

Woodhall Weekly



Thursday 18th July 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

It's difficult to believe that we are at the end of our summer term and another school year...especially as the weather has been distinctly unseasonable! I am pleased to report that rain NEVER stops play at Woodhall though, and despite having to make some last-minute adjustments to school events, we've had a fantastic term.

A few of the summer term's highlights...

- Another joy-giving, sunshine-bringing visit from our friends at 'Electric Umbrella' with their amazing and unique live music experience.
- Weekly trips to a fantastic local resource: Oxhey Library. We were all excited when Lee Anne from the Library visited us at school to talk to everyone about this summer's reading challenge 'Marvellous Makers', and we hope that lots of Woodhall children will take part.
- The sun decided to come out for our traditional May Day celebrations, where we crowned our May Queen for 2024 and then enjoyed some traditional dances from each year group.
- National School Sports' Week in June where our children took part in a hula-hooping workshop, frisbee and archery sessions and balance-biking as well as receiving some expert tennis coaching.
- 'Tell Us A Story' assemblies, where each class has chosen a different tale to tell, including 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson, 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and 'Matilda Who Told Such Dreadful Lies' by Hilaire Belloc.
- Our visit to the awe-inspiring Neasden Temple, which we visited in June. We were so interested to hear not only how the Temple was built, but also about worship there today.

In addition to all of these exciting activities, the children can be very proud of their impressive progress and attainment in class over the term. As we prepare to bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils, it is truly inspirational to see how their skills and abilities have progressed from the hands-on learning opportunities experienced in Early Years and developed across the key stages...resulting in a 2024 class of enthusiastic, inquisitive and engaged learners ready to move beyond primary school and into Year 7. We are going to miss them very much but we know that they are ready for the next stage of their learning journey...and we hope that they'll come back to visit!

All of the Staff and Governors wish you a happy, safe and relaxing summer break. We'll see you in September for another year of exciting learning adventures at Woodhall!

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Notices

ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

We love our weekly celebration assemblies at Woodhall, in which we award certificates for the 'Learner of the Week' and Woodhall Value in each class.

At the end of each school year, staff think carefully about the children in each class who have achieved particularly well in terms of not only academic effort and progress but also those children who go over and above to look out for the well-being of others and show that they are a true Woodhall Ambassador.

We are very proud to announce our winners for this year. Each winner will receive an Amazon voucher to spend!

SEASHELLS	<i>EFFORT</i>	Alessia
	<i>PROGRESS</i>	Aiza
	<i>WELL-BEING</i>	Jacob
	<i>WOODHALL AMBASSADOR</i>	Natasha
STARFISH	<i>EFFORT</i>	Max
	<i>PROGRESS</i>	Rebecca
	<i>WELL-BEING</i>	Elliott
	<i>WOODHALL AMBASSADOR</i>	Dolly
DOLPHINS	<i>EFFORT</i>	Shiloh
	<i>PROGRESS</i>	Ethan
	<i>WELL-BEING</i>	Olivia
	<i>WOODHALL AMBASSADOR</i>	Jerome
TURTLES	<i>EFFORT</i>	Leigha
	<i>PROGRESS</i>	Mason
	<i>WELL-BEING</i>	Emma
	<i>WOODHALL AMBASSADOR</i>	Paula
SHARKS	<i>EFFORT</i>	Rajveer
	<i>PROGRESS</i>	Adam
	<i>WELL-BEING</i>	Stanley
	<i>WOODHALL AMBASSADOR</i>	Lara



AND OUR YEAR 6 ANNUAL AWARDS GO TO...

THE WOODHALL CUP

The winner of the Woodhall Cup has been chosen by staff and governors, and is not simply for a pupils' efforts in Year 6 but throughout their time at Woodhall.

This year's winner has always shown a very positive attitude and approach to all aspects of school, from being in Early Years right through until now. He has a big smile and a kind word for everyone. He is studious, hardworking and is always willing to listen to and act upon advice (although he still keeps losing his things!). Around the school, he is always helpful and takes time to ask if an adult or another child needs help. In particular, this year's winner has gone over and above to support our younger children at Woodhall –encouraging them and being a supportive and nurturing 'buddy'. He has participated in a wide variety of school clubs and has represented many of the sports teams, demonstrating his exceptional sporting capabilities. He is always reliable and makes good choices when dealing with challenging situations as well as helping to guide others who need support. He is an excellent and all-round performer who really engages the audience, makes us laugh and works hard at everything he does. This pupil embodies all of our Woodhall Values. He is very special to all of us and we know that he will have such a huge amount to offer at his next school...that's if we let him go!!

We are very proud of this year's Woodhall Cup winner...KYMANI FORDE!

THE FLEMING CUP

This is only the second year in which we are awarding the Fleming Cup. Named for Sue and Pete Fleming, for whom Woodhall was more than just a job, the award is given to the Year 6 child who has shown great helpfulness to adults around the school all of the time...helping with a multitude of tasks, noticing when monitoring jobs need to be picked up due to another's absence and volunteering to complete the task themselves. This year's winner has undertaken a huge variety of jobs in school including helping with displays, cleaning the dining room after lunch, sorting out lunch trollies, registers and many other things! She performs these tasks reliably, efficiently and effectively. All the staff have noticed and appreciated her efforts not only in Year 6 but also when she was a younger pupil.

This year's well-deserving winner of the Fleming Award is NATALIE PERCIVAL!

THE SPORTS' CUP

Throughout her time at Woodhall, this pupil has proven time and again her skills and attributes as a sports person. Since she was small, she has taken part in a wide range of school sports' clubs, with excellent attendance and has given 100% in everything that she does. As part of a team, she has supported and encouraged her team mates; she has kept them going when things were challenging, and she has celebrated with them when they won. She has shown respect in the sporting arena and true resilience.

This year, our winner has represented Woodhall at netball, rounders, cricket, football and athletics – to name but a few! We are very proud of her sporting efforts and abilities and we know that she will go on to achieve sporting success at her secondary school.

This year, the fantastic winner of the Woodhall Sports' Cup is LARA CONSTABLE!

NEW CLASS NAMES

And so, to our next academic year. For our new class names, the children had the choice of three categories: Big Cats, British wildlife or Birds. They voted overwhelmingly for **BIG CATS** and therefore we are pleased to announce our new class names...

Nursery/Reception (Miss Jones): TIGER CUBS

Year 1 & Year 2 (Mrs Biedul & Mrs Fitzgerald): PANTHERS

Years 3/4/5 (Mrs B): JAGUARS

Year 5/6 (Mr Rubeck): LIONS



UNIFORM REMINDER

Our school uniform can be ordered via the following website: www.mapac.com (enter 'Woodhall School' into the search bar). However, please note that uniform does not have to be branded with the school logo: a plain red sweatshirt/white top etc. would be absolutely fine.

We ask that children come to school wearing their PE kits on PE days. In September, teachers will email you to let you know on which days these will be. Please remember that children should either wear a plain white t-shirt or a Woodhall t-shirt for PE with a pair of sports' trainers. Thank you.



DROP OFF/PICK UP 2024-2025

We will continue to hold a daily 'soft start' in the next academic year. Children can arrive at school from 8.30am and go to class. **All children must be in school for registration at 8.50am.**

In the mornings, you can come into school via the main entrance or the gate onto Little Oxhey Lane (which will be open from 8.30-8.50am daily).

School pick-up is changing thanks to some very valuable feedback from parents!

- All classes will finish school at **3.30pm** (Mondays to Thursdays) or **2pm** (Fridays)
- Parents will now be able to walk around the school to collect children from the **upper playground.**
- You will be able to walk around to the upper playground to collect children from **3.20pm.**

Tiger Cubs (Reception) will wait at the green Early Years gate.

Panthers (Year 1/2) will come out from their classroom door.

Jaguars (Year 3/4/5) will come out from the classroom next to Panthers.

Lions (Year 5/6) will come out from the classroom on the other side of Panthers (the end room).

Why have we made this change?

We originally changed pick-up arrangements due to Covid regulations, and these had remained in place. However, parents have reported that they would prefer not to wait along the small pathway leading to the main entrance. Therefore, we are going back to parents/carers being able to wait in a bigger space!

If it is raining, parents/carers can wait under the shelter outside the classrooms.

It is important that children have a calm end to each day, and teachers often use the last ten minutes of the day to read to their class. Therefore we ask parents/carers who are picking children up:

- ***Please do not let younger siblings to be near the classroom door/windows causing any disturbances.***
- ***Please be mindful of the conversations that you have whilst waiting!***

We will review these new arrangements at half-term and make any changes as appropriate. In the new term, we will be asking that all parents/carers read our new 'Woodhall Family Agreement' which sets out a sensible code of conduct for adult behaviour on school grounds.



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...

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER: Children back to school

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER: Years 1-6 trip to Hobbledown Heath

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER: Years 1-6 trip to Royal Opera House (Alice in Wonderland)

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER: Woodhall 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'

TUESDAY 22ND/WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER: Parents' Consultations

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER: Harvest Festival

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER: Half-term Week

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER: 'Woodhall Remembers' (Year 6 Remembrance Assembly)

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER: Neon disco

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER: Christmas jumper/Christmas dinner day

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER: Mr. Marvel (Nursery/Reception/Year 1) or trip to Watersmeet Panto (Year 2-Year 6)

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER: Nativity/Carols evening

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER: End of term (1pm finish)

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025: Children back to school



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