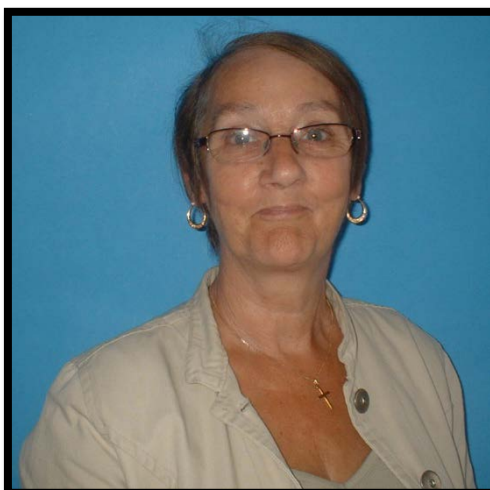


# Woodhall Weekly



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the death of our former colleague and friend Pat Bywater, who passed away very recently following a long illness. Pat was a much-loved member of the Woodhall Family, having worked for many years as our School Cook and later, a Midday Supervisor. Pat loved Woodhall and was dedicated to the children; from organising playground games, to taking part in extra-curricular school events, to slipping them a few extra chips on Friday Funday lunchtimes! She certainly made the school a brighter place and embodied the true spirit of Woodhall. We will miss her very much. Our thoughts and love are with her family and loved ones and we know that Pat's memory will live on at Woodhall.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Michelle Lake/[head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk)

## DELIVERING SPECIAL PROVISION LOCALLY (DSPL9)

You might already be aware about some of the fantastic support services offered in our local area by **DSPL9**. They provide a huge range of **courses and workshops** for parents/carers including *Understanding Behaviour, Anxiety, Understanding ADHD and Autism, Emotionally Based School Avoidance* and lots more! You should have received DSPL9's **Spring Newsletter** via school email. To see the full range of support on offer, please go to <https://www.dspl9.uk/>

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

Once again, we will celebrate the joy of reading and the knowledge, creativity and pleasure that books can bring with a Woodhall dress-up on World Book Day: **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. This year, our theme is **BEDTIME STORIES** and so we are inviting everybody to **come to school wearing their pyjamas/onesies!** During the day, the children will take part in some exciting activities in class and we will all be sharing our favourite bedtime stories. **Looking for a new bedtime book to share with your child?** Why not have a look at recommendations from the brilliant Book Trust... <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/Books-for-bedtime-find-a-new-favourite/>

## BIKEABILITY CYCLE TRAINING

Bikeability is the government's **national cycle training programme**. It helps children to learn **practical skills** and understand how to **cycle safely** on today's roads; giving them the competence and confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. We are very pleased to offer a **Level 1** Bikeability cycle course (*Years 3 & 4*) and **Level 2** (*Years 5 & 6*) for children to take place during the week beginning **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The course will include Highway Code theory plus skills exercises on the playground or in the local area (for Level 2). Children will need a roadworthy cycle, a cycle helmet and clothes appropriate for cycling and the weather conditions (and a change of clothes for the session on World Book Day!).

Letters have already been sent home, so please complete and return the slip to reserve your child's place!

## TUDOR DAY

After half-term, our Jaguars and Lions classes will begin their exciting new history topic...the Tudors. As part of their learning, we will be holding a totally terrific **TUDOR THURSDAY** on **27<sup>th</sup> February**...and we have invited a VERY special royal guest!

To make the day extra fun, we are inviting all of the children to **dress up as Tudors**. No need for fancy costumes; **short trousers or trousers tucked into long socks/t-shirt/waistcoat or a dress/black shoes** would be absolutely perfect.



# **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>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Yoga drop-in sessions for parents/carers	Panthers: 1-1.30pm Jaguars: 1.30-2pm Lions: 2-2.30pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	'Come & Learn' for parents/carers of Year 1 & 2 children (Panthers)	2pm start
<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!) 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>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Key Stage 2 (Jaguars/Lions) Tudor Day	Dress-up
<b>W/B Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Bikeability: Level 1 & Level 2 training	Please return form to school to reserve place
<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>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	St.George's Day dress-up	Dress as a knight, a princess or any famous George!
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week	Assessments start at 9am daily
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May/HALF TERM WEEK</b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	Information will be given nearer to the date of these events
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Test Week	
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 'Shine' concert (Electric Umbrella) at St. Albans' Cathedral	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6: Hertfordshire secondary transition day	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents/Carers' consultation evenings	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leaving do/Years 1-6 disco	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (1pm)</b>	End of term; Year 6 leavers' breakfast/assembly	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September/SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026</b>		
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Back to school	8.30am Soft start
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October/ HALF TERM WEEK</b>		
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Occasional Day	School closed
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term	School finishes at 1pm
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup>– Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February/HALF TERM WEEK</b>		
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April/EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> -Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May/HALF TERM WEEK</b>		
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	End of term	School finishes at 1pm

# CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

WE ARE <u>SO</u> PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!		
24.1.25	<b>The Woodhall Wow:</b> <b>RESILIENCE</b>	<b>Learner of the Week</b>
<b>TIGER CUBS</b> 	<i>KIYAN who has been making such a super effort in his phonics learning, even though it has been extra tricky!</i>	<i>OLIVER for completing some amazing 'more' and 'fewer' maths this week. More well done's!</i>
<b>PANTHERS</b> 	<i>AMBER for showing amazing resilience in her writing: working so hard to think of brilliant ideas and writing some fantastic sentences.</i>	<i>WINNIE who came up with some fabulous ideas in her writing this week and using her phonics learning to help her. Amazing!</i>
<b>JAGUARS</b> 	<i>RILEY for working so hard on his writing, it made his hand hurt but he still did not give up and he produced some fabulous work as a result!</i>	<i>GRACIE for producing a very detailed, thoughtful and beautifully presented piece of work in English this week!</i>
<b>LIONS</b> 	<i>SWALIH who has been trying really hard and showing great resilience with all tasks set and has never given up!</i>	<i>FRANCIS for his brilliant contributions in class this week, showing his truly excellent retention skills.</i>
<b>HOUSE POINTS</b>		
<b>OAK</b>	<b>ASH</b>	<b>BEECH</b>
<b>203</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>ELM</b>		
<b>127</b>		

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