

# Woodhall Weekly



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



As we head into the third week, we have really started the new year as we mean to go on at Woodhall! This week, we welcomed **Rabbi Adam** who came all the way from Chicago (via St.Albans!) to talk to the children about **what it means to be Jewish**. He was so interesting and entertaining, and he even brought an oryx shofar (originally an ancient military horn) from which he produced a single sound lasting *36 seconds*! We were very pleased to meet him and we hope that he will visit us again soon.

Yesterday, our amazing school cooks Brogan and Fortini put on a **BIG BURGER DAY**, where the children (and staff!) tucked into scrumptious chicken burgers, belting beef burgers and luscious veggie burgers accompanied by a range of delicious sides. *Which burger do you think was the most popular choice?* It was (drumstick roll...) **CHICKEN BURGERS** with 42 orders; followed by **BEEF BURGERS** (22 orders) and last but not least **VEGGIE BURGERS** (10 orders). **A great success!**

School lunches really have changed over the years. Each day, children are offered a **range of tasty meat/vegetarian options**; for example: chicken pasta bake, veggie sausages, jacket potato. **Mouth-watering desserts** include jelly, fresh fruit and iced sponge cakes. and there's always a **salad bar** available. There's a delicious **roast lunch** on offer every Wednesday and the week ends with '**Friday Fun Day**' where the children can choose between options such as pizza and fish fingers.

If you would like your child to have a school lunch, please talk to Nikki or Fouzia in the office. **Children in Year 2 or below eat for free!** If you qualify for specific benefits you can apply for **free school lunches** for children in any year group. Just visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to check your eligibility and sign up.

We are well underway with this term's exciting **ATTENDANCE STARS CHALLENGE**. Each Friday, the children can colour in their own star if they've been **IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY** for that week. At the end of the half-term, there will be **rewards for anyone achieving 3, 4 or 5 stars!** Remember that children can come into school from 8.30am but **MUST** be in by 8.50am. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please let us know, as we can discuss a **range of options to support** you.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Lions Class**, who won last term's attendance challenge. The children have chosen their reward...a '**bring your own toy**' afternoon. Mr Rubeck will email parents/carers with more information.

Just a reminder for everyone; **please do not smoke or vape anywhere near to the school gates**. This protects all of our children and families, many of whom suffer with asthma or other conditions that are exacerbated by smoke or vapour. Thank you.

Parents/carers of children in Key Stage 2...look out for a letter about a very exciting upcoming trip to St.Albans' Cathedral and the '**Museum of the Moon**'. This is part of our **Science Week** and promises to be an unforgettable experience for all of our budding astronomers!

Have a lovely weekend,

Michelle Lake

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Full Moon over Woodhall 11.1.25

## 'COME & LEARN!' SESSIONS

We are pleased to announce the return of our **'Come & Learn'** sessions at Woodhall. This is an afternoon where you can come and experience some of the **typical activities, resources and games** used to teach and reinforce **learning objectives** across different subjects. Teachers will also be able to answer your questions and provide **hints and tips** for supporting your child at home. So come and join the children in class for an afternoon of exciting learning! Sessions are as follows:

**PANTHERS: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm: Key Stage 1 Reading**

**JAGUARS/LIONS: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm: Key Stage 2 Grammar**

## TIGER CUBS (EARLY YEARS) STORY SACKS WORKSHOP

A **'story sack'** is a collection of items in a bag/container that can be used to support and extend the telling of any story. Story sacks have the power to **ignite children's imaginations!** They can make stories more accessible to everyone, including children for whom English is not their home language, and children with additional needs or disabilities. Using story sacks with your child will:

- *Encourage the development of **interactions and communication***
- *Enhance your child's **vocabulary and language***
- *Support your child with their own **storytelling and role-play***

Our Early Years Team would like to invite parents/carers of children in Nursery/Reception to attend a special **STORY SACKS SESSION** on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 9am**. See the power of story sacks in action! Please come to the main entrance where you can sign in before joining the session. We look forward to seeing you there!

## YEAR 6 SATS' INFORMATION SESSION

Each year, Year 6 children are required to sit national assessments known as **SATs** (*Standard Assessment Tests*) in **Reading, Maths and Grammar/Punctuation/Spelling**. This year, SATs week will take place from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**.

We would like to invite parents/carers to a SATs information session on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm**. Mr Rubeck will share the SATs timetable, discuss how you can support your child at home and answer any questions that you might have. Thank you.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Please note: life in primary school can be very eventful and sometimes we will need to make changes to the dates listed. When this happens, we will try to give you as much notice as possible.*

| DATE/TIME   | EVENT  | ANY OTHER INFORMATION   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | Tiger Cubs' Story Sacks workshop   | 9am start   |
| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | Three Rivers District Council Leisure Survey   | TRDC are coming to talk to the children about the leisure facilities in South Oxhey |
| <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | Year 6 SATs information session for parents/carers   | 3pm start   |
| <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | Key Stage 2 (Jaguars/Lions) 'Come and Learn!' session  | 2pm start   |
| <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>   | Lunar New Year arts & crafts day<br><br>Tiger Cubs Lunar New Year craft workshops for parents/carers | Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated!  |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | HELP! My child is a fussy eater! Workshop for parents.   | 9am start   |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>   | Jaguars/Lions trip to St. Albans Cathedral: 'Museum of the Moon'                                     | Please see letter sent out  |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | Local author (and ex-Woodhall pupil!)<br>K.P.Mann assembly   |   |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February/HALF TERM WEEK</b>      |  |   |
| <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | All back to school   |   |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>                      | Parents'/carers' consultation evenings   | Appointment letters will be sent home before the half-term break                    |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | World Book Day   | Dress up  |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | Jaguars/Lions carbon monoxide safety workshops   | Parents'/carers' information letters will be sent home nearer the time              |
| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  | The Eggs Factor (talent show)  | Afternoon   |
|   | Easter disco   | 6-7.30pm  |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | End of term  | School finishes at 1pm  |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April/EASTER HOLIDAYS</b> |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | Back to school   |   |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | Bank Holiday Monday  | School closed   |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May/HALF TERM WEEK</b>      |  |   |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (1pm)</b>  | End of term  |   |







# CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



## WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!



| 10.1.25  | <i>The Woodhall Wow:<br/>RESILIENCE</i>   | <i>Learner of the Week</i>   |
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| <b>TIGER CUBS</b><br> | <i>MONET for making a fantastic effort with her writing this week. She kept going, even when the words were tricky.</i> | <i>BROOKE for writing a whole sentence about her Christmas present completely independently. Amazing!</i>                        |
| <b>PANTHERS</b><br>   | <i>AARAV for showing great focus in his Phonics learning this week. <u>Well done!</u></i>                               | <i>JACOB for the amazing progress he has been making in his learning, especially his reading!</i>                                |
| <b>JAGUARS</b><br>    | <i>DAISY for trying her hardest and never giving up, even when she finds things tricky. She will go far!</i>            | <i>ELLIE for showing great creativity and imagination when planning the introduction to her story set in an imaginary world.</i> |
| <b>LIONS</b><br>      | <i>JUAN, for showing fantastic resilience and passion when carrying out his morning Maths.</i>                          | <i>ARTEM for settling into the Woodhall Family so well this week.</i>  |

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