

# Woodhall Weekly



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025



**Welcome back!** I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break. It's great to see all of the children again (most who seem to have grown taller in the two week holiday!) and this week each class has been very busy launching into their **new summer term topics** (more on those next week).

Our **focus Woodhall Value** for this half-term is **ASPIRATION** and it is already clear that the staff will have a tricky time choosing just one child to receive the values certificate each week. We each have **different learning styles** and we talk to the children about the way in which they learn best. We know how important it is that children feel **safe to take risks in their learning** and **make mistakes...because mistakes help us to move on!** It is brilliant to see children in every class at Woodhall **persevering, developing lifelong skills** and realising that they are **capable of anything that they set their minds to**.

For our **Year 6** pupils, this will be their final term at Woodhall. As they move towards the national assessments in May, **we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and effort**. We hope to see lots of them at our **Year 6 Breakfast Club**, which takes place on Mondays and Fridays (and then each day during SATs week). **Well done, Year 6!**

Thanks to all of you for supporting our annual **St. George's Day** dress-up. Our assortment of dragons, knights, princesses and famous Georges was a sight to behold and a fantastic way to mark our national saint's day. **Another great Woodhall memory!**

This is a special term for lots of reasons, but especially because we are celebrating the **70<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of our lovely school! Woodhall opened its doors in the academic year 1954-1955. All of our classes will be learning about the history of Woodhall and South Oxhey as their summer term history topic and we have some brilliant events planned, including our **TIME TUNNEL DAY** (more on that next week), a **school display** at **Oxhey Library** and a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WOODHALL DAY** on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July...save the date** as you are all invited!

We are looking for any former pupils of Woodhall, or anyone who has lived in South Oxhey for a long time and can come and share their memories of the local area with our children. **We have a brand new Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575560074516> (see QR code below) so **please share it (and/or the poster)** – we'd love to have lots of ex-pupils coming to talk to the children about their memories of Woodhall!

Have a lovely weekend,

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# WOODHALL SCHOOL'S



To celebrate our very special 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the fantastic pupils of Woodhall will be busy learning about the history of our school and local area, South Oxhey. We will be finding out about how life has changed through the decades - not only at school but also in the local area...housing, shops, leisure facilities|and much more.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- **Did you used to attend Woodhall School?** *Can you share experiences of your primary school days with us? We would love to hear about your memories of Woodhall!*
- **Did you grow up in South Oxhey?** *What was life like for a child growing up in in our local area during the different decades?*
- **Have you lived in South Oxhey for a long time?** *What has changed over the years? Can you tell us about shopping, socialising, working or leisure time in the area?*

We are planning some **exciting events** to help mark this **awesome anniversary** and we'd love you to get involved!

Please contact **Michelle Lake** (Headteacher) via email: [head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk),  
telephone: 0208 428 3447 or see our Facebook 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page:  
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**We can't wait to hear from you. Thanks everyone!**



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# **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
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April/EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday Monday
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Time Tunnel Day (launch of local history project)
<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
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>/Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 residential trip to Gulliver's Land
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 Multiplication Test Week
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	National School Sports' Week
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports' Day (with family picnic)
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 4 'Shine' concert (Electric Umbrella) at St. Albans' Cathedral
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Tiger Cubs' class assembly
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Happy Birthday Woodhall: launch day at Oxhey Library
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Panthers' class assembly
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6: Hertfordshire secondary transition day
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 3 & Year 4 class assembly
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Happy Birthday Woodhall! Family Fun Day
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	KS2 Production (2pm & 6pm performances)
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parents/Carers' consultation evenings
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	'Woodhall's Got Talent' (during school day)
<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
<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
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term
<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







# CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!



14.4.25	The Woodhall Wow: PASSION	Learner of the Week
<b>TIGER CUBS</b> 	JORDAN for his fantastic dancing and complete joy during our talent show; which made everyone smile!	KIYAN who has made amazing progress in his phonics learning. <u>Well</u> done!
<b>PANTHERS</b> 	MINNIE for the passion that she demonstrates in all of her learning...right across the curriculum!	EUNICE who has worked so hard to improve her written learning...fantastic!
<b>JAGUARS</b> 	ELLIE for writing an excellent and very passionate letter of complaint to Henry VIII.	CONNOR for such brilliant work in spellings, phonics AND maths this week. Wow!
<b>LIONS</b> 	EDI who showed such passion and creativity when designing his brilliant Easter bonnet.	ARYAN who has displayed outstanding behaviours for learning across the whole term. A great example.
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