



Friday 27th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming all of our families and staff back to school this week and getting started with the new term.

Spring is almost here! The nights are getting lighter and we also had a bit of sunshine this week, which was lovely! We'll soon be seeing all the Spring flowers blooming which is one of my favourite times of the year.

Although, this is a shorter half term as Easter is earlier this year, this doesn't stop us from packing a lot in!



Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Woodlands. You know we like to be creative so keep your eyes peeled for how we're sharing our love of books and reading this year! On this day, children can also come dressed up as their favourite book character or in their favourite PJs.

As we approach Easter, we are in for a treat as years 3, 4 and 5 are going to be impressing their friends and family with their 'Musical Extravaganza'. More information on this will follow shortly.

As part of our Easter celebrations we will also be holding our annual 'Crazy Eggs Competition', which is always impossible to judge as we have such imaginative and creative entries. If it is dry, we will also host our Easter Bonnet parade.

Let's hope the rain stays away and you have a wonderful (and dry) weekend.

Happy weekend Woodlands!

Miss Edmunds

WINNING CLASSES WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE!

Well done to our children who arrive on time, before 8:50, and so are ready for the important first lesson of the day.

Best classes during the last week who earn extra play time are:



2D - 99.3%

5H - 98.4%

Absolutely Fantastic!



Out of School Awards

A huge WELL DONE to:



Congratulations

Elsie C took part in a dance competition performing a lyrical solo and placing 3rd out of 7 children. She also performed her ballet solo for the first time and felt like a real ballerina in her specially made pancake tutu.

Bani S was awarded her orange belt in kickboxing and now has her sights set on working towards her green belt next.

Noah G has been awarded a trophy in football for being the penalty shootout winner and also received a medal for taking part in a tournament.



Congratulations

Nixon was good at scoring goals and everyone was proud of him.

Theo was a great defender and then moved to be a striker.

Thea has now attended Stagecoach for 5 years and is getting ready to play Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland.

Jude has wonderful skills in football.

Riley was a great defender and then moved to be a striker and scored 3 goals.



WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026



Next week is World Book Day which is loved by both our staff and children. On this day each year we don't follow our normal timetables in school and we immerse ourselves in books and reading. World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March and on this day, children do not have to come in their uniform. Instead they can choose whether to come dressed as their favourite book character or in their comfy PJs. You know we like to celebrate this day in style so watch this space for what we have in store this year.

Talking of books, our Book Fair will be coming to Woodlands week beginning the 23rd March after school (Monday to Thursday)



Before the half term, our Phunky Food Ambassadors, aided by some year two helpers, delivered an important message about teeth to the key stage assemblies.

They taught us the names of individual teeth, the job of each and also explained that we have a primary and permanent set in our lifetime, meaning we have to do our best to look after them.

The ambassadors explained that a healthy diet without too much sugar helps to keep our teeth strong and regular brushing (twice a day) keeps them clean and healthy.

Another important part of the message was urging us to visit the dentist every six months to avoid tooth decay and possible fillings!

Well done ambassadors.

Mrs Corbett



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Opie	For showing more enthusiasm towards mark making activities. Well done Opie!
NAM	Nellie	Working hard during our history topic about Dr Tonks and confidently able to recall many facts.
NPM	Elsie	Finding different, rhyming words in our stories and adding another rhyming word to the rhyming pair.
RG	Mia K	Mia for growing in confidence in her maths learning. Mia was able to double her butterflies and using her fingers to help her.
RJ	Archie S	For explaining to his class mates what a 'double' is. He said "It is the same numbers added together." Well done Archie!
1W	Finley C	Super artwork. Finley worked incredibly hard to recreate a mountain landscape and used warm and cool colours to paint it. Well done!
1E	Arlo	Arlo showed determination to add detail to his painting, using warm and cool colours to paint his chosen landscape. What an artist!
2CP	Harper H	For using apostrophes for contraction in the re-tell of Vlad and the Great Fire of London.
2D	Oliver B	For working brilliantly as a pair throughout lessons, helping his partner and tackling tricky maths problems as a team.
3A	Jackson H-J	For Jackson's super work in maths. He has worked extremely hard when measuring in centimetres and millimetres, showing great accuracy and care in his calculations. He has also shown a fantastic understanding when finding equivalent lengths in metres and centimetres. Well done, Jackson!
3E	Sophia P	For her super retell of 'The Tiger Child'. Sophia is working hard to ensure she has all the ingredients in her writing for her to be a 'Star Writer'. Well done Sophia!
4R	Molly	For super detail in her observational painting of Monet's waterlilies. Great use of colour and texture. Well done Molly
4N	Hazel	For pushing herself out of her comfort zone to perform a poem in front of the class.
5D	Kaiya E	For excellent improvement in sentence structure, and for confidently including speech and questions in your writing. Keep up the fantastic effort. Well done Kaiya!
5H	Sienna B	For an amazing retell of The Emperor's New Clothes. You used dialogue, embedded relative clauses and you built suspense. Also, your presentation was of the highest standard.
6P	Lois	Lois is our Star of the Week for her fantastic commitment to preparing for her upcoming SATs. She has been taking her revision seriously, showing real focus and determination to do her very best. In every lesson, Lois contributes thoughtfully and asks questions to make sure she fully understands the learning. Her positive attitude and dedication to improving are a wonderful example to everyone. Keep up the excellent work, Lois!
6H	Jacob MJ	For his dedication to his learning. Jacob is not only thinking about the areas that he needs to improve but he is also supporting peers within the class with their learning also. Well done Jacob!

British Values at Woodlands Academy of Learning!

We actively promote British values in school to ensure our young people leave school prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong', all people living in England are subject to it's law. We teach British Values through Picture News:



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

Why do people explore space?



The Woodlands Value that we will be focusing on this week is:

Adventurous



Democracy

By following international space laws, countries agree to share their discoveries and work together peacefully for the benefit of everyone on Earth.

Can your child tell you about the British Values?
We use this handy reminder in school!

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 3rd March RG Class assembly (2:45pm start)

Thursday 5th March World Book Day—Children can dress in pyjamas or a book character outfit



Tuesday 10th March 2D Class Assembly change of date (2:45pm start)

Tuesday 10th March to Thursday 12th March Mother's Day Raffle
for Y6 leavers celebration (outside school)

Friday 13th March Mother's Day Bring and Buy sale

Wednesday 18th March Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo

Wednesday 18th March to Friday 20th March Cake Sale
for Y6 leavers celebration (outside school)

Thursday 19th March Y4 Laches Wood Parent Meeting at 2:45pm

Friday 20th March Y3, Y4 and Y5 Musical Extravaganza (9:15am and repeated at 2:30pm)

Monday 23rd March Treehouse Saplings Trip to the Farm

Monday 23rd March Year 3 & 4 Netball competition (after school)

Monday 23rd March to Thursday 27th March Book Fair in the hall after school

Tuesday 24th March RJ Class assembly (2:45pm start)

Wednesday 25th March Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 26th March Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 26th March Easter Bonnet Parade on field (if dry) 2:30 & Crazy Eggs Competition
Children are invited to enter an Easter competition for 50p and bring into school today:

Nursery to Y2: Create an imaginative Easter Bonnet

Y3 to Y6: Use hard boiled eggs to create something amazing!

2:30 Easter Bonnet Parade if the field is dry!

Friday 27th March School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 13th April School open to children at 8:40 as normal

Tuesday 21st April 4R Class assembly (2:45pm start)

Wednesday 22nd April Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery

Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood

Thursday 21st May Y6 geographical visit to the Beach

Tuesday 9th June 3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)



Mother's Day Bring & Buy



Friday 13th March

Children can buy a gift for their Mom, Nan or anyone else they
would like to get a present for only
£1

(Children will need to bring in a gift and a £1 to
participate)

Donations Needed!

We are asking for donations that would be suitable for a child to buy as a
Mother's day present. Gift sets, chocolates, etc... (No alcohol please!!)

I love you
mom

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

KEY STAGE 1

Nursery – Yr 2



DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION

KEY STAGE 2 Yr 3-6

Entries to be in on **THURSDAY 26TH March** and
will be judged on the same day.



50p to enter

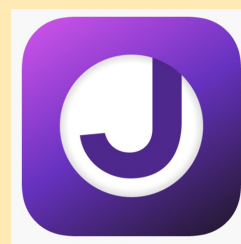
A prize for the winner in each class.

Juniper has arrived at Woodlands!

After a few technical hitches, staff are beginning to send messages, awards and share positive news with parents/carers through Juniper.

You can send us an emoji to let us know you have received them.

Be sure to sign up if you haven't already!



Parent App 1/2

Quick Reference Guide

Get started

1. Open your **email** invite
2. **Create** an account
3. Download the **Juniper Education** app from the **App Store** or **Google Play**
4. Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) and **login**
5. You're all set – stay informed and enjoy! 🥳

Homepage

- Hi there Hello
- Messages sent to you by school
- View your children in **one** account
- Swipe through **Latest Updates**
- Tap **See all** to view all updates in that area
- Press and hold to **reorder** widgets
- Tap **Hub** to explore other areas in the app
- Allow **push notifications** to stay informed with school

Observations

- Change **order** newest to oldest
- Press and hold to **react**
- React with an **emoji** or post a **comment**
- View **full photo**
- Swipe **up** to flick through each observation
- Why is it important to interact with the updates?**
By adding a short comment, you're showing your child (and their teacher) that **you care** and **you're excited** to see what they've been up to at school.

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Awards

- How many **points** they have achieved
- Press to view their **badges** and see what's left to receive
- Tap through to see the **badges** they have been awarded
- View **Badge Overview**
- View **Activity**
- View **Top Marks**
- View **Resilience**
- View **Brilliance Badge**

Attendance

- Your child's overall attendance in the current school year
- An attendance summary and their **absence** and **late** records
- Swipe to view attendance for **each child**
- Summary and breakdowns with charts below
- Confetti celebration**
If your child is at **100% attendance**, at the end of each term you'll have a celebration with onscreen confetti! 🎉

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Having technical issues? Please email ict@woodlands.walsall.sch.uk for support.

HAF Easter 2026

What's on offer this Easter?

This Easter we have lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live for you to get booked on **23/02/26**.

Free activities:

Football, Mobile Youth Bus, Gaming & Coding, Snooker, Performing Arts, Music & DJ and much more!

**FREE
Healthy
Meal**

Sign up now!

To sign up
scan here



For more info email
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- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pantomimes
- Football
- Sports
- Swimming
- & much more!

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Things to do

Free family fun is available at Family Hubs.

Insert call to action

Walsall Council

Walsall Family Hubs
Supporting families to live happier lives

Funded by UK Government

Message from Family Hubs

Best Start in Life Family Hubs offer a welcoming space where all families can access advice and support from a range of services for all families in Walsall.

The Hubs support families from pregnancy to child-care right through to starting school, get advice and support for your child's development. We offer lots of FREE activities such as; stay & plays, antenatal, feeding, birth registration, baby massage, baby sensory, developmental checks, volunteering midwife appointments, baby clinics, dads groups, parenting and so much more.....

More information about the Hubs, and what they offer, can be found on the Family Hubs website: <https://www.walsallfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

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