



2nd October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good weekend. The school grounds are always such a beautiful place to be at this time of the year as the leaves change colour. The weather seems to be continually changeable, warm in the sunshine and then pouring with rain! Please ensure your child brings a coat to school for any weather eventuality.

This week in our assemblies we are thinking about British values, in particular democracy, respect and tolerance. Please visit our website to find out how we teach British values [here](#).

Don't forget that next Monday is an INSET day and we will be **closed to all children on Monday 9th October**.

Please find our latest news below.

Warm wishes

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

Census Day Menu: Thursday 5th October

We are pleased to promote our Census Day menu with an ice cream sundae star plate winner in each year group.

Thursday 5 October

Breaded fish or vegetable nuggets (v) served with baked beans and baked chips
Ice cream

Friday 6 October

Mild creamy chicken curry served steamed rice and naan bread
Sweet potato falafel wrap (v) served with steamed rice and mixed salad
Shortbread

Harvest - KS1 and KS2

We will be holding harvest assemblies on Tuesday 17th October - Harvest assembly 9.15am for KS2 and 2.30pm for 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



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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. Food Bank are asking for donations of:

Washing powder
Coffee
Cooking sauces
Tinned vegetables

Biscuits
Instant noodles
Sponge puddings
Tinned fruit

Year 2 Online Safety Concerns

Please be vigilant with what children are able to access online. Children in Year 2 have been talking about the games they are playing on Roblox which involve **violence**. Whilst there is no official age that children can play Roblox, Common Sense Media rates the platform safe for users **aged 13 years+ "based on continuing challenges with problematic content"**.

We have also been made aware of worries about a character called 'Bloody Mary' **which is causing a lot of upset amongst children in Year 2 as children are talking about it. Please ensure you are monitoring children's access to online material.**

PTA News

Hello Woodlands Parents and Carers

This year we raised £148.93 for Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to all who donated.

On the 6th October, our Halloween outfit competition will commence and we can't wait for all the childrens spooky pictures. Between 16th -20th October we will be holding a Halloween swap shop so don't forget to look out for posters for more information!

And finally, we will be holding a halloween festival on the 30th October. We hope you can join us. If you or any family members are able to help, please don't forget to email us on woodlandsPTA@hotmail.com

Open Event

It was lovely to see both familiar and new faces at our Reception 2024 open event on Saturday. We are holding school tours in November and an evening event on Thursday 23rd November. Please contact the office if you have a child starting school in September 2024 or share with friends and family who may be interested.

Dream Big, Read

Thank you for the amazing contributions to our Dream Big, Read competition. We had some great photos from staff and pupils. We had a draw and picked out three winners who each received an Amazon gift card.

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

We have been overwhelmed with the amazing pupil leadership opportunities we have received from videos to posters. Thank you so much for your support with this. We are now collating all applications, informing children and will be starting these teams this term.



Being on Time for School

Well done to **Oak, Ash, Poplar, Maple, 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%. Well done to **Beech, Maple, Oak and Chestnut** who have the best punctuality. 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.**

Term 1 Key Dates

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

