

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to be writing the newsletter, the first in quite a while, and to catch up on all the amazing things that Woodlands have been up to. Everyone has got so much news to share that I think it is going to take quite a while to catch up... It is so lovely to be back!

This week has been extremely busy but with lots of fun, interesting and important learning.

Safer Internet Day 2026 took place on Tuesday in approximately 170 countries around the world, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

'Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.'

Consequently, we have been undertaking lessons that are age appropriate based around AI, led by Miss Harvey. Our Early Years children have been learning about what a voice assistant is whereas our older children have been considering the different uses of AI and reflecting on whether they are safe or not; Years 5 and 6 undertook workshops led by Walsall's Online Safety Advisor, Mrs Nicola Rudge as they reflected on AI. The ongoing theme through all learning is that if children feel unsafe or worried when online then always tell a trusted adult. There is advice for parents and carers at [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) on how you can help keep your child safe when they are online.

Not only has it been Safer Internet Day but it has also been Mental Health Week too, which involved everyone participating in a special whole school 'Harmony Assembly' on Thursday afternoon. Also this week, Mrs L Newton organised a netball match with Pool Hayes Primary on Monday evening; our team did brilliantly - Woodlands won two games and drew in two games. Go Woodlands! 1E led a fabulous assembly on Tuesday about the changes in toys over time and the Valentine Glow Discos were a lot of fun with some very energetic dancing (and that was just the staff). There is more information about these events later in the newsletter.

Today, our children proudly wore their Rainbow, Beaver, Cub or Brownie uniforms (not forgetting The Sea Cadets) to celebrate Founder's Day. We are celebrating a little early because the official date for Founder's Day is 22nd February, during the half term. The Scouting and Guiding organisations are a great community to be part of.

After the all the busyness of Spring 1 it is time to rest a while and re-energise for Spring 2. We are all looking forward to World Book Day, parent consultations, the book fair, a musical performance by Y3, 4 and 5, all the fun (and chocolate) of Easter and much more.

I hope all our families have a relaxing half term and I really hope it remains dry enough for us all to get outside for a while. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Newton



Historians in Y1E

1E really enjoyed sharing their history learning all about toys on Tuesday in their class assembly. They taught us how toys had changed over time and how the materials they were made from has changed too. The children sang two fantastic songs and shared photographs of them having great fun with Victorian toys on their visit to Blists Hill,

a Victorian Town in Ironbridge.

(If you haven't been, it is great day out for everyone!)

It was a super assembly, delivered very professionally, well done 1E!



A special event to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week

Not only has it been 'Safer Internet Day' this week but it has also been Children's Mental Health Week too. This week is led by UK charity Place2Be, with the theme "This is My Place," focusing on the importance of belonging for children's well-being, to help children feel safe, valued, and connected to their homes, schools, and friendships.

To celebrate this important theme, Walsall Council Public Health and the Music Education Service joined forces to deliver a special event on Thursday which Woodlands was part of.

On Thursday afternoon, children across 300 schools in the Black Country took part in a special online mass singing event with activities and information about the 8 Steps to Wellbeing. Woodlands have been working hard to learn the four songs that all the children sang together.

It was a really special assembly and the children brought home a Harmony pencil and personal wellbeing activity book too.

Thank you to Mrs Day and Mrs Macpherson for enabling Woodlands to participate.

*An instant 'pick me up' at home is asking Alexa to play 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.
A kitchen disco is a lot of fun!*





*The Glow Up
Disco
was great fun!*



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:

2CP and 2D - 98% 5D - 100% Absolutely Fantastic!



Year 5/6 Netball- 09.02.26



Results			
Woodlands	7	1	Pool Hayes
Woodlands	0	0	Pool Hayes
Woodlands	3	0	Pool Hayes
Woodlands	0	0	Pool Hayes



Protecting our children and staff by asking for no nuts in school!

Around two children in every classroom now have a food allergy and this is no exception at Woodlands. Many allergies are mild but we do have some children, and staff, who are likely to have a very serious reaction if they come into contact with nuts.

We follow best practice at Woodlands to ensure we keep everyone in school safe, and therefore we ask our parents and carers to ensure, to the best of their knowledge, that there are no nuts or nut products brought into school.

We recognise it is incredibly difficult to identify nuts in every product and therefore we cannot guarantee a nut free zone in school, but by us all doing our best to actively avoid bringing nuts into school this will minimise the risk to our children and staff.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

No nuts please!



Thank you for helping
us keep people with
allergies safe.



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As part of our curriculum in The Treehouse, we complete lots of learning through our 'Attention Autism Sessions'. If anyone has any toys (must fit inside a shoe box sized container) that match the list below and you would like to donate to us we would be extremely grateful!

Thank you,

Miss Smith 😊

Any small toys that...

- Flash
- Spin
- Make a noise
- Jump
- Move
- Stretchy
- Stacking
- Wind up toys
- Stress ball type toys
- Pop up toys



Out of School Awards

A huge WELL DONE to:



Henry S received his certificate for being student of the month at Geokicks.

Thomas D has been awarded a trophy for putting himself forward for a sparring team and really enjoys practising his kicks.

Lily-Belle Stacey is a new member of a gymnastics club and is getting better at doing cartwheels.

Nixon has been taking chances to put himself into a good position during football matches.

Riley demonstrates fabulous tackling in football.

Haiden was Player of the Match in a football game.

Sienna has shown improvement in skills in Geokick to earn a green stripe certificate.

Jayden was Player of the Match in a football game.



Leela has been doing incredibly well in her kickboxing. At the weekend she achieved a trophy when competing against an opponent who was 5 years older - WOW!

Well done Leela!

Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Francesca	For following two step instructions to achieve a goal. Well done Francesca!
NAM	Jackson	Having a positive approach to all new challenges and activities and giving 100% to complete the task you have undertaken.
NPM	Opie	Joining in with your peers on the carpet during register.
RG	Effy	For contributing to class discussions more.
RJ	Savannah	For fabulous contributions to our class discussion about how to stay safe online and what to do if a pop up appears while on her device.
1W	All of 1W	For a fantastic class assembly. Everyone worked really hard to learn their lines and they blew everyone's socks off. Well done!
1E	Mason	For working independently in Maths when grouping quantities into tens and ones. Well done Mason!
2CP	Alex	For excellent recall of knowledge, facts and information using specific scientific vocabulary.
2D	Jamie	For brilliant work in English. For trying his best to improve his handwriting and taking care of his work. Fantastic work! Well done!
3A	Tobias	For a wonderful retell of 'The Midnight Panther.' Tobias accurately used inverted commas for direct speech, adverbs of manner and a range of 'star words' within his super sentences. Well done!
3E	Ollie	For a super retell of 'The midnight Panther'. Ollie is working hard to ensure he includes all of the ingredients to be a 'Clever Writer'. Well done Ollie.
4R	Amelia-Lily	For fabulous observational painting. Amelia thought carefully about the colours and texture.
4N	Carrick	Writing sentences at home to help him with his Star Write on Friday. This is building your confidence.
5D	Shianne	For trying hard with two and three digit multiplication, persevering through challenges even when it was tricky, and building confidence.
5H	Leo W	For showing determination and perseverance whilst learning how to multiply 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers.
6P	Nancy Y	Nancy always contributes thoughtfully in lessons and clearly shows her understanding of the learning. She explains her ideas with confidence and listens carefully to others. This positive attitude and hard work will put her in great stead as we begin revising for SATs. Well done, Nancy – keep it up! ☆
6H	Harrison L	This outstanding effort and positive attitude towards learning. He consistently gives 100%, contributes ideas, and has shown a fantastic improvement in his approach to his work. Well done!

Dates on the horizon

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

School is closed for Half Term

Monday 23rd February	School opens to children as normal
Tuesday 24th February	Y6 Prom Committee meeting at 2:15
Tuesday 26th February	NHS Reception height and weight by the nurses
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
Friday 6th March	Choir visiting Swann House during the school day
Tuesday 10th March	2D Class Assembly change of date (2:45pm start)
Friday 13th March	Mother's Day Bring and Buy Sale
Wednesday 18th March	Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo
Friday 20th March	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Easter Extravaganza 9:15am and 2:30pm
Monday 23rd March	Treehouse Saplings Trip to the Farm
Monday 23rd March	Year 3 & 4 Netball competition (after school)
Monday 23rd March	Book Fair after school:
Tuesday 24th March	RJ Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultation 4:00 - 6:00
Thursday 26th March	Easter Bonnet Parade on field (if dry) 2:30 & Crazy Eggs Competition
Friday 27th March	School closes at the end of the day for Easter Break

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April EASTER HOLIDAY

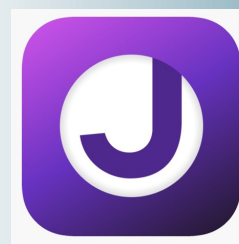
Monday 13th April	School open to children at 8:40 as normal
Tuesday 21st April	4R Class assembly (2:45pm start))
Wednesday 22nd April	Y3 visit to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May	Y4 residential visit to Laches Wood
Monday 4th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs all week
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Thursday 21st May	School closes at the end of the day for May half term
Friday 22nd May	School closed to children
Thursday 21st May	Y6 Geographical visit to the Beach

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th April MAY HALF TERM



Juniper has arrived at Woodlands!

After a few technical hitches, staff are beginning to send messages, awards and share positive news with parents and 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 an emoji or leaving 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

Tap through to see the **badges** they have been awarded

How many **points** they have achieved

Press to view their **badges** and see what's left to receive

Attendance

Confetti celebration
If your child is at **100% attendance**, at the end of each term you'll have a celebration with onscreen confetti! 🎉

Swipe to view attendance for **each child**

Your child's overall attendance in the current school year

An attendance summary and their **absence** and **late** records

Summary and breakdowns with charts below

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

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

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Use of E-Scooters in the Community

Legal Position on E-Scooters

West Midlands Police guidance confirms that **privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, parks, cycle lanes, and any other public spaces**. They are legally classified as *motor vehicles* under the Road Traffic Act 1988, meaning they require a driving licence and insurance—neither of which is available for privately owned e-scooters. As a result, **children riding private e-scooters in public are doing so unlawfully**, and the vehicles can be seized under Section 165 of the Act.

The only lawful use of e-scooters in public places is through **approved rental trial schemes**, which require riders to be at least 18 and hold a valid driving licence—making them **inappropriate and inaccessible for school-aged children**.

Safety Concerns

Police and safety services report a growing number of collisions involving e-scooters, with some resulting in serious injury. West Midlands Police highlight that if a rider causes harm to others, Incidents are investigated in the same way as collisions involving cars or motorcycles.

In addition, West Midlands Fire Service and national road safety bodies emphasise the following risks:

- Lack of protective equipment (many children ride without helmets or pads)
- Use on unsuitable surfaces and in busy pedestrian areas
- Rising reports of children riding without insurance and in unsafe conditions, contributing to increased enforcement concerns nationally

West Midlands Police guidance on e-scooters can be found here:

<https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>