Woodside Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2025

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all. It has been wonderful seeing the happy faces of children and parents and we are all excited for the year ahead.

I would like this opportunity to welcome all of the families who have joined Woodside this week. We are delighted that you have chosen our school to begin your child's education journey with us and hope that you enjoy being part of our family .

We would like to welcome new members of staff who have joined the team and I am sure that you will be welcoming and patient as they get to know how we do things here at Woodside.
Miss Lewis- year 5 teacher
Miss Madel- LSA
Mrs Parperis- Office administrator
Miss Thomas- MSA
Mrs Giles- MSA

School Vision and Intent

As a school community we work together to:

- Instil high aspirations where all are inspired and supported to reach their own personal challenges in a safe, caring and secure environment.
- Ensure that there is respect and inclusivity for all.
- Instil knowledge and encourage curiosity through varied and memorable learning experiences, enabling children to have a passion for lifelong learning.
- Nurture happy, confident, resilient children who have self belief and seek out new challenges and experiences with ambition and excitement.
- Equip children with confidence, knowledge, skills and understanding to become independent thinkers and learners, empowering them to make aspirational and healthy decisions in life.

Our curriculum intent can be summed up in the following:

Enquiring minds, Informed opinions, Aspirational outlook

Year Ahead Meetings (formally Meet the Teacher)

We will be holding class information sessions on **Tuesday 9th Septembe**r where class teachers will set out expectations, share information about homework, routines and the year ahead. We strongly encourage all parents to attend as these are informative and part of our communication.
Please collect your child and wait outside the classroom while we dismiss the classes.
There will be two back to back sessions so those with more than one child are able to attend- one at 3.25 and one at 4.00- each lasting around 30 minutes.

Behaviour Procedures

Please remind your children about our school values of: Respect, kindness, cooperation, determination, honesty and responsibility.
Please spend time going through the Behaviour procedures so that you are aware of our high expectations at Woodside.

School Priorities 25/26

Each year we set targets that we will be working on for the year ahead. This year we will be focusing on:

Priority 1	Using Teach Like a Champion techniques to sharpen up on routines within the classroom.
Priority 2	Oracy- developing children's oracy during class talk and discussions. Developing confidence to talk as experts in different subjects.
Priority 3	Science- embedding enquiry focus and linking to Oracy to discuss findings- creating awe and wonder.
Priority 4	Writing- develop children as accurate independent writers.
Priority 5	Maths - develop quick recall of basic number and arithmetic.
Priority 6	Develop lunchtime provision through use of outdoor play and learning opportunities.
Priority 7	To rebuild Woodside.

Uniform

Please check uniform requirements at Woodside and ensure that your child has the correct uniform at all times.
PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM! We cannot help locate jumpers if they are not named.

Permission to Walk Home

Please write/ email into the office if your child has permission to walk home- even if granted last year. These will be shared with relevant members of staff. If we do not have written permission, we will not allow your child to walk out of the gate alone. Please not that this permission is only for year 5 and 6 children.

Arbor Payments

We are now live with the payment section on the platform- so please ensure that all payments and bookings for clubs, dinners and trips are made on this platform. Please follow this link should you need further support.

Menus

New lunchtime menus are available to view on the website.
https://www.woodside.herts.sch.uk/lunch-menus/

Attendance

We expect the children to be in school every day and on time. Please ensure that your child arrives before the gates close at 8.50am as learning starts straight away. Anyone arriving after the gates closed will be late and will need to come via the office to be registered and the child will be given a late pass to give to their teacher- showing that they have been registered.

The whole school attendance target for every pupil is a minimum of 96%

Please remember that we do not authorise term time holidays.

🎒 Why Should You Go to School Every Day? 🌟

✨ School is super important—it helps your brain grow just like water helps a plant grow!

📚 1. You Learn Something New

Every day has new lessons, stories, and activities. Missing a day is like missing a puzzle piece!

🏀 2. Practice Makes You Better

Reading, writing, and math are like sports—the more you practice, the stronger and smarter you get.

🎨 3. You Don't Miss the Fun

School has games, art, projects, and experiments. Be there so you don't miss out!

🤝 4. Friends Are Waiting

School helps you spend time with friends and make new ones. You're part of a team!

🚀 5. It Helps You Reach Your Dreams

Want to be a doctor, teacher, artist, or astronaut? 🌌 Going to school gives you the tools to get there.

🍎 6. Teachers Can Help You More

Your teacher is your guide. If you're there every day, they can help you step by step.

School Diary **Any new dates/alterations will be added in red each week**

To help you plan the year, we have mapped out the calendar of events for the year and are sharing this live document with you. Please note that this may be subject to change and dates will be added as we go along so please double check each week.

Term Dates for Academic year.

Follow this link for our term dates.

https://www.woodside.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/