



NEWSLETTER

September 2025

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

We offer a warm Woodside welcome to all our new families, children and staff joining our school community this term.

Late Marks

School starts and doors open at 8:45 am for all children, children arriving after this miss valuable learning and are disadvantaged for the rest of the day.

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

Parking

Please park with care for the children in our school, not on the yellow lines and with consideration for our neighbours, leaving their driveways clear.

End of day collection

Please ensure you arrive in time to collect children at 3:15 pm. If there is a change of plan, please can you inform the school office no later than 2:45 pm to ensure messages reach the children.

Walking Bus

Please use our walking bus, leaving the Chadwell Pavilion at 8.15 am, after dropping children to school it will then pick up at the Bon Bon at 8.30 am.

Parentmail Bookings

Please ensure that any breakfast club, after school club or school dinners are booked in advance via parentmail as a fee of £5 is charged for late bookings and cancellations.

Dietary / Medical Needs

Please ensure that your child's dietary and medical needs have been updated and the office have been notified of these changes.

Individual Photos Thursday 11th September

Children will be having their individual photos taken on Thursday 11th September, please ensure they come into school in full school uniform.

Pupil Premium Grants

Did you know you might be eligible for a **25% discount** on swimming, school trips, and music. Simply check the **Thurrock Council website** to see if you qualify for the **Pupil Premium Grant** via the frees school meal applications <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/thurrock> It's quick to check, and it could mean more fun for less!

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the reading challenge over the Summer. Woodside are the reigning champions. Please tell your child to bring in their certificate in order to receive a special reward in the summer term. Let's hope our name is on the shield again this year.

Book Fair

Please come and support Woodside at our book fair from Wednesday 15th October to Tuesday 21st October, all purchases will help the school buy new books

Harvest Festival

You are invited to our House Harvest Festivals on Tuesday 14th October. We are collecting for Thurrock Food bank, details of what we are collecting will be sent out soon.

Odd sock Day

Just what it says it is. Wear odd socks to school or maybe swap a sock with a close friend to support the national anti-bullying week.

Extra Curricular Clubs

The Autumn term club timetable will be available on our school website for your information. The list will be sent out via parentmail on Friday 5th September at 4pm and the bookings will be available at 6pm.

Parent Consultation Evening

Our Parent Consultation Evening will be on Wednesday 22nd October, **4BG will be on Wednesday 5th November**. Parent / Carers will be able to book an online appointment via school cloud (information on how to book will be sent out via parentmail).

Flu Immunisations

The school immunisations team will be visiting on Wednesday 5th November to provide children from Reception to Y6 their Flu vaccine.

Chair of Governors

Mr Conroy has stepped down from being our Chair of Governors, we would like to thank him for the past 14 years of support and wish him every success for the future. Mr Sopp will be our interim Chair of Governors.

Pantomime Friday 5th December

Out of the box productions will be performing Peter Pan, we are kindly asking for a £5 contribution via Parentmail.

Admissions

If your child is in Y6, the deadline for applying for a secondary place is 31st October 2025. Reception admissions open on 1st November and the deadline for applying is 15th January.

School ground Rules

Just a reminder of school ground rules for pick up and collection,

- No smoking/vaping
- Only guide dogs allowed, no dog in arms
- No electric scooters used by children or adults
- Do not use inappropriate language or behaviour

Main office

To make the school office run more efficiently please only come to the office if needed, most queries can be dealt with over the phone or via email.

Names/Labelling

Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. We do not have a lost property area so if items do not have names, they will not make their way back to your child's class.

Parentmail

Please ensure that you have access to Parentmail as this is our primary form of communication. You will receive emails, be able to book school dinners (KS2 & Nursery), make bookings for afterschool and breakfast club and make payments for trips and clubs. If you are unable to get access, please contact the school office.

Book Looks

We would like to invite you to come into school from 3:15 – 4:00 pm for you to look at your child's work.

- KS1 (not including reception & Nursery) - **Wednesday 15th October**
- KS2 - **Thursday 16th October**

Woodside Football Teams

Football training starts next week for Y5/Y6 Boys and Girls. We are looking at selecting A and B teams for both. This is a free club but children **MUST** have shin pads, socks and appropriate footwear (this is a legal requirement).

Dates for your Diary

September

Thursday 11 th	Individual photos
Thursday 25 th	6G Tower of London trip
Friday 26 th	6R Tower of London trip
Monday 29 th	6E Tower of London trip
Tuesday 30 th	6R Assembly – 9 am *

October

Tuesday 7 th	5W Assembly – 9 am *
Tuesday 14 th	House Harvest Festival *
	Holmes 9:30 am *
	Moore 10:30 am *
	Redgrave 11:30 am *
	Wilkinson 2:15 pm *
Wednesday 15 th	KS1 book look
Thursday 16 th	KS2 book look
Tuesday 21 st	4P Assembly – 9 am *
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent consultation (except 4BG)

Autumn Half Term Saturday 25th October to Sunday 2nd November

November

Monday 3 rd	First day back
Wednesday 5 th	4BG Parent consultation
	Flu immunisations
Monday 10 th	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Service
	3K Assembly – 9 am *
Friday 14 th	Children in need (wear pyjamas)
Tuesday 18 th	4BG Assembly – 9 am *

December

Friday 5 th	Christmas Panto – Peter Pan
Friday 19 th	Last day of Autumn term

January

Monday 5 th	First day of Spring term
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Spring Half Term Saturday 14th February to Sunday 22nd February

Easter Holidays Saturday 28th March to Sunday 12th April

April

Monday 13 th	First Day of Summer term
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May

Friday 8 th	Class Photos
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Summer Half Term Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 7th June (2 weeks)

July

Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term
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