



# NEWSLETTER

## June / July 2026

Welcome to the Woodside Academy newsletter! Here you will find up-to-date information on events in the school, as well as dates for your diary.



## **Current Information**

### ***Welcome back***

We hope you and the children had a well-earned 2 week rest. We are looking forward to the last term of the year with more exciting events including our Year 6's end of year performances and sports days.

### ***Residentials***

We hope the year 4 & 6 children enjoyed their residential trips, both year groups were complimented on their behaviour and had the best time.

### ***SATs***

Another well done to all our Year 6 children for completing their SATs, we hope they enjoy the rest of the term, its well-deserved!

### ***Pop up pool***

Swimming lessons will be starting for year 5 from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Following on from last year, the year groups will have a lesson every day for 2 weeks. Please make payment via ParentMail.

### ***Year 3 Windrush Performances***

We had three fabulous performances of the Windrush followed by a steel pan performance. Thank you to all the staff and children for a fun filled if emotional day.

### ***Transition Day- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July***

We will be holding one day's transition for Woodside pupils; we look forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery parents and children. We hope the Year 6 children have fun in their secondary schools that week.

### ***Summer Bounce Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June***

Please come and support the school at our annual Summer Bounce on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Wristbands are available to purchase via ParentMail up until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have lots of stalls as well as the bar, BBQ and inflatables.

### ***Summer Disco 9<sup>th</sup> July***

Tickets will soon be available to purchase via Parentmail for the last disco of the school year. We are inviting Nursery for this disco, so KS1/nursery from 4:30 -5:45 and KS2 from 6pm -7:15pm.

### ***Year 6 Performances***

Each class will be performing "The Wrong Way Round",

6E- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am

6R- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm

6G- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am

### ***Beach day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July***

Get your water pistols at the ready! We'll be holding our annual Beach Day with a fish and chip lunch. Please send your child with a water pistol that fills quickly (larger-fill holes work best); buckets and spades won't be needed this year.

### ***School dinners***

Thurrock Catering Service has ceased trading, as of September our food will be provided by Stir. They will offer four options each day, a pasta dish, jacket potato, vegetarian or meat dishes.

### ***Reward Day***

Children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 and achieved 100% attendance this year will be rewarded with a bouncy castle treat on the last day of term.

### ***Ear Defenders***

Please provide your child with ear defenders, if required, for the school disco as the school doesn't have enough for all the children who have been asking of late.

### ***Parking***

We would like to remind all families to park safely and respectfully during school drop-off and collection times. Parking on someone else's private driveway without permission is illegal and is not acceptable under any circumstances.

Please ensure you:

- Park legally and considerately at all times, never on someone's drive, without permission.
- Avoid blocking private driveways other vehicles and resident access points.
- Allow extra time to find suitable parking.

### ***Trips and Activities***

We ask for contributions towards trips and activities that take place in the school day. We are not allowed to profit from these trips and activities, all contributions are used solely to cover expenses. If we do not receive these contributions for trips, they may have to be cancelled.

### ***Eco -Global Environmental Awareness***

Support local, sustainable businesses to reduce your carbon footprint. Teach children about the global impact of their daily choices, from food to energy.

### ***School Attendance***

Please remember that regular and punctual attenders make better progress, both socially and academically. Term time holidays will not be authorised and penalty notices will be issued. Please see our Attendance policy on our website for more information:

[https://www.woodsideacademy.org/\\_site/data/files/users/information/5A5346A9DDF4EACA67AF60ECF1230BE5.pdf](https://www.woodsideacademy.org/_site/data/files/users/information/5A5346A9DDF4EACA67AF60ECF1230BE5.pdf)

You must call the school office with any child's absences on 01375 372513, the office will be open from 8am.

### ***Appointments & early collections***

We kindly ask that any medical appointments are taken outside of school time, but if this cannot be avoided, please let the office know with plenty of notice and providing medical evidence. If you wish to pick your child up from school at an earlier time, please give plenty of time as we are a very busy office and cannot guarantee we can get the children ready in 5 minutes.

### ***Clubs***

Clubs for the summer term are listed on the school website. All clubs will finish at 4:15pm. Clubs may be cancelled at short notice – please check ParentMail. Parents are responsible for knowing which club their child is attending, ensuring they go, and arranging collection. Registers are only for emergencies; not to chase up non-attendance.

### ***Safeguarding***

Please don't take your friends' children home without checking with their parents first. To make things easier and less worrying for everyone, ask them to come to the office so we can call the parents and help arrange collection.

### ***Volunteer Minibus Drivers***

We are looking for parent volunteers to help drive our school minibus for trips and activities. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more information.

### ***Hiring School Facilities***

Our school hall and classrooms are available for hire outside school hours. For rates and booking information, please contact the school office.

## Dates for your Diary

### **June**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Windrush day Y5 swimming lessons (2 weeks) 1P trip to Chalkwell beach
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5 visit to Thames Park to watch High School Musical 1K trip to Chalkwell beach RE class assembly 9am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3K Windrush trip Summer Bounce 3.15pm-17.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	3C & 3O Windrush trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 sports day 9:15 – 11:00
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary schools transition week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	RW class assembly

### **July**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Woodside transition day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural week Year 4 trip to the British Museum Year 6 swimming lessons (1 week)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Infant music festival RB class assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Afternoon Tea Showcase 2pm End of year book look KS1 & KS2 3:15-5:00
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Disco
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Beach day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 leavers presentation & BBQ from 2pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	6E class performance 6R class performance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6G class performance Year 6 leavers disco
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

***Summer Holidays Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September***

***Autumn Half Term Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November (2 weeks)***

***Christmas Holidays Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January***

***February Half Term Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February***