



Woodlands Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into our third week of term and it has been lovely to see how much the children are settling in with their new class teachers and classrooms. This academic year we have reintroduced face to face whole school assemblies. This year we have talked about keeping safe, protected characteristics and our school rules. If you are interested in finding out about our assemblies, please check out our website [here](http://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk).

Please find our latest news below.

Warm wishes

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

Pupil leadership opportunities: Y2 to Y6



Greater opportunities for pupil leadership is a priority area for school improvement and this week we have shared some of the opportunities in assembly.

We are inviting pupils to:

- Show their interest and commitment through a:
 - o Poster
 - o Video
 - o Presentation
 - o Leaflet
- Be creative!

Children will need to give their application of interest to the correct adult, teacher or share it on Dojo by **Friday 29th September**.



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Pupil Leadership	Year groups	Staff
School council	Y2-Y6	Miss Smith
House Leaders	Y2 and Y6	Ms Formoso/Mrs M Brown
Peer Mentors	Y5	Mrs Lansdown
Reading Ambassadors	Y2-Y6	Miss Leach
Tech team	Y5/6	Mrs Allen
Sport Squad	Y6	Mr Hills
Climate Change Challengers	Y2-Y4	Miss Plummer
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champions	All children starting with Y1-Y6	Mrs Mitchell, Miss C Smith

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Champions

This opportunity is slightly different as we would like all children to be champions of EDI - being respectful, understanding and tolerant of others. Inclusivity is one of our school values and in choosing to attend Woodlands all children and staff are committing to this. We are going to run a series of workshops (assemblies) for all pupils involving staff, visitors, parents and pupils over the year. There will be additional optional challenges to complete where children can gain additional Woodlands University hours.

Family Partnership

One of our school priorities this year is working in partnership with families. We are pleased to share our home school partnership agreement with you [here](#). We have produced a calendar for the year which outlines planned events. This can be found on the website [here](#). We have added our PTA events there.

This year the PTA will be raising money towards:

- Wider opportunities for pupils including visitors and contributions towards trips
- Improving provision at playtimes
- Reception starter gifts and Year 6 leavers gifts

Woodlands University

Following the success of Children's University, we are pleased to promote Woodlands University. This will work in exactly the same way as Children's University and hours collected from Children's University will carry over. Children and parents will be invited to complete a Google form at the end of each term for learning completed outside of school to earn Woodlands University hours. For example, family outings,



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after school clubs, clubs and homework, we will add these up throughout the year and celebrate in a graduation ceremony in Term 6. To sign your child up to Woodlands University please complete this google form [here](#).



Harvest - KS1 and KS2

We will be holding harvest assemblies for on Tuesday 17th October - Harvest assembly 9.15 KS2 2.30 KS1. This will be children singing Autumnal and Harvest themed songs with some poems. We are opening these up to parents. However due to numbers there will be one place per family. Please note children will be sat in their classes singing they will not be getting up on stage performing. This year we welcome contributions for the foodbank from Monday 16th October - Friday 20th October. More information to follow.

Open Event

We are pleased to promote our Reception and Nursery intake open event on Saturday 30th September 10-12. Please join us to explore the Early Years area and share this with any friends/family who have children starting school next year.

Relationships and Sex Education Policy - have your say

Please click on the link to view our draft policy [here](#).

We welcome parental feedback [here](#). Please complete by Friday 29th September

Being on Time for School

Well done to **Oak, Ash, Poplar, Maple, Chestnut, Mulberry and Willow classes** who have attendance above 96% since returning to school!

We are tracking our children arriving late to school which is currently at 0.9%. 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.**

Here is a reminder of the times:

8.40 Start of day for Nursery and Years 1 to 6.

8.50 Start of day for Reception

3.00 End of day for Reception

3.10 End of day for Years 1 to 6

3.20 End of day for Nursery



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Key Dates

Saturday 30th September - 10.00am -12.00pm Open Event New Reception 2024 intake

Monday 9th October - INSET day

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

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