

Woodhall Tweetly



Friday 3rd October 2025



The nights are drawing in, the mornings are feeling colder and the leaves are beginning to turn from their summer green to a myriad of flame-coloured oranges, reds and purples. That can only mean one thing...**Woodhall's Harvest Festival is coming up.** Although, this year, we're not holding a Harvest Festival, but more of a...

WOODHALL'S HARVEST PASTA-VAL!

That's right! After our **baked bean triumph** of 2024 (remember Bean Mountain in the hall?), this year we are asking you for **donations of dried pasta**. *White, wholemeal, tricolour...* any colour available. We want to collect **as many pasta shapes as possible** so that we can tick them all of on our PASTA-TASTIC chart that will go up in the hall. So; *spaghetti, tagliatelle, farfalle, penne, rigatoni, fettuccine, lasagne, orzo, capellini, fusilli, macaroni...* too many to mention here but **please send them all our way!** Our Harvest Festival is not just a time for us to think about our own lives and **be thankful for our families and friends, the food that we eat** and all the wonderful **the things that we have** and show **compassion for others**; It is also a fantastic **learning opportunity** for our children. We'll be finding out all about the **different types of pasta** and **how pasta is made**, as well as looking at lots of delicious **pasta-based recipes**. And of course, the pasta we collect will be donated to the **Watford Food Bank** – who provide food for our food bank in South Oxhey – **and it really will help local families in need.**



Happy weekend!

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HOP ON BOARD THE JAZZ TRAIN!

As you may know, we have been so lucky to have had the **JAZZ TRAIN** visiting our Puffins and Kingfishers classes this half-term for a weekly journey through the story of jazz. We'd like to invite you to come and watch the children perform with our amazing musician friends: **Chris Newstead, Orphy Robinson and Ilario Ferrari**. Just turn up and you'll be blown away by the music!

KINGFISHERS' PARENTS/CARERS: Thursday 9th October at 3pm (**NEXT WEEK!**)

PUFFINS' PARENTS/CARERS: Tuesday 14th October at 3pm

HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

At Woodhall, we love our spooky Halloween raffle! As usual, our staff will buy and donate raffle prizes for the children. **Can you help? Donate a prize** for our Halloween raffle and your child will receive a free strip of five raffle tickets. Just a couple of things to remember: nothing too scary (the staff are easily spooked!) and nothing containing nuts. Raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 13th October** and prize winners will be drawn on **Friday 24th October**. Thank BOO!

HARVEST/DIWALI ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

On **Monday 20th October**, we'll be celebrating two of autumn's most colourful festivals with a very special day of arts and crafts. There's plenty of gluing, sticking, cutting and painting to be done! If you are able to come along and help out, **we would appreciate any volunteers**. Please let your child's class teacher know. The more, the merrier!

PARENTS'/CARERS' CONSULTATIONS: CHANGE OF DATE

This year, we are changing the format of our parent/carer consultations. These will be held on **Tuesday 21st October**. Next week, you will receive a letter asking for your time/format (phone or in-person) preferences. Please complete and return the form by **Friday 10th October**. If you would prefer a telephone consultation, please indicate this on the form and provide the phone number that you would like us to use.

Parent/teacher consultations are important. They provide time for you to speak with your child's class teacher and find out about **how they have settled into their new class**, the **progress** they have made and **targets for their next steps** in English and Maths. If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), the teacher will review last term's targets and set new targets in discussion with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

NHS COMMUNITY TRUST PARENTS' INFORMATION: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE

The **Children's Occupational Therapy Service** offers a child and family-centred approach to support children and young people with their independence in **all aspects of daily living**, such as self-feeding, dressing and participating in play and school activities. The service is available to children and families across Hertfordshire and they are currently offering **parent information sessions** on understanding **sensory preferences** and **supporting self-regulation**.

To find out dates of these and other exciting opportunities please visit the Hertfordshire Occupational Therapy Service webpage at: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-occupational-therapy//>

You can also contact this service by telephone: **01923 470680** or email: hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

WE ARE <u>SO</u> PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!			
26.9.2025	<i>The Woodhall Wow: FAMILY</i>	<i>Learner of the Week</i>	
PARROTS 	SEFORA for helping other children to be able to join in with games. KIVAN for helping others to do the right activities during lessons.	HARRY for making an excellent effort with his writing in his 'All About Me' book. ISAIAS for showing excellent listening and working extra hard to catch up with the work he missed when he was away.	
PUFFINS 	THOMAS for showing a kind and thoughtful attitude to your table and talking partners. Excellent work!	MINNIE for working exceptionally hard for Miss Casada, Miss Whitehorn and our supply teacher this week.	
KINGFISHERS 	DAISY who is becoming so BRAVE and CONFIDENT when speaking in front of the whole class. She is going to be a fantastic leader and representative. Brilliant!	OLIVIA who has been concentrating so hard this week; focusing on making sure that she checks and includes our success criteria in her work. Well done!	
HOUSE POINTS			
OAK	ASH	BEECH	ELM
118	125	28	102

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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
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	