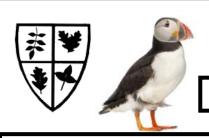
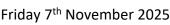
Woodhall Tweetly











Welcome back, everyone! I hope that you all had a lovely half-term week. Wasn't it brilliant to see one of our fabulous Woodhall families making the local press with their completely amazing Halloween decorations?! Well done, Dolly, Minnie, Nikki, Dave, family and neighbours! If you haven't seen this spooky spectacle for yourselves, have a look at

https://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/leisure/25586948.south-oxhey-home-puts-spectacular-halloween-display/

Back to school for the second half-term and we are straight back to business at Woodhall! Our mornings are very structured across the school, with children from Year One to Year 6 starting each day with Maths before moving on to Phonics/Reading and then English (text-based writing) lessons. Our afternoons are filled with foundation fun! Foundation subjects in a primary curriculum include Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology (DT), Geography, History, Music, Physical Education (PE), Modern Foreign Language (MFL), Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) and Religious Education (RE). These subjects provide a balanced education and foster the development of creativity, cultural appreciation, and physical skills; exposing the children to a wide range of knowledge, skills and experiences that help them to discover personal interests and talents, build their confidence, and to develop skills like problem-solving and critical thinking that complement their core subject learning. Here's just a glimpse at what our classes are learning over the next few weeks...

Parrots (Nursery/Reception/Year One): One of the Areas of Learning in the Early Years curriculum is Expressive Arts and Design; and our Little Nursery and Reception Parrots will be very busy developing their fine motor skills (those tiny but vital co-ordinated muscle movements essential for carrying out tasks such as holding a pencil, tying shoelaces and so on) by using a range of media such as painting, collage and cutting to create poppies. Our Year One Parrots will be creating their own templates to design their poppies and will use a range of 'loose parts' – buttons, wool, lolly sticks, cake cases to bring their designs to life. This, of course, is linked to the children's early learning about Remembrance Day.

Puffins (Years Two, Three and Four): In Design & Technology, our Puffins will be designing and making their own bird feeders linked to their work on Habitats in Science. The children will investigate what types of birds are found in our local area, research what they like to eat and explore ecological ways to support our Wild-Woodhall family using biodegradable and recyclable materials. When the children's creations are finished, they will hang them up and see what feathery friends our bird feeders invite onto our playground.

Kingfishers (Years Five and Six): After a whistle-stop visit to the history of the Gunpowder Plot (involving Henry VIII and the break from the Catholic Church, the line of succession leading to the coronation of King James I, the anger of the conspirators, the plot itself and its legacy!); the Kingfishers are going even further back in time this term by learning all about a very exciting period of British history...the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will be finding out why the Romans left Britain (and...what did the Romans ever do for us?!) and about the next wave of invaders to land and settle on British shores, who came to be known as the Anglo-Saxons. They will research life in Anglo-Saxon times using both primary and secondary sources of information, and learn to question the validity of sources. Finally, the Kingfishers will find out what happened when the Vikings arrived, and events unfolded that led to one of the most influential events in British history...1066 and the Battle of Hastings. Exciting!

Happy weekend everyone, and we hope to see you at our 'Woodhall Remembers' assembly on Tuesday 11th November at 10.45am.

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Come and learn

Over the next half-term, we will be holding a series of 'Come and Learn' sessions. Come and join your child as the teachers talk through different areas of the school curriculum and year group expectations. Sessions will take place on the following dates:

CLASS	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT
Parrots: Reception	Wednesday 12 th November	2-3pm	Phonics and early
			reading
Puffins: Year 2	Wednesday 20 th November	1-2pm	Reading (phonics)
Puffins: Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 20 th November	2.30-3.30pm	Reading
			(comprehension)
Parrots: Year 1	Thursday 25 th November	9-10am	Phonics and early
			reading
Kingfishers: Year 5	Thursday 27 th November	1-2pm	Grammar/writing
Kingfishers: Year 6	Thursday 27 th November	2.30-3.30pm	Year 6 SATs

If your session finishes at 2.30pm, you are welcome to take your child home afterwards. We hope that our 'Come and Learn' sessions will be informative, give you a better understanding of the curriculum and help you to support your child at home. And we hope to see as many of you as possible!







CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!



+	23.10.2025	The Woodhall Wow : FAMILY	Learner of the Week
	PARROTS	AGNES for helping the newest member of the Parrot family to settle in.	SIENNA for always trying her best and completing her work with a smile.
	PUFFINS	HARRY, for taking great care of all of your Puffin classmates: making them feel included and ensuring everyone has fun!	LOUIS for his great enthusiasm and wonderful ideas in READING, WRTTNG <u>and</u> MATHS. <u>Well</u> done!
	KINGFISHERS	JEROME, who is always first to offer to help out; he completes his school and class jobs with dedication and care. Great stuff!	KATIE for becoming a very independent learner; taking steps to ensure maximum focus and productivity. <u>Well</u> done Katie!

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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.

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DATE/TIME	EVENT			
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October HALF-TERM WEEK				
Tuesday 4 th November	Group of children visiting the Senior Lunch Club at Watford Rural Parish Council			
Wednesday 5 th November	Whole school visit to 'SAINTS Alive!' exhibition at All Saints' Church			
Monday 10 th November	Gagan Mohindra MP visit to Woodhall			
Tuesday 11 th November	10.45am 'Woodhall Remembers' Assembly: Year 6 parents/carers invited			
Tuesday 11 th November	Flu vaccinations			
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 5 Fun Run (at Greenfields)			
Wednesday 12 th November	2pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Reception children			
Monday 17 th November	'Ambulance Day' at Woodhall			
Thursday 20 th November	1pm/2.30pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Puffins children (Year Two/Three/Four)			
Tuesday 25 th November	Carol-singing at the Senior Lunch Club's Christmas Lunch			
Tuesday 25 th November	9am 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Year One children			
Thursday 27 th November	1pm/2.30pm 'Come and Learn' session for parents/carers of Kingfishers children (Years Five/Six)			
Monday 1 st December	Occasional Day: School Closed			
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity (times TBC)			
Thursday 11 th December	Woodhall's Elf Day/Christmas Arts & Crafts. Parents/carers of children in Nursery/Reception/Year 1 invited to join your child.			
Friday 12 th December	Years One – Six Trip to Watford Colosseum: Electric Umbrella Christmas Show			
Tuesday 16 th December	6pm Year 2-Year 6 Carols by Candlelight			
Friday 19 th December	1pm End-of-term			
Monday 22 nd	December – Friday 2 nd January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS			
Monday 5 th January 2026	Children back to school			
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 6 Indoor Athletics Competition (at Merchant Taylors')			
Mond	ay 16 th - Friday 20 th February/HALF TERM WEEK			
Monday 23 rd February	Children back to school			
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 Tag Rugby Competition (at Greenfields)			
Friday 27 th March	1pm End-of-term			
Monday	⁷ 30 th March – Friday 10 th April/EASTER HOLIDAYS			
Monday 13 th April	INSET Day: Children NOT in school!			
Tuesday 14 th April	Children back to school			
Monday 11 th -Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week			
Tuesday 19 th May	Year 6 Cricket Festival (at Bushey Cricket Club)			
	nday 25 th -Friday 29 th May/HALF TERM WEEK			
Monday 1 st June - Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week			
Thursday 4 th June - Friday 5 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Gulliver's Land			
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week			
Wednesday 22 nd July	1pm End-of-term			
SUMMER HOLIDAYS				