



Friday 6th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

I think that we have two things to congratulate ourselves for at the end of this week. The first is that we have made it through January, always such a tricky month but we have had so much to keep us busy at Woodlands throughout it (including snow), that it has zoomed by much faster than I was expecting. The second is the fact that we have survived a week where the heavens have emptied themselves out seemingly everyday, leaving us soggy on more than one occasion and surprisingly, we have still managed to keep those Woodlands' smiles.

We have many events on the horizon over the next few weeks to draw your attention to. Next week we have our Valentine Glow Discos, where we are all looking forward to a good boogie. 1E will be performing their class assembly on Tuesday and on Friday, children from the Scouting organisations and Cadets can wear their uniforms to celebrate Founders' Day.

Then we will be looking ahead into the next half term, where we will be celebrating World Book Day in either pyjamas or a book character costume of their choice. There will also be two trips, three class assemblies and all of our usual Easter Activities including the Easter Extravaganza for Years 3, 4 and 5. It's making me quite exhausted, just thinking about it.

My Weather App is telling me that the ducks are going to be very happy over this weekend. I think I may be curling up with a hot chocolate in front of the TV.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Macpherson

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 - 97.3%

4R - 98.7%

Absolutely Fantastic!



FOUNDERS DAY 2026
SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
WEAR YOUR SCOUTING UNIFORMS
ON FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY



Founders Day commemorates the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Scouting Association. He was an army officer, who wrote the book 'Scouting for Boys'. Many boys joined the association and this was also popular with girls, therefore The Girls Guides were formed. Now this has grown to Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Girl Guides, Scouts and Cadets. The Associations teach children life skills and a sense of community. To celebrate Founders day, children from these associations are invited to wear their Scouting uniforms to school on Friday 13th February.

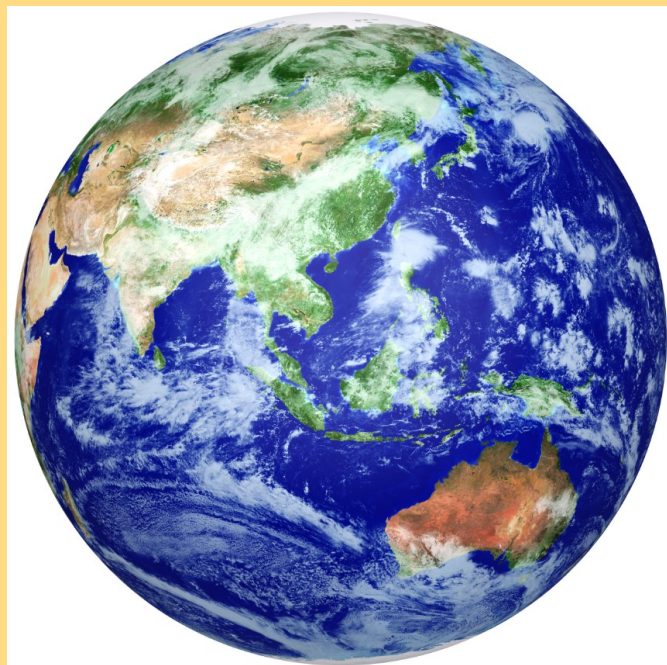
1W on the Stage!



1W showed what incredible Geographers they are when they shared their knowledge of the world in their assembly on Tuesday. They were able to talk about the continents, the compass points, the UK and then treated us all to a song to finish off. The children in Key Stage 1 joined in too, which was wonderful.

What a fantastic show you put on 1W.

Well done, you should feel very proud!!!



Out of School Awards

A huge WELL DONE to:



Our little Dolphins have been working hard in swimming.

Rory achieved Stanley 3 and Millie achieved the Stanley 7 and star award.

Reuben and Tommy have been wowing their supporters on the football field.

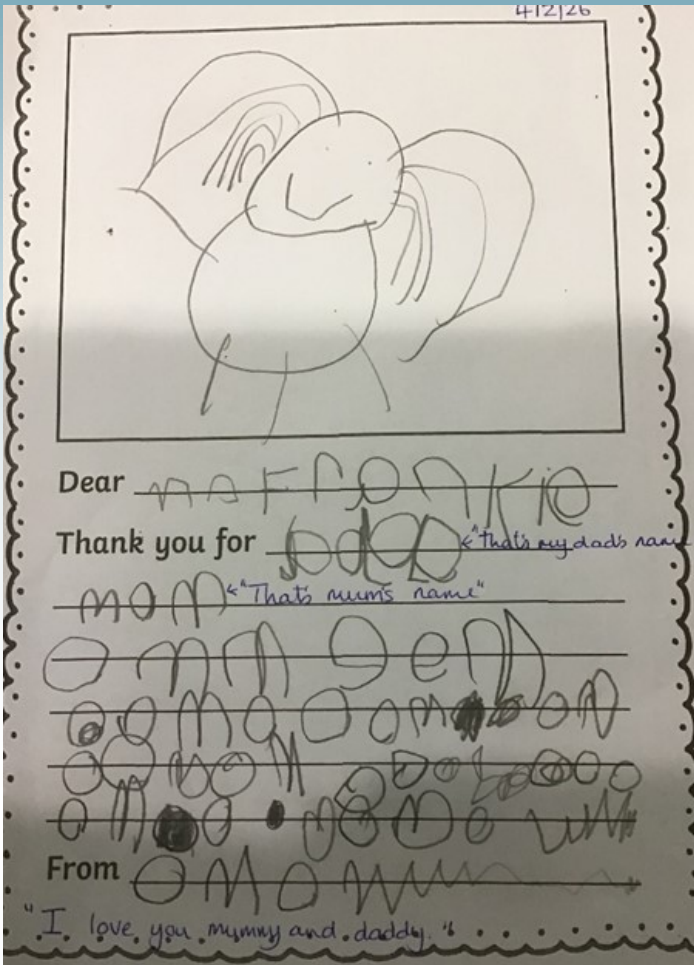
Molly-Ann, Leighton and Carrick have all gained their Beavers Bronze awards. Riley was being kind and helpful at Beavers. Kitty executed a tricky back bend in gymnastics.



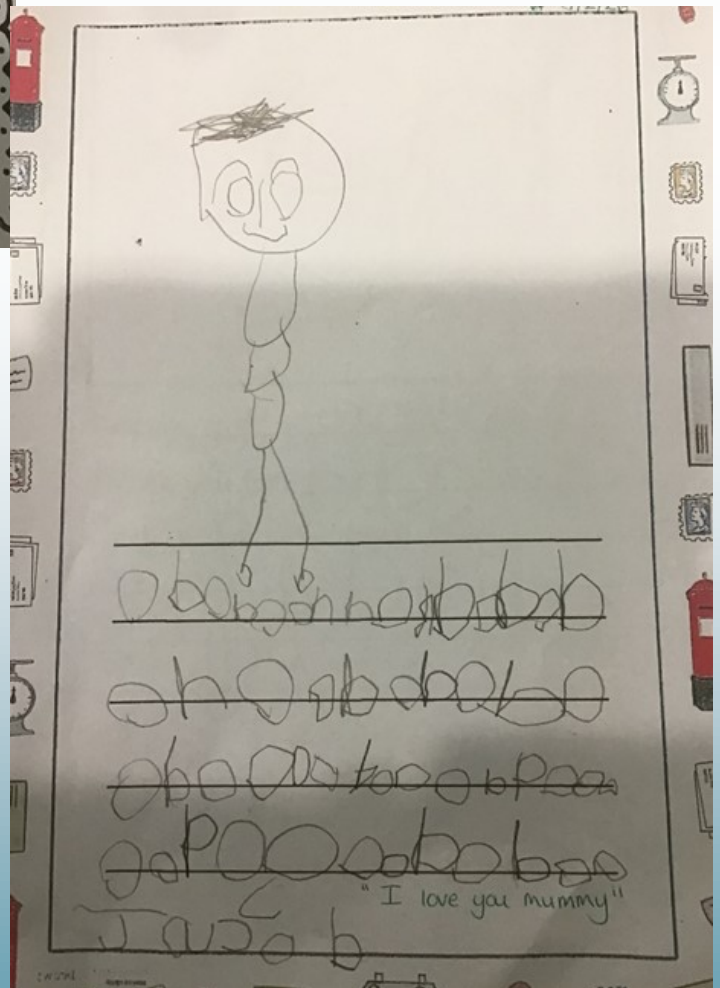
Ted had a very successful week, winning man of the match, gaining his bronze award in Beavers and a new 50m swimming certificate and badge!



Budding Authors in Nursery



Our learning this term is: 'People Who Help Us'. As part of Nursery learning this week, we have been writing letters, so they can be posted and delivered by the postal worker.



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Tommy H	For being incredibly kind to his peers. Tommy is always supporting his peers to try new challenges and always has a smile on his face. Well done Tommy!
NAM	Zhyon	Continued improvement in tracing over the letters in your name, using the red dot as your starting point.
NPM	Envy	Improving your independent skills when getting changed for PE.
RG	Kovan-Jay	For growing in confidence and raising his hands to answer questions in our class discussions.
RJ	Willow	For always putting 100% effort into every aspect of school life. She is always willing to help her friends and the adults and tries hard in everything she does.
1W	All of 1W	For being fantastic model students for Woodlands whilst at Blists Hill. Everyone was engaged in the learning and shared lots of facts they had already learnt about Victorians. Well done, Everyone!
1E	All of 1E	For being fantastic model students for Woodlands whilst at Blists Hill. Everyone showed excellent engagement with our learning and were well behaved throughout the day. Well done Year 1!
2CP	Brooklyn	Showing a good understanding of the events in Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole's lives and making comparisons between the two.
2D	Harper G	Always having a positive attitude to learning, supporting her peers and being a fantastic part of 2D. Well done, keep it up!
3A	Amelia	For being kind, caring, and incredibly helpful. Amelia supports her peers and teachers, always offering a helping hand with a positive attitude. She takes pride in keeping our learning room and school areas tidy by offering to do jobs and picking up items from the floor without being asked. Thank you and well done Amelia!
3E	Ava H	A fantastic retell of the story 'The Invisible'. Ava used all of our 'Star Writer' ingredients such as inverted commas and both adverbs of manner and time. Fantastic!
4R	Ollie-Jay	For trying hard to write a diary entry. Ollie-Jay used different support strategies to write successfully. Well done.
4N	Lottie	For creating a wonderful learning poster about animals and their habitats for Science Home Learning.
5D	Darasimi	For their excellent creativity and imagination when successfully designing and creating a nightlight. Well done Darasimi! 😊
5H	Layla-Rae	For creating an excellent nightlight in DT and helping others with their creations.
6P	Lilly-Mai	For working hard to make a significant improvement in our most recent reading assessment, gaining over 20 more marks since last time, achieving age related expectation. Keep up the good work Lilly.
6H	Navseerat Kaur	For making great progress within her recent assessments. Navseerat has increased her marks in all three subjects since last time. Well done keep up the good work!

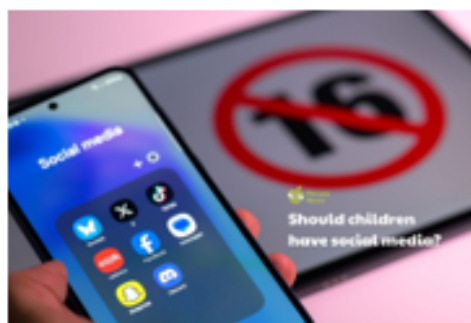
British Values at Woodlands Academy of Learning!

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:

Should Children Have Social Media?



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

Independent



Rule of Law

The government is considering changing the law to protect young people's mental health and safety online. Laws are important because they provide clear rules that keep us safe from harm, ensure everyone is treated fairly, and help us live together.

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

Dates on the horizon

Please note that there have been some changes to our class assemblies for 1E and 2D.



Tuesday 3rd Feb	1W Class assembly (2:45pm start)
Monday 9th February	Y5/6 Netball Tournament TBC
Tuesday 10th February	1E Class assembly—change of date (2:45pm start)
Thursday 12th February	3:30—4:30 Year 1 & 2 Valentines Disco 4:30-5:30 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Disco
Friday 13th February	Founders Day Celebration—Wear Scouting Uniforms
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term at the end of the day

Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February—HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd February	School opens to children as normal
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)
Friday 20th March	Y3, Y4 and Y5 Easter Extravaganza 9:15am and 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th March	Y2 visit to Dudley Zoo
Monday 23rd March	Treehouse Saplings Trip to the Farm
Monday 23rd March	Year 3 & 4 Netball competition (after school)
Tuesday 24th March	RJ Class assembly (2:45pm start)
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
Thursday 21st May	Y6 geographical visit to the Beach



Valentines

Glow Disco

Wear Fluorescent or White Clothes

Thursday 12th February ❖

YEAR 1&2 3:30- 4:30pm

YEAR 3- 6 4:45 – 5:45pm

£4 per child PLEASE PAY ON SCOPAY

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.

Parents Note: If your child wishes to attend the Valentines disco, please pay the admission charge of £4.00 through your Scopay account by **FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026**.

YEAR 1 & 2 ONLY

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILDS 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.

**Children in Nursery, Reception & Treehouse
will be
discoing during the school day—more in-
formation to follow!**

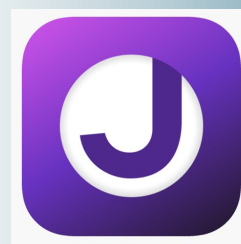


Juniper has arrived at Woodlands!

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

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 JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026



Expecting a baby or caring for a child under 5?

Visit our website to find:

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- ✓ Local information and support
- ✓ Childcare options
- ...and so much more!

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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/>