

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 31st January 25

We are thinking about attendance this week:

**How many days has your child missed
from school this academic year?**

**If your child has missed 9 school days or more this
academic year then they are classed as a Persistent Absentee.**

If your child is a Persistent Absentee then evidence shows that their learning will be affected and they will be less likely to achieve the benchmarks which will affect their future success. The Primary years are the foundations for High School learning and for success in their GCSEs, this may seem like a long way off but we want to ensure your child is secondary ready which can only happen if your child attends school regularly.

Every lesson really does count at Woodlands: Lessons are carefully planned and delivered in a sequence and if a lesson is missed then that affects your child's understanding of the next few lessons in the sequence. From Reception, phonics is the first lesson taught daily which teaches your child the skills and knowledge of reading, a new sound is taught every day.

Therefore, high levels of attendance matter in every year group. Attending school every day is really important to the future success of your child.

Attendance affects attainment but it also affects friendships and happiness. If children are regularly absent their friends are more likely to become friends with children who they can rely on to be there every day. Limited friendships can really affect a child's emotional wellbeing.

There are times when absence is unavoidable and a child is too unwell to attend which cannot be helped. Equally, for some families, the challenges around attendance are very real and there are significant barriers preventing children from coming into school. If you are struggling and need support, please contact our pastoral team and we will work with you to put a plan in place.

We miss your children when they are not in school. Our teachers work hard for your children to enable them to make good progress and achieve the best they can, we can only do that if they are in school with us. It worries us when our clever children are working below where they should be simply because they have spent too much time away from school without good reason.

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance, attending every day can start Monday!

Happy Chinese New Year! Mrs Newton

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK!

RJ 97.3%, 3G 98.7% achieved the highest attendance.

Very well done to these children and their families.

These children deserve an extra playtime.

Please remember the first lesson begins at 9:00 which is a core lesson, including RWI. If your child is late they will miss the teacher input - the direct teaching and modelling.





Travelling around the world with 1S

1S led a fabulous assembly on Thursday as they took us around the world... Sharing their learning about continents and the seas and oceans of the world. The facts they shared were numerous and fascinating. The children had prepared well and delivered their assembly with confidence and enthusiasm. I learnt lots!

Be proud 1S!



Valentine's Glow Disco

You will have seen the posters for the 'Glow Disco' on Thursday 13th February. This disco is the idea of our Rotakids to raise money for specific resources in school. The plan is that all children will have an opportunity to join in the fun.

Nursery and Reception will join the disco fun from 2:30 – 3:30 They do not need to pay because it is during the school day and they will not be having the sweets or drinks. Although they could have a little face paint. They also do not need a change of clothes - their white shirt will glow! (We shall also have a little disco for our morning Nursery during their morning session)

Y1 and Y2 will need to bring their outfits into school that morning and will get changed at the end of the school day and then straight into the disco. Parents need to pay for them through Scopay.

Y3 – Y6 will get changed at home and come back to school for 4:45 until the end of the disco at 5:45. Parents need to pay for them through Scopay.

Children will receive a glow stick, a bag of sweets and a drink whilst at the disco which is included in the price, so children do not need to bring any money.

They will also have the opportunity to have their face painted at the disco. If you do not want your child to have their face painted, then please let your class teacher know.

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VALENTINES GLOW DISCO YEAR 1 & 2

Thursday 13th February
3:30pm – 4:30pm

£4.00 per Child

WEAR FLUORESCENT OR WHITE CLOTHES!!!!!!

Pupils must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm.

REFRESHMENTS
A drink and pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance along with glow sticks and face paint. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Valentines disco, please pay the admission charge of £4.00 through your Scopay account by **Monday 3rd February 2025**.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD'S DISCO CLOTHES INTO SCHOOL WITH THEM ON THE DAY OF THE DISCO. An entrance ticket will be sent to your child's class once payment has been received on Scopay.

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VALENTINES GLOW DISCO YEARS 3-6

Thursday 13th February
4:45pm – 5:45pm

£4.00 per Child

WEAR FLUORESCENT OR WHITE CLOTHES!!!!!!

Pupils must be collected by an adult at 5:45pm.

REFRESHMENTS
A drink and pick 'n' mix will be provided to each child on entrance along with glow sticks and face paint. No other refreshments will be available to purchase.

Parent Note: If your child wishes to attend the Valentines disco, please pay the admission charge of £4.00 through your Scopay account by **Monday 3rd February 2025**.

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Out of school achievers!

Our footballers are continuing to do well: Tobias, Veer, Riley, Jacob, Jude and Georgie.

Harley is also excelling,
but in the sport of rugby.

Busy and successful children!



What's happening in the news this week?



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

3rd - 9th February 2025



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

How do you become the best at sport?

**Our linking
Woodland value is
'perseverance'**



A reminder about earrings, jewellery and nail polish / false nails in school

According to Woodland's policy children cannot wear earrings for PE lessons. Could parents please ensure they take the earrings out on PE days for younger children and older children can remove and replace by themselves for physical activity. We have also noticed a few hoops creeping in too - only small studs are allowed in school. Please be aware that adults in school cannot take responsibility for earrings or other valuables at any point.

We accept that piercings take time to heal and this can be up to 6 weeks. We would therefore always advise that if a child is considering piercing their ears, this is undertaken at the beginning of the summer holidays so as to maximise healing time.

Other jewellery, painted nails or false nails are also not allowed in school and we ask that these items are only worn on the weekends or in the holidays. Children can wear a watch but not a smart watch that takes photographs, film or messages.

Thank you to our parents for supporting our uniform policy that ensures we dress for learning at Woodlands!

Who are the SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
NAM	Ella	Working hard on your 1-1 touch counting and beginning to recognise numbers 1-3
NPM	Mirha	Working hard on your counting by rote and beginning to recognise your numbers 1-3
RG	Gurfateh S	For trying hard in class conversations, beginning to raise his hand and answer our class questions more.
RJ	Mehtab S	Mehtab knocked our socks off in Science remembering that the famous palaeontologist we have been learning about was called Mary! Well done!
1W	Penny-Mae R	For fantastic improvement in English. Penny-Mae is beginning to independently create and sequence her own sentences using all the ingredients for super sentences. Well done Penny-Mae!
1S	Thomas SW	For working extremely hard to always write with neat handwriting. Thomas is remembering to use tall letters and forming letters the correct direction. Well done Thomas!
2CP	Sophia P	For working extra hard in all tasks to ensure that her handwriting and presentation are the best that they can be. Well done Sophia
2D	Amelia W	For persevering with her learning. Amelia has showed a wonderful attitude this week towards all aspects of her learning. Ensuring all tasks were completed to the best of her ability. Taking time to check and amend her work, where necessary. Well done Amelia.
3A	Aryaan J	For a wonderful character description of Zeus. Aryaan used his previous learning from our grammar lessons in his writing. He also puts 100% effort into everything he does.
3G	Brodie L	Excellent application of arithmetic skills during the Weekly Workout part of our maths lessons. Brodie has independently used appropriate strategies.
4R	Ellie-Mai G	For a super description of the space-bat–angel-dragon. Great use of expanded noun phrases and similes. Well done.
4N	Isaac D	A wonderful and descriptive character description of the Space Bat Angel Dragon.
5HO	Pippa B	For confidently converting fractions so that they have the same denominator in order to correctly add or subtract them. Well done Pippa!
5HA	Lacie-Mae J	For her increased confidence within her Maths. She has perservered to develop her understanding on how to convert fractions to both add and subtract.
6P	Charlie M	His exceptional ability and dedication to Maths. With a natural talent for problem-solving and a passion for numbers, Charlie has demonstrated outstanding skill, especially in our most recent arithmetic revision.
6E	Emily D	For her hard work and effort in all aspects of her learning. Emily takes detailed notes in every lesson and combines this with research that she has carried out at home to secure objectives. Emily truly embodies the meaning of the phrase seize every moment. I am so proud of you.

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 4th February	2:45, 5Ho Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 4th February	2:15, Y6 Parents meeting for planning end of year celebrations
Monday 10th February	Online Safety Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 11th February	Online Safety Day
Thursday 13th February	Valentine's Disco
Friday 14th February	Founders Day (Thinking Day) for the scouting and guiding movement is on the 22nd February which is during half term. Therefore we shall celebrate this day earlier - Children are invited to wear their Rainbow, Beaver, Cub or Brownie uniform on the last day of the half term.
Friday 14th February	School breaks up at the end of the day for half term break
Monday 24th February	Back to school for everyone
Wednesday 26th February	Visit to QMHS for invited children
Tuesday 4th March	2:45, RG Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 5th March	Learning to cycle for some children in Y1 and Y2
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (children can dress as a book character or in their pyjamas)
Tuesday 11th March	2:45, 1W Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 12th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
Thursday 13th March	TOGO NOGO Y3 Road Safety
Tuesday 18th March	Y2 Visit to Dudley Zoo
Tuesday 18th March	2:45, 4N Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 19th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2CP and Y5
Thursday 20th March	NSPCC Workshops Y2D and Y6
Thursday 20th March	Y4 Parent meeting for Laches Wood, 2:45
Monday 24th to Thursday 27th	Book Fair after school
Tuesday 25th March	2:45, RJ Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 25th March	Parent Consultation Y4N
Wednesday 26th March	Parent Consultation everyone
Thursday 27th March	Parent consultation everyone (except 4N)
Tuesday 1st April	2:45, 3G Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 8th April	Y3 visit Walsall Art Gallery
Friday 11th April	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter break
Monday 28th April	Back to school for everyone