## A word from Mr Lloyd

### Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



After last week's World Book Day events, it's been a bit of a quieter week at Woodside this week!

Year 6 have been working hard on their Spring term assessments and I'm really impressed with the improvement that I've seen from the end of the Autumn term. Well done Year 6!

Our Y3 pupils were also very successful at the Amersham School benchball festival on Tuesday, winning lots of their matches and ending up as the most successful school at the event. There's a more detailed write-up about this a little later in the newsletter.

Many thanks also to Mrs Bannister and Ms Barns, who run our eco-council. They have worked really hard all year with their group and took part in a great event this week. We have planted several new trees around the school and all the children involved loved getting their hands dirty and helping to plant the new trees.

On Monday this week, our teachers visited Chesham Bois School for a writing moderation. We met with teachers from Chesham Bois, Curzon, Thomas Harding and Chenies schools to discuss the way in which each school assesses writing and to check that we are all in agreement with our assessments. I'm pleased to say that all of our judgments were agreed and that I heard many positive comments about the work produced by Woodside children throughout the course of the meeting.

Finally, I must take this opportunity to remind parents of expected behaviour when picking children up or dropping them off. We expect parents and family members to model the behaviour which we want to see from our pupils, both in terms of the language being used and the respect being shown to others. Please ensure that you remember this when you are on and around the school site and help us to reflect our school values of kindness, curiosity and collaboration.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lloyd

Date	Event			
18.03.25	Year 5 Trip to Chesham Mosque			
18.03.25	Year 4 Benchball @ Amersham School			
21.03.25	4B Hockey Tournament after school - invitation only			
W/C: 24.03.25	Last session for all after school clubs			
25.03.25	Year 6 trip- RAF Hendon			
25.03.25	Book Fair- after school			
26.03.25	Year 3 skipping @ Amersham School			
26.03.25	Year 4 trip- Bhakivedanta Manor			
28.03.25	Break the Rules Day PTA event			
31.03.25	2nd Hand Uniform Sale after school			
01.04.25	Rocksteady Spring Concert			
01.04.25	VE Day learning (Year 6 only)			
01.04.25	Spring Parents Evening 1			
02.04.25	Year 3 trip- Ashmolean Museum			
02.04.25	PTA Bingo event- after school			
03.04.25	Year 5 Easter Assembly to parents			
03.04.25	Spring Parents Evening 2			
04.04.25	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm			
	No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.			
21.04.25	Bank Holiday- School Closed			
22.04.25	Inset Day- School Closed			
23.04.25	Year 5&6 Scooter Workshop			
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Dates for your diary

Click here for the calendar of 24/25 Term Dates

Please see our brand new Easyfundraising QR code for anyone who is able to make a donation towards school activities and events which are additional to the regular curriculum. If you are able to, please scan the below code and donate what you can-thank you on behalf of all at Woodside!

House Point Totals					
This week	529	491	361	515	
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar	





- Well done to Reeva in Year 5 for winning 'best designed car' at the annual Pinewood Dery competition through cubs at the weekend! Please see the fantastic design to the right with Reeva.
- Huge congratulations to Alfie, Matthew and Alby all in Year 3 for also winning awards in the annual Pinewood Dery competition!
- Well done to Raffy in Year 5 for completing a 10K Hike with the cubs and receiving an endurance badge.
- Kateryna in Year 5 was awarded a medal at a Rugby competition- amazing effort!
- Well done to Thomas and Ellis in Year 4 and Even in Year 5 who played for Amersham and Chalfont HC in the boys u10 county clubs competition. They all did brilliantly with the club progressing to the regional competition at the end of April. See photo below.





Please note, this photo has been blurred for GDPR purposes

### Tree Planting with Mrs Bannister, Ms Barnes and Mr Appleby....

This Wednesday, led by the Eco Council members, Mrs Bannister, Ms Barnes and Mr Appleby, children from across the school helped plant out 15 tree saplings to create a new woodland area in the school grounds. This is part of the Eco Councils project to improve our biodiversity and create new habitats around the school as we work towards achieving Eco School status. Future projects will include creating bug houses to add to our new woodland along with improving the planting in our courtyard area for pollinators.

To help us with these projects, we would be very grateful for any plant/seed donations.



# **Woodside Cross Country...**

On Saturday 8th March, Woodside took part in the final cross-country event of the season. This took place in Lowndes Park and 37 children from Woodside participated. Altogether, there were 457 runners!

Well done to all our Woodside children who successfully completed the hilly course. A particular mention goes to our individual medallists:

Tommy (Y3 Boys) -7th
Olly (Y4 Boys)- 1st
Freddy (Y5 Boys)- 1st
Teddy (Y5 Boys) 4th
Herbie (Y5 Boys) 9th
Amelia (Y6 Girls) 2nd
Isabel B (Y6 Girls) 4th
Millie (Y6 Girls) 9th
Ollie (Y6 Boys) 1st
Charlie (Y6 Boys) 10th





We were also thrilled to win three gold team medals for Year 5 Boys (Freddy, Teddy, Herbie), Year 6 Boys (Ollie, Charlie, Harry) and Year 6 Girls (Amelia, Isabel and Millie). This is an amazing achievement.

A special mention to year 6, many of whom have been part of cross-country for four seasons since they started at Woodside. Thank you for your commitment, sheer resilience and team spirit. It has been wonderful to watch your development and success. We hope this is just the start of a lifetime of running!

Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...



- FTF After school club Summer Term sessions will be available to book from Monday 17th March. Please click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to reserve your child's place.
- Please click <u>here</u> if you would like to see details on an Easter Holiday Camp taking place at Chesham Leisure Centre this April.
- If you would like to find out details on the ZKT Dance workshops taking place this Easter, please click <u>here</u>.



# 2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE



# GET READY FOR THE SUMMER TERM UNIFORM CHANGE

MONDAY 31ST MARCH - 3:15 PM

SCHOOL HALL OR IF GOOD WEATHER OUTSIDE BY THE MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE

WE HAVE LOTS OF GOOD QUALITY ITEMS, WASHED AND READY TO GO TO A NEW HOME

WE WELCOME DONATIONS OF SUMMER DRESSES AND
ANY SCHOOL LOGO ITEMS

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

£1 PER NON-LOGO ITEM £2 PER LOGO ITEM



FRIDAY 28TH MARCH WILL BE A NON-UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE ON A SPRING PICNIC. ITEMS SUCH AS -

- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BOOKS/GAMES
- BISCUITS/CHOCOLATES/SWEETS
- NON-PERISHABLE SAVOURIES
- SMALL BOTTLES OF SOFT DRINKS
- PICNIC TABLEWARE CUPS/PLATES

THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

TICKETS ON SALE VIA CLASSLIST

