

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 28th February 2025



What was your best learning experience as a child? Why was it so memorable for you? I bet that most of your most meaningful learning experiences were exactly that...experiences! Here at Woodhall we know that bringing learning to life – making it **vivid, sensory and exciting** – is what will really help to give our amazing children the breadth **knowledge and skills** that will carry them into secondary education and beyond. We have an **excellent enrichment curriculum** throughout the year and our first week back after the half-term break has been an absolute whirlwind of fantastic **learning opportunities** and **memory-making**!

We have (deep breath...)

- **Baked jam tarts** (from scratch), **prepared sandwiches** and **cooked pasta salad** (including *chopping, boiling, slicing, grating, dicing, weighing, measuring, estimating and more*) for a fantastically raucous **Mad Hatters' Tea Party**.
- Taken part in a Teams meeting with **Police Officer Marc Arnold** all the way across the pond in **Florida, USA**; where we found out about life in America, how schools compare, time and weather differences and all about Officer Marc himself - his role in the police and his life outside work.
- Absolutely loved our **drumming workshop** where Ben - a professional drummer – had each class creating a mind-blowing sound, teaching **rhythm, tempo** and **pure enjoyment of music**!
- Received a very royal visitor...**King Henry VIII** himself who spent the day at school, bringing history to life. Throughout the day, the King addressed his loyal subjects (the children!) with information about his life and that of the Tudor dynasty. They were instructed in **handling Tudor weaponry**, including the long bow, battle axe and halberd; played a selection of **Tudor board games**, followed some very strict rules when they **dined with the King**, took part in a **Royal archery lesson** and ended the day with a variety of **Tudor dances**. *What a day!*

We have many more exciting enrichment experiences lined up for this half-term, so buckle up and enjoy the learning. That's the Woodhall Way! Don't forget to keep checking the 'Dates for Your Diary' section as these will be updated regularly. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

Just a reminder that **World Book Day** takes place next week on **Thursday 6th March** and our theme at Woodhall is *bedtime stories*. So, forget your uniform and come to school in **onesies or pyjamas** for the day! Children will take part in various World Book Day activities in their classes throughout the day and we'll be sharing our favourite bedtime reads.

WANTED: EASTER EGGS!

We all love our end-of-term **chocolate raffle** at Woodhall! As usual, the staff buy all of the eggs and other Easter goodies that are given as prizes to the children. This year, we are also asking for your donations. **Donate a chocolate egg or Easter prize** for our raffle and your child will be given a *free raffle ticket!* Please bring any donations to the School Office. Raffle tickets will be on sale during the last 3 weeks of term and winners will be chosen at our end-of-term assembly (always a favourite!) on Friday 4th April. Thanks everyone!

A NEW CLIMBING FRAME!

After a long wait, we finally have a **new climbing frame** to enjoy! Work is still being completed (the soft play surface needs to be finished) and once it is ready for use, we will (of course!) have an opening ceremony. We have been able to purchase this play equipment not only due to a lot of saving (the money that has helped pay for it has come from a part of the school budget which also pays for ongoing building maintenance, of which there is always a great deal in a school built in the 1950s!) but also due to the **amazing efforts** that you have all made with fundraising over the past few years. All the discos, raffles, tombola, dress-up days and so on... **THANK YOU!** Our children are so pleased that they have this new equipment to enjoy. Photos will follow!



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 |
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| Tuesday 4th/Wednesday 5th March | Parents' /carers' consultation evenings |
| Monday 3rd March | Bikeability Level 1 course (Years 3 & 4) |
| Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March | Bikeability Level 2 course (Years 5 & 6) |
| Tuesday 4th March | Year 4 visit to Senior Lunch Club |
| Thursday 6th March | World Book Day |
| Wednesday 12th March | Jaguars/Lions carbon monoxide safety workshops |
| Thursday 20th March | Year 5 visit to Oxhey Library: workshop with local artist |
| Thursday 3rd April | The Eggs Factor (talent show) |
| | Easter disco |
| Friday 4th April | End of term |
| Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April/EASTER HOLIDAYS | |
| Tuesday 22nd April | Back to school |
| Wednesday 23rd April | St.George's Day dress-up |
| Monday 5th May | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May/HALF TERM WEEK | |
| Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Week |
| 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 |
| Monday 27th – Friday 31st October/ HALF TERM WEEK | |
| Monday 1st December | Occasional Day |
| Friday 19th December | End of term |
| 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 |

