

Dear Parents and Carers.

Friday 6th September 24

Welcome to the 2024 – 2025 academic year!

I hope all our families had a lovely summer break and enjoyed special time together. Miss Birch in Y3 had a very special summer as she got married and is now Mrs Golightly – congratulations to Mr and Mrs Golightly!

It has been a super start to the year with two very busy and productive training days that ensured we were all ready to welcome your very enthusiastic children into school on Wednesday. Your children have returned with big smiles and full of stories of their summer adventures.

Our children also look really smart in their school uniforms and have been proudly showing me their new school shoes. Thank you to all our parents who I know would have been busy in the summer making sure their child has the correct uniform and school shoes.

Thanks to our transition in the summer nearly all children have settled wonderfully back into the routine of school and we are ready for the new learning journeys to begin.

There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you with any questions or advice. You can see on the next page who the teachers and leads for different areas in school are. The best person to talk to about your child, is the child's class teacher or a member of the year group team. On most days, teachers dismiss their classes but please wait until they have dismissed all children if you would like a quick word. If you have already spoken to the class teacher but need a little more help, then please ask for an appointment to meet the Phase Leader.

There are also many more fabulous members of the team who all do an incredible job in supporting your children in their learning and time at school by helping Woodlands run smoothly.

The beginning of the school year is always exciting as everyone is looking forward to a new beginning with anticipation, hope and excitement for the year ahead. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year when everyone can make progress academically, personally and have a lot of fun along the way! Mrs Newton



Question of the week:

Why do our plans sometimes change?

What's happening in the news this week?

 **Picture News**
In the Early Years



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

9th – 15th September 2024

End of day messages

Can any end of day messages be rung into school by 2:15 please, then we can ensure we let the teachers know. The office gets very busy after this time which makes it difficult to pass on messages to classes.

A message from Short Heath Clinic opposite Hunts Lane

There was a near miss with a Woodland's child who ran onto their drive at the end of school in the summer term which was upsetting and worrying for everyone involved. Therefore, could all parents please ensure their children are supervised and safe on the way to and from school.

There are lots of staff at Woodlands who are ready to help you

Nursery Miss Roberts Supported by Miss Seale	Y3 3G Mrs Golightly 3A Miss Adams Supported by Mrs Smith
Reception RJ Mrs Jackson supported by Miss Coote (Mondays led by Mrs Stone and Miss Bennett) RG Mrs Gill supported by Mrs Stone (Fridays led by Mrs Stone and Miss Townsend)	Y4 4R Mrs Rich 4N Mrs L Newton Supported by Mrs Wilkes
Y1 1W Miss Whitehouse 1S Miss Smith Supported by Mrs Ward	Y5 5Ha Miss Harvey 5Ho Miss Martin Supported by Mrs Clifft
Y2 2CP Mrs Purcell and Mrs Corbett 2D Mrs Day Supported by Mrs Gilbody (Miss Townsend on Thursdays)	Y6 6E Miss Evans 6P Mrs Pickering Supported by Mrs Steventon (2 days) Mrs Meredith (4 days)
Phase Leaders Early Years: Mrs Jackson Y1 and Y2: Mrs Purcell Y3 and Y4: Mrs L Newton Y5 and Y6: Miss Evans	
Or you might need to talk to The office team: Mrs Alves (Woodies Lead), Mrs Headley, Mrs Fieldhouse, Miss Smith, Mrs Baker Woodies Team: Mrs Uppal, Mrs Froggatt, Miss Froggatt, Miss Bennett, Mrs Townsend, Miss Hancock Special Educational Needs: Mrs Dickson, supported by Miss Smith Pastoral and Safeguarding: Mrs Graham and Mrs Pedley Headteacher: Mrs Newton Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Macpherson	

Dates on the horizon

Tuesday 17th September and Thursday 19th September Pupil individual and sibling photographs 8-8:40AM photographs before school on both days for siblings who do not attend Woodlands	
	Tuesday - Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2
	Thursday - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Wednesday 25th September	Y1 - Y6 focus on Carbon Monoxide - external visitors leading
Week of 30th September	Whole school Harvest theme
Tuesday 1st October	2:45, 6P Class Assembly, parents invited
Tuesday 8th October	2:45, 2D Class Assembly, parents invited
Monday 14th October	Explore and Discovery Week
Monday 14th to Thursday 17th October	3:30 Book Fair Week for all children
Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th October	Parent Consultation evenings
Friday 18th October	First Aid Workshops for Y5 and Y6
Monday 21st October	Y6 to Bryntysilio for the week
Tuesday 22nd October	4:30 Reception Pumpkin Party (Child and parent together)
Tuesday 22nd October	Y3 visiting Think Tank
Friday 25th October	Flu vaccination for all children (Y6 in December)
Friday 25th October	School closes for half term
Monday 4th November	School opens
Tuesday and Wednesday	Reception Road Safety Walk with a parent
Monday 11th November	Anti Bullying week starts and Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	Children In Need
Tuesday 19th November	2:45, 2CP Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 20th November	Y1 visit to the Toy Museum
Tuesday 26th November	2:45, 1S Class Assembly, parents invited
Wednesday 27th November	Evening Walsall Arena Performance by the choir
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 6th December	Y6 Flu vaccination
Tuesday 17th December	Y6 visit to the Theatre
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Performances by Nursery to Y2
Wednesday 18th December	Y4 visit to The Black Country Museum
Thursday 19th December	School closes at the end of the day for children
Friday 20th December	Teacher Training Day
Monday 6th January	School opens for everyone



Autumn Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 2 nd September 2024	Term Starts
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff Training Days – School Closed
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holidays
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Last School Day of Term
Friday 20 th December 2024	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	End of Term Holidays

Spring Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 6 th January 2025	Term Starts
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holidays
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April 2025	End of Term Holidays

Summer Term 2024 / 2025

Monday 28 th April 2025	Term Starts
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term
Friday 18 th July 2025	Last School Day of Term
Monday 21 st July 2025	Staff Training Day – School Closed

Bank Holidays 2024 / 2025

Summer Bank Holiday:

Christmas Day

Boxing Day

New Years Day

Monday 26th August 2024

Wednesday 25th December 2024

Thursday 26th December 2024

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Good Friday:

Easter Monday:

May Bank Holiday:

Spring Bank Holiday:

Friday 18th April 2025

Monday 21st April 2025

Monday 5th May 2025

Monday 26th May 2025

Information from parents or external local groups that have asked Woodlands to share with the school community

CALLING ALL NEW STARTERS!!

FREE TRIAL CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

All you need to do is copy the link and use the discount code when signing your child up to a trial

LINK- WWW.FUNKY-FUSION.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK

CODE- MHM917

APPLIES TO TRIALS BOOKED IN SEPT ONLY



Wednesbury Hockey Club

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

START DATE
11th September 2024

PLAY HOCKEY

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 8pm during the winter season

Training takes place on the Astro Turf Pitch at Willenhall E Act Academy, Furzebank Way, Willenhall, WV12 4BD

£3 Session

The Club has a Junior Section for both Boys and Girls from 6 years of age upwards.

Indoor Hockey for Juniors

9am to 10am on a Saturday starts 14th September 2024

www.pitchero.com/clubs/wednesburyhc

Contact

Mike or **Paul**

07813 871 004 or **07941 854 771**

acorns
children's hospice

GLOW WALK is back and brighter than ever!

Saturday 26 October
Walsall Arboretum

Shine bright and 'glow the distance' in support of your local children's hospice.

acorns.org.uk/glow



Shine bright this October and 'glow the distance' in support of your local children's hospice.

Grab your glow sticks, fairy lights and UV face paint and join the fun with family, friends or colleagues exploring our 2.5km or 4km routes around the Walsall Arboretum.

New for this year

Alongside the usual music, food, and entertainment in our event village, this year's route will also feature a **laser projection show over the Arboretum's lake** and a fun-filled 'Spooky Street' section, to help get you in the mood for Halloween.

Sign up today

Ticket prices include your exclusive Glow Walk t-shirt, fundraising pack, fun glow accessories, and medal (on completion).

Early Bird Admission*	Price
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children)	£25 (standard price £40)
Adults (16 +)	£10 (standard price £15)
Children (3-15)	£5 (standard price £10)
Under 3	£3



By taking part in this incredible challenge and joining #TeamAcorns, you will be raising money for families like Cara's.

"I know the nurses at Acorns can care for Cara properly. I'm included in everything, every decision, every conversation and I'm never judged. I feel heard."

- Vicky, Cara's mum



*Early Bird Admission to end on 30 September

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