



NEWSLETTER

November 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

Book Fair

Thank you for coming to our Book Fair, you purchased an amazing £1741 worth of books which will help fill our school with new books.

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.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your tremendous support for our Harvest Festival. We are so grateful for all our kind donations and we collected 410.6 kg of goods for Thurrock Food Bank.

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. They will also receive a late mark on their registers.

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.

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.

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.

After School Club

Please be aware that on Wednesday 10th December there will be no afterschool clubs including our paid after school provision due to the Bazaar.

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 2026.

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.

A Fond Farewell to Mr Nunn

We are saying a very fond farewell to Mr Nunn, who began his journey at Woodside as a student before returning as a sports coach and later a class teacher. Throughout his time here, he has inspired both staff and children, leaving us with many wonderful memories.

We thank Mr Nunn for all his dedication and enthusiasm and wish him every success in his new career in sports massage.



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.

Christmas Disco

Our next Christmas Disco will be on Wednesday 3rd December, KS1 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm and KS2 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm. £5 each, this includes a hotdog and a drink. Tickets will be available to purchase via Parentmail.

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.

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.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our traditional Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December, we will cook lunch for everyone. Please tell the office if your child does not want it or would like the vegetarian option. Children can also wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Christmas Pantomime

'Outside the box Productions' will be performing Peter Pan for all children on Friday 5th December. This will be kindly funded by the Friends of Woodside.

Carol Singing in December

R to Y6 all have a day to sing carols outside from 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm.

R – Monday 8th, Y1 – Tuesday 9th, Y2 – Thursday 11th, Y3 – Monday 15th, Y6 – Tuesday 16th, Y4 – Wednesday 17th, Y5 – Thursday 18th.

KS2 Carol Services Friday 12th December

Our KS2 Carol service will be taking place in the hall in houses.

9:15 am – service 1 (Wilkinson & Holmes)

14:15 pm – service 2 (Redgrave and Moore)

Infant Nativities in December

Each class will present a Nativity with carols:

Y2 – Monday 15th 2B – 9:30 am, 2W – 11:00 am, 2M – 2:15 pm

Y1 – Tuesday 16th 1K – 9:30 am, 1P – 11:00 am, 1S – 2:30 pm

Reception – Wednesday 17th RE – 9:30 am, RW – 11:00 am, RB – 2:30 pm

Nursery – Thursday 18th 9:30 pm

Earrings

Please make sure earrings are only small studs, not expensive and removed on PE days. If they are removed in school, we do not take any responsibility if they are lost/stolen.

Outdoor Clubs

Please be reminded that outdoor clubs will **finish at 4 pm** after half term (excluding First Kick).

Dates for your Diary

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

November

Monday 3 rd	First day back
Tuesday 4 th	1K Mount Fitchet Castle
Wednesday 5 th	1P Mount Fitchet Castle 4BG Parent consultation Flu immunisations
Thursday 6 th	1S Mount Fitchet Castle
Monday 10 th	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Service 3K Assembly – 9:00 am *
Friday 14 th	Children in need (wear pyjamas)
Tuesday 18 th	4BG Assembly – 9:00 am *
Thursday 20 th	Y4 Shang Dynasty Workshop (in school)

December

Tuesday 2 nd	6E Assembly – 9:00 am *
Wednesday 3 rd	Y3 Thameside Theatre Panto Christmas Disco
Friday 5 th	Christmas Panto – Peter Pan
Monday 8 th	Reception singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Tuesday 9 th	5M Assembly – 9:00 am * Y1 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 11 th	Y2 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Friday 12 th	Christmas Carol Services Wilkinson & Holmes – 9:15 am * Redgrave & Moore – 2:15 pm *
Monday 15 th	Y2 Nativities (2B – 9:30 am, 2W – 11:00 am, 2M – 2:15 pm) * Y3 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Tuesday 16 th	Y1 Nativities, (1K – 9:30 am, 1P – 11:00 am, 1S – 2:30 pm) * Y6 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Wednesday 17 th	R Nativities (RE – 9:30 am, RW – 11:00 am, RB – 2:30 pm) * Y5/6 William Edwards Panto Y4 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Thursday 18 th	Nursery Nativity – 9:30 am * Christmas Dinner Y5 singing outside 3:10 pm – 3:20 pm
Friday 19 th	Last day of Autumn term

January

Monday 5 th	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 13 th	5L Assembly – 9:00 am *
Tuesday 20 th	6G Assembly – 9:00 am *
Tuesday 27 th	1P Assembly – 9:00 am *

February

Tuesday 3 rd	2B Assembly – 9:00 am *
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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)

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Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term
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