

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another amazing and busy week here at Woodlands has whizzed by! It's had a rather Victorian theme for some of our children who have been out on trips or entertaining us with their fabulous class assemblies!

Year 1 visited Blists Hill to experience what life would be like for Victorian children and the toys they would have played with and as you'll see from the photos below, they had an incredible day!

4N shared their learning about Victorian Britain through their class assembly and from the reaction of their audience, they really did put on a show! Thank you to all of our families who came along to watch!

In school, there have been flurries of children making their way down to Mrs Macpherson and myself to share their amazing progress in their writing and handwriting and I have been stopped by many others who have asked me to pop in and see them—I have popped some of the examples below but I could have filled the whole newsletter! It is wonderful to see so many children finding a love of writing and being so excited to share—I am sure there will be many, many more!

So, as I pack up and head home for a weekend with my boys, I would just like to thank you all for the support and words of encouragement we hear and I wish you a happy, restful or (in my case) crazy weekend!

Mrs Jackson xx

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, 4R and 5D

All 3 Classes have 100%

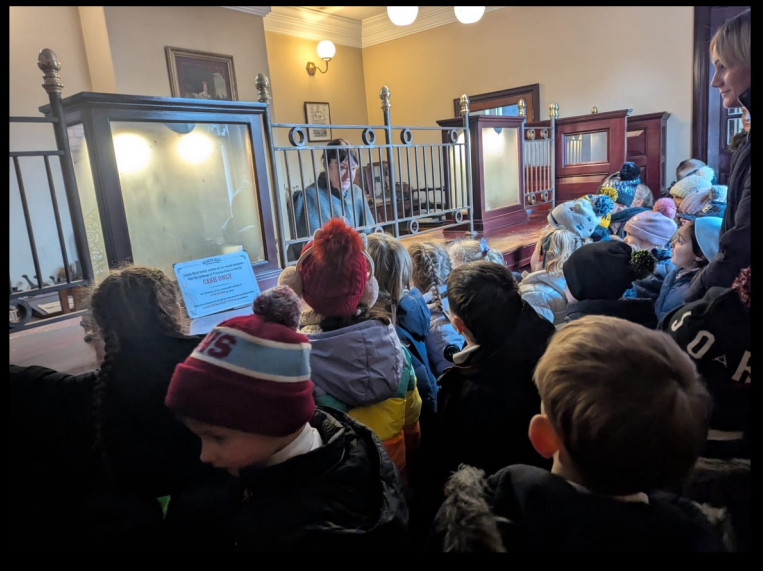
attendance this week!

Absolutely Fantastic!



YEAR 1'S TRIP TO BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN LIVING MUSEUM

Year 1 had an amazing day out at Blists Hill in Ironbridge. This was to support the children's learning in History about 19th-century childhood. Our little Historians learned about what life was like for children in Victorian times and were able to explore the traditional toys and games children would have played with. Lots of fun was had by all!



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4N's Very Victorian Class Assembly!



Year 4 have been learning about the Victorians in History and Mrs Newton's class shared their learning with our families in an informative and entertaining way—we loved the songs!

Well done 4N!



Out of School Awards

A huge WELL DONE to:



Millie achieved her 20 and 25 metre swimming certificates. Millie can swim without a float or noodle on her front and back!

Reuben— was awarded Parents Player of the Match and Trainer Award for the week—wow you'll need a cabinet for those awards soon!



Ettie-Rose was awarded Player of the Match in football.

A future Lionness in the making Ettie?



Who are our SUPERSTARS this week?



Class	Name	Reason
Treehouse	Xander	For an amazing improvement in his writing! Xander has worked so hard on his letter formation – well done!
NAM	Polly-Anna	Using great thought, accuracy and imagination, when experimenting with cold colour materials to collage a winter picture.
NPM	Kirat	Working hard on your independent skills, while getting changed for PE
RG	<u>Sahajveer</u>	Working hard to say which animal was heavy and which animal was light in our maths learning.
RJ	Warren B	For working hard to write his name independently – well done Warren, you have made amazing progress!
1W	Huey-Hunter	Fantastic computing skills. Huey - Hunter was super at logging in and helped others do it too. <u>Well done</u> Huey - Hunter!
1E	Sreeya	We are proud of Sreeya for being a reliable, <u>hard working</u> member of our team. She works quietly at her table, contributes often during discussions and always completes her learning to a high standard. <u>Well done</u> Sreeya!
2CP	All of 2CP	Learning their lines to share facts about the Great Fire of London. Everyone spoke with confidence, sang with enthusiasm, and we are very proud of you all.
2D	Octavia	For fantastic knowledge in maths when learning multiplication! Great work, well done!
3A	Olivia	For Olivia's fantastic retell of 'After the Fall.' Olivia used a range of adverbs of manner and 'star words' in her super sentences. <u>Well done!</u>
3E	Lovelle	For a super write. Lovelle used lots of the key features that we were focused on this week such as adverbs of time and manner to begin his sentences. <u>Well done</u> Lovelle.
4R	Ruby W	For a fabulous retell of the story using all the rules for speech. <u>Well done.</u>
4N	Roshan	His wonderful understanding of multiplying by 10 in Maths. He then helped his peers to complete the task.
5D	Fahmida A	For achieving a very high score in a test on Fractions and demonstrating excellent understanding, effort, and accuracy. <u>Well done</u> Fahmida! 😊
5H	Jude B	For working extremely hard in your writing lessons. You are now creating grammatically correct sentences, using rich adjectives and powerful verbs. Keep up the good work!
6P	Ava B	Ava has shown fantastic determination and focus, leading to a great improvement in her arithmetic score in our most recent assessment. Her hard work is really paying off—keep it up, Ava!
6H	Taylor S	For the dedication she has shown towards her learning. She continues to want to learn even when she is not in the classroom. Keep it up!

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:



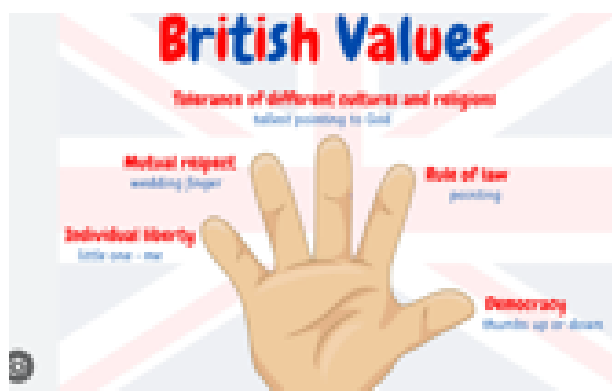
The question of the week that we will be discussing in school and that you can discuss at home too:

Does seeing yourself in a toy or a story help you feel like you belong?



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

Tolerant



Individual Liberty

The Barbie doll highlights how everyone deserves to be themselves and use the tools that make them feel comfortable. It is a reminder that our differences are what make us special.

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



Wonderful Writing at Woodlands

As the children in school well know, Mrs Jackson is VERY fussy when it comes to handwriting and it takes an awful lot to impress her! She is often referred to as the Handwriting Police!



These children are just some of many who haven't just impressed Mrs Jackson but **KNOCKED HER SOCKS OFF** with the **HUGE** improvements in their handwriting this year. I am sure you will agree these are truly spectacular!

Friday 30th January

Star Write

Teacher Assessment	ABC	10	10	10
Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
Think, say and write my own sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Write in the past tense	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a capital letter for a name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my finger to space my words	✓	✓	✓	✓
A full stop to finish my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓

One morning Sunny went on an adventure. On Monday Sunny went to the big rocks. On Tuesday Sunny went to the main. On Wednesday Sunny went to the night here Sunny.

Fantastic! Mrs Jackson

Ronnie 1W

Friday 30th Jan January

Star Write

Teacher Assessment	ABC	10	10	10
Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
Think, say and write my own sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Write in the past tense	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a capital letter for a name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my finger to space my words	✓	✓	✓	✓
A full stop to finish my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓

One morning Sunny went on an adventure. On Monday Sunny visited Uncle Bob in the hard rock. On Tuesday Sunny visited Scratch and Mitch at termite mound. On Wednesday Sunny visited Eddy at the hayfarm. On Thursday Sunny visited Mithradin and Frank at the forest. On Friday Sunny visited Madagascar it was so dark. Saturday Sunny visited the great Alvin the dog. Sunday Sunny visited home.

Super! Mrs Jackson

Alarna-Ocean 1E

Friday 30th January

Star Write

Teacher Assessment	ABC	10	10	10
Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
Think, say and write my own sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Write in the past tense	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a capital letter for a name	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Amazing! Mrs. Jackson

Nixon 3E

Friday 23rd January

Star Write

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Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
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A full stop to finish my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓

Inside the glass bed some party slugs spotted the fl. They said with so many slugs along the fl. just then a badger spotted them so he ate them all up but he didn't eat the small ones because it was to discuss they were. Achech the slugs saw it and was going to eat it for her supper.

Some lovely writing

Well done Amaya - I am so proud! Mrs Jackson

Amaya 2CP

Wednesday 23rd January

Star Write

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Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
Think, say and write my own sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Use a capital letter for a name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my finger to space my words	✓	✓	✓	✓
A full stop to finish my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓

On Tuesday Sunny went to the termite mound. On Wednesday Sunny went to the low farm.

Wow Jaycee this is amazing! Mrs Jackson

Jaycee-James 1E

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Star Write

Teacher Assessment	ABC	10	10	10
Use a capital letter to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a time operator to start my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my letters on the line	✓	✓	✓	✓
Think, say and write my own sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓
Write in the past tense	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use a capital letter for a name	✓	✓	✓	✓
Use my finger to space my words	✓	✓	✓	✓
A full stop to finish my sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓

On Tuesday Sunny went to the termite mound. On Wednesday Sunny went to a farm.

Wow Sukhman - this is amazing! Mrs Jackson

Sukhman 1E

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	Valentines Discos 3:30—4:30 Year 1 & 2 4:45-5:45 Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Disco (Nursery, Reception & Treehouse discos will take place in the school day)
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)
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
Tuesday 9th June	3A Class assembly (2:45pm start)



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 and Tree-house will be discoing during the school day —more information 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

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

Messages sent to you by school

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 2/2

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

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.