

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 6th June 2025



Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great half-term week. This is going to be a busy, busy half-term for all of us at Woodhall. Not only are the children busy working hard towards various **national assessment points** (*the Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Reception's Good Level of Development*) as well as continuing on their learning journeys across the curriculum; but the whole school are also embarking on our new topic area...finding out all about **South Oxhey and Woodhall School** as we celebrate our 70th birthday! This week, we were lucky enough to be visited by two former pupils, Vivien and Brenda, who attended Woodhall between 1965-1971. The children asked lots of questions about what Woodhall used to be like and were extremely surprised by some of the answers...particularly when it came to behavioural consequences which included the slipper and the cane. *Not always the 'good old days'!*

On Tuesday, Year 4 visited our friends at the **Watford Rural Parish Council Senior Lunch Club**, organised by the brilliant Jo. Here, the children interviewed some of the clients about their experiences of **moving to or growing up in South Oxhey** when it was a brand-new estate. You'll be able to read their interviews for yourselves when we display our work in Oxhey Library next month. *Thanks to everyone at the Lunch Club for sparing their time to talk to us.* We are really proud to know you!

If you know someone who used to attend Woodhall and might like to come and speak to the children about their memories, please point them in our direction. Alternatively, the children have put together a survey which I will share on our Facebook page and via email. Please do pass it on to any ex-pupils so that they can complete and return it to us. Completed surveys will be very valuable pieces of evidence for the children's research!

Don't forget to return your forms regarding our 'Happy Birthday Woodhall!' day on Friday 11th July – the more, the merrier! We hope that this will be a really memorable day for everyone. Speaking of which, we are looking for **donations for our raffle**. *Can you help?* If you'd like a headed letter to take to any shops/companies asking for a donation, we would really appreciate this.

Remember to have a look at the '**Dates for Your Diary**' section and please get in touch if you have any questions. Fingers crossed for dry weather on Thursday and Friday as we head off to 'Gulliver's Land' for our Year 6 residential...I've got a horrible feeling that we're going to get soaked!

Have a lovely weekend,

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NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS' WEEK

National School Sport Week is a nationwide initiative that encourages schools to prioritise sport and physical education. The event aims to raise awareness of the benefits of an active lifestyle for children and young people, both in terms of physical health and mental well-being. It was started in 2008 and here at Woodhall **we have taken part every single year** (even during the Covid lockdown where we joined in to a remote Sports Week!). This year, Sports Week takes place from **Monday 16th – Friday 20th June** and here's what we've got planned...

MONDAY 16th JUNE: Yoga. In a change from our usual weekly yoga sessions, the amazing Louisa will be delivering a **whole school YOGA SESSION!** We will be inviting parents/carers to join us in our moment of calm and serenity. Times will be confirmed shortly.

TUESDAY 17th JUNE: We've booked a real treat for the children...a **CLIMBING WALL!** Each class will get a chance to have a go on the climbing wall during the day, led by qualified instructors and with all safety harnesses etc in place. Please note: children will need to wear tracksuit bottoms and a long-sleeved top today (or at least have these to change into for their climbing session).

WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE: It's **ROUNDERS DAY!** Children will compete in Key Stages. Which House Group will emerge as the victors? It's all to play for!

THURSDAY 19th JUNE: Our friends at Superstar Sport will be leading sports' sessions for each class, including **FRISBEE FUN** and more!

FRIDAY 20th JUNE: **WOODHALL SPORTS' MORNING.** The children will take part in various point-scoring activities for the first part of the morning before **we invite you to join us at 11am** for the highly-competitive races; which will include the sack race, egg-and-spoon race, beanbag-on-head race and (of course) the running races.

This year, we are not holding a family picnic after the races. This is because we have the 70th anniversary family picnic a couple of weeks later. However, if you would like to sign your child out of school after the races then you may do so. **Next week, you will receive a letter asking that you indicate your preferences regarding Sports' Morning.**

As they will be taking part in a different activity each day, we ask that the children come to school wearing their Woodhall PE kits every day during National School Sports' Week. We can't wait!

EYFS (RECEPTION & NURSERY) WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Miss Jones and the fantastic Early Years Team have been busy planning this half-term's workshops for parents & carers. We invite you to attend the following:

Thursday 12th June, 9-10am: *Marvellous Maths!* Come and find out how maths is taught from the earliest age at school and take part in a variety of activities alongside your child.

Wednesday 2nd July, 9-10am: *SEND* (Special Educational Needs & Disability) Led by our SEND specialist Mrs Pottinger, come and find out what happens when **speech, language and communication** is a real challenge for your child. Pick up some helpful tips and ask questions in our highly-supportive, non-judgemental environment. We know that it's not easy when "use your words" doesn't work and we're here to support you!

SUPERSTAR SPORT SUMMER CAMP

Looking for an exciting, active, and fun-filled way to keep your child engaged this summer? **Super Star Sport** is running **Summer Holiday Camps** packed with sports, games, and unforgettable memories right here at Woodhall! Led by qualified and passionate coaches, the summer camps are the perfect mix of fitness, teamwork, and fun – helping the children to build confidence and stay active during the school break. For further information, please see the flyer below.

SUPER STAR SPORT

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMP

Woodhall Primary School
Hertfordshire, WD19 6QX,
Watford WD19 6QX

Week 1 - Mon 28th Jul - Fri 1st Aug

Week 2 - Mon 4th Aug - Fri 8th Aug

PER DAY:
£14 Half day
£24.50 Full Day
Year 1-Year 6
(Reception half days only)

PER WEEK:
£100 Full week 4 days
£110 Full week 5 days

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

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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
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May/HALF TERM WEEK	
Thursday 5th/Friday 6th June	Year 6 residential trip to Gulliver's Land
Monday 9th – Friday 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Week/ Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Friday 13th June	Non-uniform day (in exchange for sweets for our tombola)
Friday 13th June	Year 5 Mini Police assembly (9am start)
Monday 16th – Friday 20th June	National School Sports' Week
Tuesday 17th June	Watford Schools' Trust Year 6 workshop: secondary transition
Friday 20th June	Sports' Morning (Parents/carers welcome to watch races at 11am)
Tuesday 24th June	Year 4 'Shine' concert (Electric Umbrella) at St. Albans' Cathedral
Wednesday 25th June	New to Woodhall: parents meeting for Nursery/Reception
Thursday 26th June	Tiger Cubs' class assembly
Tuesday 1st July	Happy Birthday Woodhall: launch day at Oxhey Library
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 visit to 'Crucial Crew' event at Vicarage Road
Thursday 3rd July	Panthers' class assembly
Friday 4th July	Hertfordshire School Games: some KS2 children to take part
Tuesday 8th July	Year 4 Playleader training (PE kits needed)
Thursday 10th July	Year 6: Hertfordshire secondary transition day
Thursday 10th July	Year 3 & Year 4 class assembly
Friday 11th July	Happy Birthday Woodhall! Family Fun Day
Tuesday 15th July	KS2 Production (2pm & 6pm performances)
Wednesday 16th July	Parents/Carers' consultation evenings
Thursday 17th July	'Woodhall's Got Talent' (during school day)
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

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

 WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS! 			
23.5.25	<i>The Woodhall Wow: ASPIRATION</i>		<i>Learner of the Week</i>
TIGER CUBS 	<i>ALL OF OUR TIGER CUBS for aspiring to be the most excellent 1950's pupils and following some very strict rules!</i>		<i>HADASA who used her amazing storytelling skills to share tales with her friends.</i>
PANTHERS 	<i>EUNICE for such determinations and resilience in working towards and ACHIEVING a very important goal!</i>		<i>ALESSIA for making such fantastic contributions to our class learning experiences.</i>
JAGUARS 	<i>HARRY H who always aspires to progress and achieve across the whole curriculum.</i>		<i>KATIE for her brilliant 'Fair Trade Freddo' project work. Fair enough!</i>
LIONS 	<i>DENIS who showed great aspiration through using his own time to improve his class work. That is true dedication!</i>		<i>OLIVER for his excellent focus during our 'soft start' activities.</i>
HOUSE POINTS			
OAK	ASH	BEECH	ELM
239	170	327	205

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