

Woodhall Tweetly



Friday 26th September 2025



Almost at the end of September, and we're all off to a **flying start** with our autumn term learning! By now, you should have received the **termly curriculum outline** for your child's class. This lets you know what is being studied in each subject across the curriculum. You can see that, wherever possible, teachers create a **meaningful, interconnected context for learning** so that children's **engagement is enhanced** and a **deeper understanding is developed** by linking different subjects and real-world experiences to a theme. Shared class books provide a great basis for wider curriculum learning. Here's a quick 'book look' for each class...

Kingfishers: *'Escape from Shangri La'* by **Michael Morpurgo**. This poignant tale is about a young girl named Cessie who tries to help her grandfather escape from the nursing home where he is placed and uncover the truth of his experiences on the beaches of Dunkirk. It's a great read for children and adults alike, and links brilliantly into the children's learning about **World War Two** – especially for our Year Six children, who will be presenting our annual **'Woodhall Remembers'** event on Tuesday 11th November.

In our **Puffins** class, the children will be having huge fun reading various titles from the **'Mr. Men'** series (originally written by **Roger Hargreaves**), and they will eventually design, make and evaluate their own books in their Design & Technology lessons; learning how to cut, fold, create structures and attractive designs.

Our little **Early Years Parrots** have been busy **exploring their own lives**...their families, homes, likes and dislikes and so on. As part of this theme (and in preparation for making their own 'lift-the-flap' style books), Nursery have been reading *'Dear Zoo'* by **Rod Campbell** and *'All Kinds of People'* by **Emma Damon**. We can't wait to see their own creations! Reception are enjoying *'You Can!'* by **Alexandra Strick and Steve Antony**.

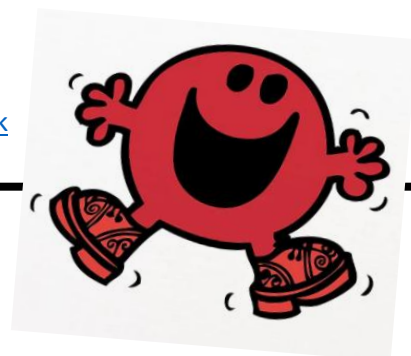
Year One – our big **Parrots** – are enjoying *'Someone Just Like You'* by **Helen Docherty and David Roberts**, which they are using as a stimulus for learning how to use capital letters and write lists, labels and captions. This provides a lovely link to their **PSHE learning: 'All About Me!'**.

There are so many great books out there that it can be tricky to choose what to read together at home! If you are stuck for a title, why not have a look at the excellent **Book Trust** website <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/great-books-guide-2024-25/>? Here, you'll find a list of one hundred recommended books for primary-aged children. And don't forget that our brilliant **Oxhey Library** is just around the corner and packed full of fantastic books that are completely free to borrow! Opening hours are Tuesday: 9.30am – 6pm; Thursday: 9.30am – 6pm; Friday: 9.30am – 6pm; Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm. **Happy reading and happy weekend!**



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SMILE FOR THE CAMERA...

...because on **Thursday 9th October**, it's **school photo time!** As usual, we invite **children with younger pre-school siblings** to have their photos taken first (*usually from 8.30am, but this does depend on the photographer being able to set up in time*). Next, it's **sibling photos for children at Woodhall** and finally, children's **individual photos**. If you would like a sibling photo, please make sure that you complete the form on the letter that has been sent home and return it to the office as soon as possible. During the morning of 9th October, Nikki and Fouzia will be clocking up thousands of steps as they whizz backwards and forwards through the school collecting children for photos! Please bear in mind that the School Office will be closed for other business until 12pm (excluding notifications regarding school absence or medical needs). Thank you!

HOT DOG DAY

Don't forget that **Thursday 2nd October** is **HOT DOG DAY** at Woodhall! Children can choose between a pork or veggie hot dog, served with onions, ketchup, mustard and fries...and followed by ice-cream! Book your child's hot dog lunch at the School Office: £3.45 per Key Stage Two child, unless you qualify for free school meals.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

YEAR THREE/FOUR TRI-GOLF FESTIVAL

On **Wednesday 8th October**, our **Year Three** and **Year Four** Puffins will take part in an exciting **Tri-Golf Festival** at Woodhall. This is organised by our brilliant School Sports Partnership. Other local schools will bring their teams to compete in a range of fun golf-related games. We know that, as a small school, it is difficult to put together larger sports teams to compete at the same level as bigger schools. But we give **EVERYTHING 100%**, we **ALWAYS** show good sportsmanship and we **ENJOY** ourselves! Please make sure that your Year Three/Four child comes into school wearing their PE kit on the day and **GOOD LUCK to the Puffins!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!

19.9.2025	The Woodhall Wow: FAMILY	Learner of the Week
 PARROTS	EVERYONE IN RECEPTION -For their enthusiasm and great behaviour on their very first trip with the Woodhall family. EVERYONE IN YEAR ONE -For being fantastic representatives for the Woodhall family during the trip to Hertfordshire Zoo.	JESSE -For fantastic listening and a great effort during P.E. CARTER -For showing amazing enthusiasm and knowledge during <u>Science</u> .
 PUFFINS	CONNOR - for showing kindness, thoughtfulness and responsibility for his Woodhall Family by holding doors and helping others on the swings on our trip to the zoo.	ALESSIA - for her increased confidence in reading sessions. She has even started to find her tasks EASY! Keep it up!
 KINGFISHERS	AMY who went out of her way to support some of our younger children during our trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. What a fantastic role-model!	OLLIE who has worked so hard throughout the week: giving every task 100% effort. FANTASTIC!
HOUSE POINTS		
OAK	ASH	BEECH

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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
Thursday 2nd October	National Poetry Day/Hot Dog Day (school lunches)
Wednesday 8th October	Year 4 Tri-Golf Competition (at Woodhall)
Thursday 9th October	School photos
Monday 20th October	Harvest/Diwali arts & crafts day
Tuesday 21st October/Wednesday 22nd October	Parents' Consultation Evenings
Thursday 23rd October	Harvest Festival
Friday 24th October	Halloween Raffle/afternoon disco
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October HALF-TERM WEEK	
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
Thursday 20th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Puffins children (Year Two/Three/Four)
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	