

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 13th June 2025



Don't forget that next week (*Monday 16th – Friday 20th*) is **National School Sports' Week** and children should come to school wearing their **PE kits every day**, as we've got a whole week of activities planned for them! You should have received a letter about our **sports' morning** on Friday, which will look a little different this year as we are not holding a family picnic after the races as we would normally do. This is because it's our 'Happy Birthday Woodhall!' day very soon afterwards and we're saving our best picnicking for then!

Last week, we were really proud to take most of our Year 6 children on their residential trip to **Gulliver's Land** in Milton Keynes. Despite the on-and-off rain, everyone had a great time. Endless rides, a climbing tower, animals, ice-cream and more, all topped-off by staying in Wild West-style cabins...brilliant! **Our children were fantastic; supporting and encouraging one another, mindful of other visitors to the park and always polite and using impeccable manners.** *Well done, Year 6!* We hope that you made memories to last a lifetime. Speaking of memories, we were delighted to welcome another ex-pupil to Woodhall this week. Jean spoke to the children from Year 1-Year 6 all about her time at Woodhall, which she attended from the late 1950s into the 1960s. She was a wealth of fantastic information (Jean's house backed onto the school and her dad had set up some steps so that she could just climb over the fence!) and we will be very pleased to welcome her back to celebrate with us in July.

We are so busy in school at the moment as we hurtle towards the end of another school year. Rehearsals for our end-of-term Key Stage 2 production '**Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies**' are underway. Children have their scripts to take home, so please help us out by going through your child's lines at home.

This week, our **Year 1/Year 2 children** have been sitting their **Phonics Screening test** (with fantastic results following a lot of hard work) and our **Year 4 children** are currently taking their **Multiplication Assessment**. *We couldn't be prouder of them all.* At Woodhall, we believe that balancing **academic and enrichment activities** gives our children both **structured learning** as well as opportunities for **exploration and development** beyond the core subjects, all of which contribute to a **well-rounded education**. It has been so lovely to read the surveys completed by former pupils which bear this out!

Have a lovely weekend,

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SURVEYS

If you used to attend Woodhall, or you know someone that did, then please come and grab one of our **70th anniversary surveys** from the school office. Our children have come up with some great questions including...***what was your favourite subject and why? What was your biggest achievement? Do you still know anyone from your time at Woodhall?*** They would love to read your answers!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND

Hertfordshire County Council are offering a range of **summer holiday activities for children with SEND**. If you are interested, please visit the website: www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/hudnall-park/free-summer-activities-for-young-people-with-send/ where you can complete the online form.

Alternatively, parents/carers of children with SEND can investigate the possibility of 'short breaks' at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/short-breaks.aspx

Short breaks are activities specifically tailored for children and young people with SEND and offered by a variety of different providers across the county. Parents and carers can leave their child for a short period of time in the care of the providers knowing that their needs are understood and met.

If you do decide to apply for a short break, please let us know about your experience so that we can share it with other parents. Thank you!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

It's class assembly time again! **Assemblies start at 9am** and it's always lovely for the children to see their family members watching and supporting them. Dates are as follows:

Friday 13th June: Year 5's Mini Police assembly

Thursday 26th June: Tiger Cubs' (Nursery/Reception) Tell us a Story assembly

Thursday 3rd July: Panthers (Year 1 & 2) Literacy assembly

Thursday 10th July: Year 3 & Year 4's Tell us a Story assembly

Friday 18th July: Year 6's Leavers' Assembly

We look forward to seeing you there!



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	
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
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





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