

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 7th February 2025



What a week at Woodhall! In a first for the school, we took a trip to...**THE MOON!** Or rather, a scale model of the Moon at **St. Albans' Cathedral**. Our Jaguars and Lions classes had a wonderful time. We were made very welcome by the staff and we took part in an **amazing planetarium experience** (inside a giant inflatable dome!) as well as a **Cathedral trail** and, of course, looking at the giant Moon in all its luminous glory. On our way out of the Cathedral, one of the staff made a point of telling us how impressed they'd been by our Woodhall children...their **brilliant behaviour** around the Cathedral, their **good manners** and their **enthusiasm for learning**. **Well done Jaguars and Lions** – we're so pleased to be able to provide you with these memorable experiences and we are all really proud of how you represent our school!

It really is true that **if you miss a day at Woodhall, you're missing out!** On Monday, we welcomed parents and carers to drop in on a **Yoga session**. Thanks to those who came and we hope that you could see the **huge benefits** for the children, not only in their **physical fitness**...co-ordination, balance and core stability; but also for their **emotional well-being**.

We celebrated the **Lunar New Year** (*Year of the Snake*) on Monday, with a range of highly creative **arts and crafts activities** taking place across the school...from dragons made of paper fans to lanterns and It was fantastic to hear that some of our children had been to China Town in London where they saw the colourful and beautifully decorated streets and shops for themselves – and were able to share this knowledge with others. **Happy Lunar New Year!**

We've had two very well-attended '**Come and Learn**' sessions; **grammar** for Key Stage 2 and **phonics/reading** for Key Stage 1. We appreciate that methods of teaching maths and English are very different to how adults were taught when they were at school and we hope that these sessions gave you a greater understanding of **curriculum objectives** as well as **resources and tips** for supporting your child at home. *If there is an area of the curriculum in which you would like a greater understanding/insight, please email your child's class teacher or let me know.*

Next week is the final week of this half-term and our grounds are starting to show signs of spring (at last!) with daffodils and snowdrops starting to peep through the frozen soil. Hopefully they'll be in full bloom when we return after the half-term break!

Happy weekend everyone,

Michelle Lake

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'CHAT HEALTH' PARENT LINE

Worried about any aspect of your child's health or behaviour? You can contact the School Nursing service by texting the Chat Health Parent Line number on **07312 263002** with queries or concerns. These concerns can include:

- Behaviour management
- Development
- Sleep
- Healthy eating
- Toileting
- Weight management
- Emotional health
- Wellbeing

Provided the message is sent between **9am-5pm, Monday-Friday**, one of the team of Hertfordshire School Nurses will aim to answer a query within 24 hours (excluding weekends, Bank Holidays and school holidays). **The service is open to all parents and carers of children or young people aged between 5-19.**

This helpful service aims to avoid the long waiting times and other difficulties families can have when making appointments to see someone in person. This text messaging service will allow for a quick response from a **trained healthcare professional** with advice or signposting services.

Chat Health Parent Line: **07312 263002.**

PARENTS'/CARERS' SPRING TERM CONSULTATIONS

Our **Spring Term consultations** will take place on **Tuesday 4th March (4.30-7pm)** and **Wednesday 5th March (3.40-6pm)**. Consultations provide a crucial opportunity for you to discuss your child's **progress and attainment** to date as well as their **general well-being** and areas such as **attendance and behaviour** for learning. If your child has an IEP (Individual Education Plan), this will also be discussed with you.

You should have received an initial consultation letter this week. ***Please indicate which day you would prefer and return the form to school by Monday 10th February.*** Teachers will then allocate times (we try to give siblings consecutive appointments). Thank you!

WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE DAY!

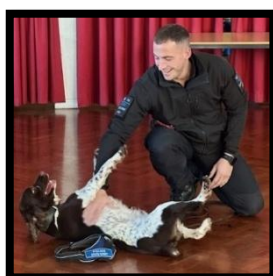
This St. Valentine's Day (**Friday 14th February**), we are inviting the children to **WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE!** Whether that's a football kit, a fancy dress outfit, a onesie or anything else...just whatever makes you feel happy and comfortable. No charge, this is just for fun.



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
Monday 10th February	Local author (and ex-Woodhall pupil!) K.P.Mann assembly	
Friday 14th February	Wear What You Love Day	No uniform – wear whatever makes you happy!
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February/HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 24th February	All back to school	
Thursday 27th February	Key Stage 2 (Jaguars/Lions) Tudor Day	Dress-up
Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th March	Parents'/carers' consultation evenings	Appointment letters will be sent home before the half-term break
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	Dress-up
Wednesday 12th March	Jaguars/Lions carbon monoxide safety workshops	Parents'/carers' information letters will be sent home nearer the time
Thursday 3rd April	The Eggs Factor (talent show)	Afternoon
	Easter disco	6-7.30pm
Friday 4th April	End of term	School finishes at 1pm
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April/EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school	
Wednesday 23rd April	St.George's Day dress-up	Dress as a knight, a princess or any famous George!
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs Week	Assessments start at 9am daily
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May/HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	Information will be given nearer to the date of these events
Monday 9th – Friday 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Week	
Tuesday 24th June	Year 4 'Shine' concert (Electric Umbrella) at St. Albans' Cathedral	
Thursday 10th July	Year 6: Hertfordshire secondary transition day	
Wednesday 16th July	Parents/Carers' consultation evenings	
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leaving do/Years 1-6 disco	
Friday 18th July (1pm)	End of term; Year 6 leavers' breakfast/assembly	
Monday 21st August - Thursday 4th September/SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026		
Friday 5th September	Back to school	8.30am Soft start
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October/ HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 1st December	Occasional Day	School closed
Friday 19th December	End of term	School finishes at 1pm
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 16th– Friday 20th February/HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April/EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Monday 25th -Friday 29th May/HALF TERM WEEK		
Wednesday 22nd July	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	The Woodhall Wow: RESILIENCE	Learner of the Week
TIGER CUBS 	<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>
PANTHERS 	<i>AMBER for showing amazing resilience in her writing: working so hard to think of brilliant ideas and writing some fantastic sentences.</i>	<i>MINNIE who came up with some fabulous ideas in her writing this week and using her phonics learning to help her. Amazing!</i>
JAGUARS 	<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>
LIONS 	<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>
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