



NEWSLETTER

October 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

Harvest Festival

We invite you to attend our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 14th October (Y1 – Y6). We are collecting food for the Thurrock food bank. Please see our website of items they urgently need donated.

<https://www.woodsideacademy.org/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=42>

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.

Poetry Lunch Day

To celebrate National Poetry Day on Thursday 2nd October we are having a special lunch. All reception, Y1 and Y2 children who stay for lunch will receive a book.

RED – Breaded Chicken Burger

BLUE – Southern Style Quorn Burger

Served with mini potato waffles, sweetcorn or spaghetti hoops

GREEN – Jacket Potato

Dessert – Chocolate ring doughnut

Nut-free school

Nuts are very healthy but we have a number of children with severe allergies towards them and we cannot allow them in school, this includes peanut butter, bars and any form of chocolate spread (as the majority of them contain nuts)

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

You must call the school office with any child's absences on 01375 372513.

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.

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.

PE Kits

Now the weather has turned colder, please ensure that children have warm clothes in their PE kits as they still may go outside for their lessons.

Break the Rules day

We're excited to announce a special fundraising event for our school – **Break the Rules Day** – taking place on **Friday 17th October!**

On this day, children will have the chance to have a little fun by breaking up to **10 school rules**, each costing **50p per rule**. All money raised will go directly towards funding much-needed **new iPads** for the school, supporting our children's learning.

Christmas Bazaar

Please come along and support our Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 10th December between 3:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Lots of stalls, refreshments, Christmas activities and a visit from Father Christmas.

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.

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.

Y2 Church Visit

Y2 will be walking to St Mary's Church in Chadwell St Mary on Monday 20th October as part of their topic on the local area and the Church.

Class 2B will leave school at 9:00 am

Class 2W will leave school at 10:00 am

Class 2M will leave school at 1:00 pm

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 free 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!

Odd sock Day – Monday 10th November

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.

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.

Personal Items

We are having an increase of items being brought to the main office that have been forgotten to bring into school. Please make sure that your children have all their belongings that they need for school; lunch boxes, water bottles, coats and PE kits.

Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November

School council members will be representing the school at different events in Thurrock, we will also be selling poppies and other merchandise.

Names/Labeling

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.

Children in Need Friday 14th November

We will be asking for a £1 donation for Children in Need when children can wear pyjamas or onesies to school. Look out for the staff outfits too! Merchandise will be available from Wednesday 12th November.

Eco Team Message

"Join us in keeping our communities clean—take action to reduce litter and make a difference today."

Reception Afternoon Tea & Nursery Stay and Play

We would like to invite you to attend our Early Years Afternoon Tea Party on the below dates.

RE – 7th October, RW – 8th October, RB – 9th October at 2:15 pm

Nursery will be holding a Stay & Play session on 8th October at 9:00 am & 2:15 pm, please indicate which session you will be attending on Parentmail.

This will be a great opportunity for you to spend a short amount of time with your child in school and you will have the opportunity to meet the staff working with your child.

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**

Dates for your Diary

October

Wednesday 1 st	RW Sealife trip Y5 Bushcraft Residential (Wed – Fri)
Thursday 2 nd	RB Sealife trip
Tuesday 7 th	5W Assembly – 9 am * RE Afternoon Tea – 2:15 pm *
Wednesday 8 th	RW Afternoon Tea – 2:15 pm * Nursery Stay and Play – 9 am & 2:15 pm *
Thursday 9 th	RB Afternoon Tea – 2:15 pm *
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
Friday 17 th	Author visit Break the Rules Day
Monday 20 th	Y2 Church visit
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

Tuesday 2 nd	6E Assembly – 9 am *
Friday 5 th	Christmas Panto – Peter Pan
Tuesday 9 th	5M Assembly – 9 am *
Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Bazaar
Friday 12 th	Christmas Carol Services Wilkinson & Holmes – 9:15 am * Redgrave & Moore – 14:15 pm *
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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Summer Half Term Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 7th June (2 weeks)

July

Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term
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