



## Woodlands Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good summer break and managed to experience some sunshine. We are looking forward to seeing all the children start on Monday. Here are a few updates for you to read through and be aware of.

We are really excited about starting a new academic year working in partnership together.

Please find our latest news below.

Warm wishes

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

### Starting School Reminders

We will be open to pupils in Nursery and Y1-6 from Monday 4th September and Reception from Tuesday 5th September.

Please be mindful that due to our safeguarding procedures, children will be released at the end of the day to you if the adult knows you, if they do not know you by sight yet then you will be asked for a password. If the person collecting does not know the password the child will not be released. They will be escorted to the office and we will phone the contacts starting from the first person.

Starting school **every day on time** is absolutely key to ensuring that your child/children have the best chance of success. **Please ensure that your child arrives on time to school and is collected on time.** The office is a very busy area at these times, and not ideal for your child to have a smooth transition into and out of school, unless this has been pre agreed with the school for specific children. **Support staff, who have planned interventions, often have to come out of class to collect children meaning that other children do not get the planned support at this time.** The best transition is with their friends from the playground into class.



Our school day:

| Year groups       | Drop off                                      | Official end to compulsory day |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nursery           | 8.40 -11.40 (am session)<br>11.40-12.20 lunch | 12.20 -3.20 (pm session)       |
| Reception         | 8.50<br>Registration closes at 9am            | 3.00                           |
| Year 1 and Year 2 | 8.40<br>Registration closes at 8:50am         | 3.10                           |
| Year 3 and Year 4 | 8.40<br>Registration closes at 8:50am         | 3.10                           |
| Year 5 and Year 6 | 8.40<br>Registration closes at 8:50am         | 3.10                           |

### Staffing Changes

Mr Gabb (Class teacher in Chestnut) has been poorly over the summer. He will be recovering at home during the Autumn term, and plans to return once fully recovered during the Spring term. We are pleased to share that Mr Ashe will be teaching in Chestnut class. Mr Ashe has been in school over the last week to prepare the classroom and meet with the rest of the year 2 team - Mrs Ralph and Mrs Davies. Chestnut class parents will have the opportunity to meet Mr Ashe on Wednesday.

We are sad to share the news that Mrs Payne and Mrs Lovell will be leaving Woodlands and not returning this term. They have been valued members of the support team and we will miss them. We wish them all the best.

### Family Partnership

One of our school priorities this year is working in partnership with families. More information will be sent out over the next two weeks and available on our website.

Next week we will hold the **parent expectation meetings for Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 6th September after school**. You are invited to visit your child's classroom and meet the teacher and view the classroom. There will be a handout explaining the key information - this will also be available on the website for those unable to attend. Pick up will be as normal - the children will come out and be released to you, you can then wait with your children and visit the classroom once all the children have been released and the teachers have returned to class. You will have an opportunity to visit different classrooms if you have children across the school, and a bell will sound at 3.45pm to signal the end of the session.

### School Priorities 2023-24

This year our focus will be on:

Applying phonics and spelling in Reading and Writing particularly in KS1 and LKS2.

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Ensuring high standards of work across the Million Dreams curriculum.  
Increased take-up by pupils of the wider opportunities provided by the school.  
Improve our family partnership approach.  
Continue to implement reasonable adjustments to improve behaviour.  
Improve attendance and reduce absence.  
Develop strong curriculum leadership of subject leaders.  
Implement an assessment strategy to improve outcomes in the curriculum.

### School Data

We are so proud of how all of our children have worked this year. Here is a reminder of our statutory data this year:

**In Reception 72% children achieved a Good Level of Development.** GLD stands for 'Good Level of Development'. This refers to a summative assessment judgement which is made for each EYFS child at the end of the Reception year. It is a measure of attainment, not progress. Achieving a good level of development will help children to make a good start in Year 1.

**In Year 1, 78% pupils passed their phonic screening check.** This is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

**In KS1, 71% children achieved age related expectations in Reading, 52% in Writing and 64% in Maths.**

In Year 4, children undertook the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. **Whilst there is no pass mark, out of 25 marks: 77% achieved +20, 80% +18, 87% +16**

Our Year 6 pupils took the KS2 SATs tests in May in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS). Their writing was assessed against national criteria.

**KS2 results: 78% in Reading, 80% in Writing, 76% in Maths, and 76% in GPS. 72% achieved Reading, Writing and Maths combined.**

### Key Dates

Monday 4th September - School starts Nursery, Y1-6  
Tuesday 5th September - School starts for Reception pupils  
Wednesday 6th September - 3.15 - 3.45 Y1-6 Meet the teacher in the classroom  
Wednesday 20th September - Individual school photos  
Saturday 30th September - 10.00am -12.00pm Open Event New Reception 2024 intake  
Monday 9th October - INSET day

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Wednesday 11th October - Friday 13th October Y6 PGL camp  
Tuesday 17th October - Harvest assembly 9.15 KS2 2.30 KS1  
Friday 20th October - End of Term 1  
Monday 30th October - Start of Term 2

### Reception Baseline

Our new Reception pupils will take part in the Reception Baseline Assessment during September. It provides a snapshot of where pupils are when they arrive at school. It will provide a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils between reception and the end of primary school. These are a set of activities tailored to the child's age and ability. The data from the assessment, including numerical scores, is not shared with parents, pupils, teachers, or external bodies, including schools, and there will be no published scores at pupil, school or national level.

Full information about the reception baseline assessment and what it involves can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1074327/2022\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_reception\\_baseline\\_assessment.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf)

### 2023/2024 Term Dates and INSET days are as below:

2023/2024

| Term   | Starts                  | Ends                    |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Term 1 | Friday 1 September 2023 | Friday 20 October 2023  |
| Term 2 | Monday 30 October 2023  | Friday 15 December 2023 |
| Term 3 | Tuesday 2 January 2024  | Friday 9 February 2024  |
| Term 4 | Monday 19 February 2024 | Thursday 28 March 2024  |
| Term 5 | Monday 15 April 2024    | Friday 24 May 2024      |
| Term 6 | Monday 3 June 2024      | Tuesday 23 July 2024    |

Friday 1st September - Inset Day

Monday 9th October - Inset Day

Monday 20th November - Academic Review Day (potentially later start time to allow for working parents)

Tuesday 2nd January - Inset Day

*Feb/March - TBC - Greenshaw Learning Trust/Woodlands INSET day*

Friday 24th May - Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day