

Woodhall Tweetly



Friday 24th October 2025



As we look forward to a week's rest and relaxation, we can be very proud of everything that we have achieved this half-term at Woodhall. It's certainly been non-stop! Thank you for attending our **parents' consultations** this week. If you were not able to speak to your child's class teacher, please do email them to arrange another appointment. These conversations are crucial in supporting not only your child's **academic progress and attainment** but also their **social and emotional development**. A home/school partnership is a **collaborative relationship** and reinforces a **positive mindset** for children around learning. Let's work together to ensure the very best for our children!

Another big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated pasta for our **HARVEST PASTA-VAL** which took place yesterday. We could not believe the amount of pasta that we collected! Every size, shape and colour...your efforts are very much appreciated. All of the pasta will be collected by **Watford Food Bank**, who then distribute it to smaller, local food banks such as South Oxhey. We were very proud of the children's Harvest poems, songs and other readings too. **Another tremendous effort by our Woodhall Family!**

Just a reminder that we are all back to school on **Monday 3rd November**. Children can come into school from 8.30am (for our 'soft start') but they **must be in school for registration at 8.50am**. Sadly, we have had some children arriving late at school on several occasions this half-term. Being late not only means that children 'stand out' as they have to walk into class when all of the other children are settled, but they also **miss out on the start of their maths lesson every day**; usually when the teacher is explaining key concepts for the area of maths being taught. As a consequence, children who are late can fall behind in their learning. As we say each week when we discuss attendance during our celebration assembly, we need to be **IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!**

Don't forget to **check the dates** at the end of each 'Woodhall Tweetly', as we often add new events. Next half-term, we are looking forward to playing games with the guests at Watford Rural Council's **Senior Lunch Club**, a visit from our local **Member of Parliament (MP) Gagan Mohindra** and our annual marking of **Remembrance Day** through our very special 'Woodhall Remembers' assembly.

In the meantime, happy Halloween and have a safe and restful half-term!

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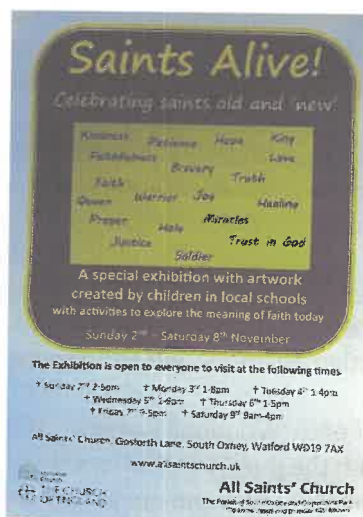


WOODHALL REMEMBERS...

Each year, we mark **Remembrance Day** with a very special assembly written and led by our fantastic Year 6 pupils. We would like to invite parents and wider family members of our Year 6 children to join us for **'Woodhall Remembers'** on **Tuesday 11th November** at **10.45am**, with the whole school marking the two minutes silence at 11am (as part of the assembly). We talk to the children about why it is so important to stop and remember not only all those who sacrificed their lives in war but also people living in war-torn countries today. It is a very solemn occasion and we would ask that all phones are switched to silent mode. You don't need to let us know that you are coming; just arrive at the school office and we will show you to your seat. Thanks everyone.

SAINTS ALIVE!

We are very excited about our visit to **All Saints' Church** (Gosforth Lane) on **Wednesday 5th November**. Our friend, Vicar Deborah, and all of the people at All Saints are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a very special exhibition called **'Saints Alive!'**. Each local primary school has drawn portraits of Christian saints as well as some local community 'saints'; people who show kindness, care and compassion in our local community. **Look out for Woodhall's contributions**, drawn by some of our very talented Year 6 pupils: Shiloh, Ollie, Krisiya and Rose. If you would like to accompany us on our trip – which will take place during the morning – please let your child's class teacher know.



AMBULANCE DAY

On **Monday 17th November**, we will be welcoming a **team of paramedics** to Woodhall as we hold an **'Ambulance Day'** – a day where children can take a look inside a real, working ambulance; talk to paramedics about their job, learn some basic CPR and much more. Our previous 'Ambulance Days' have been very successful and children not only find exploring the ambulance fascinating but they also learn an incredible amount too. However, *if a child has experienced a traumatic event involving an ambulance (or similar) out of school, it is very important that we are aware of this before the ambulance visits Woodhall.* If you think that this applies to your child, please do speak to us so that we are able to plan your child's day with increased sensitivity. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!

17.10.2025	The Woodhall Wow: FAMILY	Learner of the Week
PARROTS 	RAPHA who has settled in very well to the Woodhall family during his first full week in school, making lots of new friends. ARTHUR M for trying his best to help keep our classroom tidy.	SEFORA for her incredible effort with writing in Phonics this week. CARTER for joining in and listening well during Maths.
PUFFINS 	JOSEPH for always offering others a helping hand and being a kind and considerate member of the Woodhall family!	AIZA for her wonderful ideas and enthusiasm when planning her Mr. Men story- she was so excited, she inspired others!
KINGFISHERS 	KODI who has helped so many other children out this week, without even thinking about it and without any fuss. That is <u>very</u> special Kodi.	LEIGHTON for his incredibly hard work on researching a type of pasta and producing an information poster about it. The poster looks <u>AMAZING!</u> Well done Leighton.
HOUSE POINTS		
OAK	ASH	BEECH
98	56	46
		ELM
		156

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025-2026

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 27th – Friday 31st October HALF-TERM WEEK	
Tuesday 4th November	Group of children visiting the Senior Lunch Club at Watford Rural Parish Council
Wednesday 5th November	Whole school visit to 'SAINTS Alive!' exhibition at All Saints' Church
Monday 10th November	Gagan Mohindra MP visit to Woodhall
Tuesday 11th November	10.45am 'Woodhall Remembers' Assembly: Year 6 parents/carers invited
Tuesday 11th November	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 12th November	Year 5 Fun Run (at Greenfields)
Wednesday 12th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Reception children
Monday 17th November	'Ambulance Day' at Woodhall
Thursday 20th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Puffins children (Year Two/Three/Four)
Tuesday 25th November	Carol-singing at the Senior Lunch Club's Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 25th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Year One children
Thursday 27th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Kingfishers children (Years Five/Six)
Monday 1st December	Occasional Day: School Closed
Tuesday 9th December	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity (times TBC)
Thursday 11th December	Woodhall's Elf Day/Christmas Arts & Crafts. Parents/carers of children in Nursery/Reception/Year 1 invited to join your child.
Friday 12th December	Years One – Six Trip to Watford Colosseum: Electric Umbrella Christmas Show
Tuesday 16th December	6pm Year 2-Year 6 Carols by Candlelight
Friday 19th December	1pm End-of-term
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 5th January 2026	Children back to school
Tuesday 13th January	Year 6 Indoor Athletics Competition (at Merchant Taylors')
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February/HALF TERM WEEK	
Monday 23rd February	Children back to school
Tuesday 17th March	Year 5 Tag Rugby Competition (at Greenfields)
Friday 27th March	1pm End-of-term
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April/EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 13th April	INSET Day: Children NOT in school!
Tuesday 14th April	Children back to school
Monday 11th-Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 Cricket Festival (at Bushey Cricket Club)
Monday 25th -Friday 29th May/HALF TERM WEEK	
Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
Thursday 4th June - Friday 5th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Gulliver's Land
Monday 8th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 22nd July	1pm End-of-term
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	