

Woodhall Weekly



Monday 13th May 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

Thank you for coming to watch our May Day celebration last week...the weather was on our side and we had a fantastic time! We hope that you enjoyed it. Coming up after half-term week, we've got our Community Gala (see details further on) and the children are busy learning songs that they will perform alongside children from all of the other local schools.

This week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). They have worked so hard this academic year and we are very proud of them. The children are invited to join our special Year 6 Breakfast Club each day this week and we look forward to a post-SATs celebration!

Michelle Lake

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Notices

GOODBYE MR. HANCOCK!

After 7 fantastic years at Woodhall, Mr. Hancock will be leaving us at the end of this half-term (Friday 24th May). Mr. Hancock and his wife have their second baby on the way and Mr. Hancock has decided that he would like to spend time with his family at home for the next few months.

Mr. Hancock came to us as a supply teacher back in 2017 and we very quickly poached him to be a 'proper' Woodhall teacher. During his time at Woodhall, Mr. Hancock has done so much to teach, nurture, support and encourage our children and I know that every child who has been in Mr. Hancock's class will remember him very fondly – especially his guitar-playing and his art lessons (some of which are still splattered across the playground!).

The staff, governors and children are going to miss Mr. Hancock very much but we know that he will come back to visit as often as possible! I know that you will join me in wishing Mr. Hancock and his family all the very best for the future.



NON-UNIFORM DAY: FRIDAY 17th MAY

This Friday, we are holding a non-uniform day in aid of the BOTTLE TOMBOLA for our Summer Fair. Children can come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a bottle of...anything! (As long as the bottle is sealed and in-date). Thank you.

ELECTRIC UMBRELLA VISIT: MONDAY 20th MAY

Another non-uniform day...on **Monday 20th May**, we have a visit from the outstanding **Electric Umbrella** group. You may remember that the group visited us before, and we loved every minute! Electric Umbrella create live, interactive music experiences with learning disabled people. They are living proof of the power of music to inspire and change lives.

You can find out more on their website: www.electricumbrella.co.uk

We are asking the children to wear whatever makes them happy on Monday. Bright colours, fairy costumes, superhero suits, pyjamas, football kits...you do you, Woodhall!

Electric Umbrella will give a performance to the whole school, before delivering special workshops to our Early Years children (this is called 'Baby Brollies' and parents are invited – Miss Jones will provide more details), Key Stage 1 and then Key Stage 2. We can't wait!

SOUTH OXHEY/CARPENDERS PARK COMMUNITY GALA

This year's Gala will be held at WOODHALL SCHOOL, so we want as many of our children as possible to attend! It should be a great day, with children and their families from all of our local schools singing together as well as activities provided by local community groups such as Superstar Sports, Bluebell Pre-school and Oxhey Library; as well as the Police, Fire Service and Ambulance Service.

So please, keep the day free:

SATURDAY 8th JUNE

11am-1pm

The theme of the Gala is the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and we are inviting everyone to dress up with either a World War II theme or just in 1940s style.

Refreshments will be available and we hope that the sun will be shining!



TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

Term dates for our next academic year will be as follows:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd/Tuesday 3rd September: INSET days (Staff only)

Wednesday 4th September: **Children back to school**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Half-term week

Monday 2nd December: Occasional Day – school closed

Friday 20th December: End-of-term (1pm finish)

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January: **Children back to school**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Half-term week

Friday 4th April: End-of-term (1pm finish)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday (School closed)

Tuesday 22nd April: **Children back to school**

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday (School closed)

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May: Half-term week

Thursday 10th July: Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day (for Year 6 children)

Friday 18th July: End-of-term (1pm finish)

Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd July: INSET days (Staff only)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

MONDAY 13th – THURSDAY 16th MAY: Year 6 SATs Week

FRIDAY 17th MAY: Non-uniform Day (Bring a Bottle)

MONDAY 20th MAY: Electric Umbrella visit: wear your brightest colours!

HALF-TERM WEEK: MONDAY 27th – FRIDAY 31st MAY

MONDAY 3rd JUNE: All back to school

FRIDAY 7th JUNE: Non-uniform Day (Bring sweets)

SATURDAY 8th JUNE: Carpenters Park/South Oxhey Community Gala (@Woodhall)

FRIDAY 14th JUNE: Turtles' 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

W/B MONDAY 17th JUNE: National School Sports' Week

THURSDAY 20th/FRIDAY 21st JUNE: Year 6 overnight stay at Gulliver's Land

FRIDAY 21st JUNE: Dolphins 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

FRIDAY 28th JUNE: Sports' Day

FRIDAY 5th JULY: Starfish 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

SATURDAY 6th JULY: Woodhall Summer Fair

FRIDAY 12th JULY: Seashells' 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

THURSDAY 18th JULY: Year 6 Leavers' Dinner + whole school disco

FRIDAY 19th JULY: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

FRIDAY 19th JULY: End of term 1pm



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