes watching a performance of Frozen.

I can imagine you have had some very tired children this week, they have worked so hard. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs L Newton



Spirit of the Games Values



Check out our
dance moves



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Nursery have learned about healthy eating, including a healthy breakfast and going to bed early without tablets, ipads etc.

Year 3 have been taking part in small games out on the playground



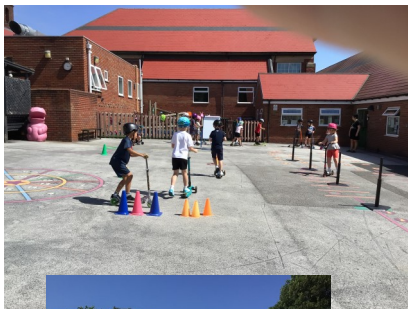
Reception have been dancing with Billie.



Year 2 have been playing cricket. They have also learned new styles of dance.



Year 1 have been making leaflets about the School Games, learning about turns and the Red Roses and designed their own rugby balls.



Year 4 have learned how to play netball. They also played dodgeball and rounders.



Year 6 went to the beach.



It has been a fabulous week of sport, learning about healthy living and sunshine!



Children and staff have been upholding the sporting values as they experienced many different sports and physical activities including: rounders, basketball, athletics, dancing, scooting and of course sports afternoon!

Thank you to Mrs L Newton for leading us all in staying healthy. We hope your children are suitably tired after a hectic week so the weekend can be a little more relaxing??

Year 4 and Year 5 had a great time at Pool Hayes and really enjoyed watching the musical production of Frozen - the staff also loved seeing children that attended Woodlands excelling on the stage. Year 6 have had an incredibly busy week as they visited a windy beach for seaside fun and also visited their new High Schools. This Saturday is Prom night! It has been a lot of hard work for our Y6 parents and Mrs Alves as they have worked to raise funds to offset the costs but it will all be worth it on Saturday evening. We hope our children and their families have an amazing time!

Next week is the penultimate week of the year and the pace isn't slowing. Y5 and Y6 will hold their sports day on Monday afternoon at 1:45 which had to be postponed due to the extremely hot weather last Monday. Y5 are off to Pool Hayes again on Wednesday morning to experience high school science whereas Y1 are visiting the farm and will be learning how to make bread.

Thursday brings the Summer Sizzler to Woodlands and I am literally crossing everything for dry weather. This is such an exciting day for the children, there is always a buzz in school as everyone is busy and involved in preparations and rehearsals. Parents are welcome to bring blankets or garden chairs to watch the performances of our children. Gates will open at 1:30 and the performance will start at 2:00, there is more information in the newsletter about the plans for the afternoon.

Friday afternoon is the Rotakids event of the year –The Disco Foam Party. Again, please see over the page for more information about the plan for this incredibly exciting event.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Sizzler!

Mrs Newton





It's Summer Sizzler Time on Thursday 10th July

The whole school is busy 'rehearsing' and 'creating' ready for our annual

Summer Sizzler.

If sunny, please bring along your blankets and chairs to watch the performance.

(If raining, we shall have to cancel the performance. However, stalls will be open in the learning rooms from 3:30.)

During the performance, can we please ask that parents avoid coming over to their children. Teachers and staff will address any needs that the children may have.

Also, can parents please ensure that younger children don't go near any of the stalls for the Fayre.

- 1:30 Gates open onto the field. £2.00 per adult, young children go free.
Parents will receive a wrist band so they can leave the field at 3:10 and come back after picking up their child/ren.
- 2:00 Performance starts
- 3:10 Children will be taken back into school to collect their belongings and be dismissed through the normal exit doors.. (We might over-run slightly...)
- 3:30 Stalls for the Summer Fayre will be open until around 4:45

Please don't forget to apply all day sun cream, and send in the sun essentials - water bottles, hats and if necessary hay fever precautions.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 10th July.



DISCO FOAM PARTY FUN!

Rotakids, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Sims have been busy fundraising for a fun way to end the year. Last year we had a colour fun run, this year children will be able to enjoy a disco foam party.

This event is not only fun but we are also raising money for VR headsets that our children can use in school that can provide different experiences to stimulate their imagination and extend their knowledge. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week so children can start collecting sponsors for their dancing stamina in the foam. Any money raised, however small, will make a collective difference to our fund raising. Please can all monies collected be brought into school by 17th July.

This event will take place on Friday 11th July, with two parties in the afternoon. One party for our older children (Y3 to Y6) and one for our younger children (N to Y2).

Morning Nursery children are invited back into school at 1:15 and can be collected at 2:20. Your children will be brought to the main Reception doors for collection.

On this day children can wear their own clothes that they can dance in the foam in, we wouldn't recommend best clothes for this day. They will need a change of clothes for after the party and a towel. Children can bring water shoes to wear during the party, such as crocs or sliders. They can also bring sunglasses or goggles if they like.

Some children don't like getting messy so children can opt out of the foam element of the party but still take part in the disco. Please mention to your child's classteacher if you don't want your child to participate in this element of the afternoon.

If it is raining we will postpone the event to Tuesday 15th July.

**Now this is an event
to look forward to!**





Year 6 had
great fun
exploring
coastal
erosion



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!

7th - 13th July 2025

What makes somewhere a good place to live?

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago

**Our linking
Woodland
value is
Resourceful**



School Uniform for September

I know this may come as a surprise after the last few weeks but it is back to normal uniform next week!

I know this is the time when parents start to buy new school uniform and new school shoes for September. 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.

There will be a school uniform stall at the Summer Fayre on Thursday next week too.



FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE DURING THE LAST WEEK!

RG 99% 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
RG	Mason	For excellent joining in during our cheer leading time in Health and Fitness week
RJ	Talia	For amazing skills during our Health & Fitness week – you have knocked our socks off – especially in our cheerleading session!
1W	All of 1W	For a fantastic 2 weeks of transition. 1W worked really hard in their new class and blew their new teachers socks off. Well done!
1S	Darcie H	For working really hard to improve her handwriting. Darcie has been focusing on letter formation and keeping her letters on the line. Well done!
2CP	Charlie P	For his enthusiastic dancing in cheerleading!
2D	Nixon	For his mature approach and sensible attitude during our Jigsaw lesson on Our changing bodies. Well done Nixon!
3A	Hazel	For coming into school happily and confidently. Well done Hazel!
3G	Aeron E	Excelling in her Science assessment. Aeron was able to independently apply her knowledge that she has gained throughout the year.
4R	Evie	For creating a lovely final piece in sewing using applique. Well done.
4N	Serina	For persevering with her sewing. You created a lovely final piece which included applique.
5HO	Pippa	For being a shining example of what it means to be a kind, caring, and thoughtful classmate. You show empathy, include others, help without being asked, and treat everyone with respect. You embody everything we aim to be in our class: respectful, responsible, and always ready to lend a hand or share a smile.
5HA	All of 5Ha	For a great transition into Year 6! A positive and enthusiastic start to learning! Keep it up!
6P	Paige	For being an absolute superstar in her role in our Year 6 Production. Paige, you are an actress in the making!
6E	Jack L	For experimenting with language and punctuation, as well as his wider reading, to improve the quality of his writing. Jack truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Saturday 5th July	Y6 Prom Celebrations
Wednesday 9th July	Y1 Farm Visit
Wednesday 9th July	Y5 visiting Pool Hayes to participate in secondary science lessons (8:00 in school)
Thursday 10th July	2:00 Summer Sizzler Performance followed by Summer Fayre
Thursday 10th July	Uniform Stall at Woodlands 2pm onwards (cash only)
Friday 11th July	Rotakids exciting whole school event for children.... Disco Foam Party!

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

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.

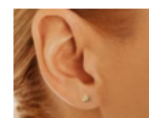
Unfortunately, if you do send your child to school in unsuitable footwear, they will be asked to change into black school pumps and we will contact you to ask that you provide suitable school shoes as requested.

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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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.

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.

For further advice or information,
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email pals.officer@nhs.net



🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 27 August 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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

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🕒 9.30am-11.30am 📅 30 July 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU

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Sensory Strategies

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

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🕒 9.30am-11.30am

📅 24 September 2025

📍 Manor Farm Community Association
King George Cres, Rushall, Walsall, WS4 1EU



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.

The HAF Programme will be offering three types of activities:

- An **activity club** (provides a range of activities during the day for 4 hrs a day, 4 days a week per child)
- A **'Pick and Mix'** (choose up to 4 sessions from a range of activities on offer such as football, dance, code breaking & growing your own vegetables).
- A **Family Activity** (an event where parent/s attend with their child / children, e.g. a cinema trip).

For more information scan the barcode

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.



External Information that might be useful for our families

SHORTEATH RBL

FREE ENTRY

Art's & Craft Fair
Table Top Sale
Car Boot

12PM-4PM

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

FRESHLY MADE DONUTS,
CHICKEN TIKKA
TEA & COFFEE
WILL BE AVAILABLE.
BOUNCY CASTLE
BAR OPEN

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A TABLE
GIVE KEITH A CALL ON 07923057700
ONLY £5 PER SPACE.

IF IT'S RAINING IT WILL BE HELD INDOORS, THE
BAR WILL BE OPEN.

SHORTEATH RBL

FREE ENTRY

FAMILY NIGHT
PARTY

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RAFFLES

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 7.30PM

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12:00 PM - 6PM
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SHORTEATH RBL CHURCH ROAD

**Information that we have received in school from
Walsall Council about a local road closure**

Dear Resident,

Bridge Maintenance Works – Brick Kiln Bridge

As part of Walsall Council's ongoing commitment to highway safety and infrastructure improvement, essential maintenance works are scheduled for Brick Kiln Bridge located on Willenhall Lane, Dudley Fields. This work is necessary to ensure the continued safety and integrity of the structure.

The works are programmed to begin on 20 July 2025 and are expected to take approximately 9 weeks. Due to the nature of the works, a full bridge closure to all vehicular traffic for the first 6 weeks will be required and a signed diversion route (via Leamore Lane and Fryers Road) will be in place. This will be followed by temporary signals (24 hours per day) for approximately 3 weeks, which will allow one lane of traffic across the bridge in turn whilst the remainder of the structural repairs are completed.

Access for pedestrian will be maintained where possible, although some short-term restrictions may apply during certain phases of the works. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and understanding while we undertake this important, safety critical work.

If you have any queries or anticipate problems caused by the construction works, please contact the contractor undertaking the repairs on 01543 375017. If you have any other queries relating to this scheme, you can contact the council by either e-mailing me directly via the email address provided above, or by calling the council's contact centre on 01922 653344.

We will endeavour to complete the work as quickly as possible.

COME AND JOIN THE TRAIL!

16 July - 14 September 2025

For 8 weeks from July, you can find all the bulls around Birmingham city centre and local surrounding neighbourhoods. The trail will be made up of 40 bulls and 88 calves, each with a unique design to admire.

bullsinthecity.co.uk



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Short Heath R.B.L Saturday 12th July



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