

Woodhall Tweetly



Friday 16th January 2026



Spring term is well underway at Woodhall with a myriad of **new class topics**, exciting **learning activities** and **enrichment opportunities** too! We have got lots planned for such a short term; which includes **World Book Day** and will end with our **annual Easter events** during the final week of term. The Bingo/party games fundraiser that we held before Christmas proved so popular that we're doing it all again. This term, **SPRINGO** (an ingenious spring and bingo mash-up!) is scheduled for **Friday 13th March**. Unlucky for some...but not at Woodhall! Don't forget to check the '**Dates for Your Diary**' section at the end of this newsletter.

This week, our fabulous school cook Brogan whipped up a storm with her **BIG BURGER DAY**. The children were very excited to find out which of the three burger choices (chicken, beef or veggie) was most popular at Woodhall...and we were able to confirm in our celebration assembly that it was **BEEF BURGERS!** School lunches are a great choice for children, particularly during the winter time when the taste of a **delicious, nutritionally-balanced lunch** can warm anybody up. This term, Brogan's menu includes *chicken pie, katsu curry, mac 'n' cheese and veggie lasagne* to name but a few! There is a **daily hot veggie option**, and **jacket potatoes/filled rolls** are available every single day. So, if you would like your child to have school lunches then please speak to Nikki or Fouzia in our school office. **Children in Key Stage One (Reception/Year One/Year Two) do not need to pay for lunches.** The cost for Key Stage Two children is **£3.45 per day**. However, if you are in receipt of particular income-related benefits, then your child may qualify for **free school meals**. To find out, just visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

On **Monday 26th January**, we are very excited to be welcoming our team of school governors to come and spend a day at Woodhall. Governors will be dropping into lessons, talking to the children and staff, taking part in our celebration assembly and lots more; a real opportunity for them to see Woodhall at work! Did you know that school governors are Britain's **largest volunteer group**? We'll bring you a special edition of the Woodhall Tweetly following their visit so that you can see the role of governors at Woodhall for yourselves.

In the meantime, happy weekend everyone!

Michelle Lake

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PUPILS

Recently, we have had a couple of incidents where Fouzia/Nikki have tried to contact a parent but their mobile number has changed. **Please don't forget school when updating your numbers!** It is crucial that we have the correct number so that we can contact you immediately. If you need to update your number, just drop into the school office.

On the same note, please ensure that school is aware of any **changes** in your child's **medical needs** and that we have an **in-date inhaler** if your child requires this. Thank you!

FOOTBALL CLUB

Our ever-popular Football Club will start again for Year Five/Six children on **Tuesday 20th January**. Places are limited! Please see the letter given to children this week and return the slip as soon as possible to secure a place.

MULTI-SPORTS' CLUB

Another club completely funded by Woodhall...this time, it's for children in Years Two/Three and Four. The club starts on **Friday 16th January**. Come along at lunchtime and join Superstar Sports in a wide range of fun physical activities! Letters were sent home this week so please ask at the school office if you haven't received this.

FAMILY TOOLKIT COURSE AT WOODHALL

We are very pleased to be hosting this excellent course at Woodhall. Run by experts from the Family Centre, the **Family Toolkit course** will enable parents and carers to **understand the connection between feelings and behaviour choices** as well as the different elements of parenting. Parents and carers will learn strategies that will enable them to **positively respond** to their child's needs.




If this sounds like something that would benefit you and your family, please let us know! We can then add you on to the course, as it is only available to Woodhall parents. You will then need to register for the course by completing the form using this link: hertfordshire.gov.uk **Family Centres registration form** If you are not sure about how to complete the form, or have trouble accessing it, please let us know! Tom Wilcox, a Senior Family Support Worker, will be in our school office from 1pm on **Wednesday 4th February** to support any parents/carers with registration.

This is a four-week course. **Sessions will run from 9.30-11am on Thursdays on the following dates: 26th February/5th March/12th March/19th March.** A creche will be available.

The course has supported many families across Hertfordshire and has equipped parents/carers with the **knowledge** and **confidence** to respond to their children's needs in a positive, impactful way. Don't miss out!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR AWARD WINNERS!

9.1.26	<i>The Woodhall Wow:</i> RESILIENCE	<i>Learner of the Week</i>
PARROTS 	JESSYA- For continuing to make a fantastic effort in Phonics even when it was tricky and she wasn't feeling her best.	SKYE- For being a fantastic friend by helping others to complete their Rainbow Challenges when she had finished all of hers.
PUFFINS 	Rebecca- For showing great RESILIENCE and DETERMINATION during our work on Fractions, even when it was getting tough.	Karina- For settling into Puffin Class beautifully and starting to produce some excellent work already.
KINGFISHERS 	MASON for the resilience that he has shown in his learning behaviour this week, which has been SO impressive. Mason has been absolutely determined to complete all tasks and to challenge himself without ever giving up. WELL DONE!	FRANCIS who consistently gives 100% effort in his learning in every subject. We have been particularly impressed with his learning in history. Francis' knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and his history detective skills are AMAZING!

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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 22nd January	Year Six School Health Survey (carried out by School Nurses)
Monday 26th January	Governors' Day at Woodhall
Thursday 29th January	4pm SATs information meeting for parents of children in Year Six
Wednesday 4th February	1pm Tom Wilcox (Senior Family Support Work) in school helping parents to register for Family Toolkit course
Thursday 12th February	Lunar New Year arts and crafts' day
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February/HALF-TERM WEEK	
Wednesday 25th February	Parents' consultation day/evening
Thursday 26th February	9-11am Family Toolkit course starts (weekly, for 4 weeks)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day: parents/carers invited for afternoon assembly
Friday 13th March	2-4.30pm SPRINGO! Fundraiser
Monday 16th March	Year Five Tag Rugby Festival at Greenfields School
Thursday 26th March	9am Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 27th March	9am End-of-term assembly: parents/carers invited 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	

