

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 15th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

There was great excitement in Years 3 & 4 yesterday, as they arrived early to school for their cinema trip. It was lovely to open the gates and see all the smiling and happy children, who were so excited to get on the train and head to the Elgiva Theatre. The children were an absolute credit to Woodside and walked so quickly back and forth that they were able to make an earlier train, so got back to school in time for lunch! Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers who helped us, we wouldn't be able to do these trips without you. A huge thank you to Mrs Harrison, who arranged for both cinema trips after seeing the film festival advertised earlier this year. It's been a great initiative and all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed their cinema visits.

Sport has once again been at the heart of a week at Woodside. The Year 6 children visited Amersham School to compete in a cross-country event and, yet again, several pupils came away victorious in their categories! Girls in Year 4 visited A&C Hockey Club for a girls' football festival and performed superbly. Year 3 are attending a gymnastics festival today and I hope that they have a lovely day. The sporting opportunities on offer are amazing and we must thank Mrs Tandara for arranging all of these great activities.

We're heading into Christmas season now and it's lovely to hear the choir rehearsing all of their Christmas songs each Thursday morning. The Year 4 children have also started to rehearse for their Christmas performance and were excited to discover their roles this week. December is a very busy month; please keep an eye on the school calendar and the dates listed in this newsletter to make sure nothing is missed!

Finally, please can parents ensure that the food provided in your children's lunch boxes and for their snack is healthy. We have recently seen more children beginning to bring in chocolate bars for snacks, when these should be fruit-based. Please also remember that we are a nut-free school and cannot have any nuts on the premises due to pupils with severe allergies across the school.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Lloyd



After a snowy start to the day on Tuesday this week, the Year 6 children built this cute snowman!! We thought we should share the photo with you all to see!!



House Point Totals

This week	476	839	470	337
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
22.11.24	Year 3 Gymnastics @ DCHS
26.11.24	Amersham Band Workshop - Year 4
27.11.24	Author Visit- Dan Schreiber
29.11.24	4B Hockey Tournament after school - Invitation Only
06.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
06.12.24	PTA Christmas Fair
09.12.24	Year 3 visit to St George's Nativity
09.12.24	Choir sing to Age Concern @ Chiltern Lifestyle Centre
10.12.24	Choir Christmas Concert- 6pm
11.12.24	Year 3 to Amersham School for Basketball
12.12.24	Year 4 production 1.30pm and 6.30pm
16.12.24	Year 6 Black History Workshop
17.12.24	Rocksteady Concert 10am
18.12.24	Carol Concert @ St Michael's All Angels Church
18.12.24	Masion Chef - Christmas Lunch
20.12.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.
06.01.25	Inset Day
07.01.25	First day back to school for Spring term - Gates open at 8.35am

[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!



Our condolences

All at Woodside were very saddened to hear of the passing of Miss McAlpine earlier this week. Miss McAlpine was an important and longstanding member of the St George's community and touched the hearts of many of our pupils and staff. We have sent a card with messages of condolences to St George's on behalf of all of the Woodside community. Our thoughts are with the family of Miss McAlpine and all who knew her.



As mentioned previously in the Newsletter- Year 6 went to Amersham School this week to take part in a Cross Country event. Well done to Amelia and Isabel who came 1st and 2nd in the girls race. Also to Ollie, Charlie and Harry who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the boys race.

Of course we so proud of all the children, who conducted themselves so well and finished the race!!

On Monday 11th November and Wednesday 20th November, all the girls from year 5 and 4 went to Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club for a Girls' Football Festival.

The Football Association's intention is to encourage girls into football. The children had a fun morning practising a variety of skills under the guidance of football coaches.

In school, we are also encouraging girls into football. First Touch Football are currently taking a year 5 and 6 Girls' Football lunchtime club. They will continue in the Spring Term with the younger girls.



Please note, these photos has been blurred for GDPR purposes.

Hideout Zone



Dates for your diary...

- ◆ **Friday 22nd November - Christmas Movie Night**! Come and enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate while enjoying the Christmas Movie - The Grinch.
- ◆ **Friday 29th November - Advent**! Join in the fun, making advent calendars!
- ◆ **Friday 6th December - Christmas Cooking**! We will be making truffle's - yummy...!
- ◆ **Friday 13th December - Festive Fun**! Tonight we are making cards, reindeer food, hot chocolate cones and colouring!

If you would like to book a space for your child on any of the above events, please log onto your MCAS app and book via the HOZ after school club in the usual way. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment!!

From Emma, Amanda and Kirsty.



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

- ⇒ Please click [here](#) if you would like to see details about Amersham Band performing live music to the screening of 'The Snowman'.
- ⇒ Please click [here](#) for details on weekly football training session opportunities at DCGS.
- ⇒ Click [here](#) to see what festive fun activities are taking place at Discover Bucks Museum over the coming weeks.



A huge well done to the below students this week...

- Rhys from Year 3 won player of the match last weekend. He plays in goal for his team Chesham United and managed to score the first goal from his position as goalkeeper! See photos above
- Please also see photos above of both Florence and Anaya in Year 6 as mentioned in last week's Newsletter at the Remembrance parade.

First Touch Football Spring Term Bookings:

We will begin to accept bookings from next **Monday 25th November**, please click here: [Woodside school After School Club | First Touch Sports](#)

Important: Due to limited availability for spaces next term, we are introducing a deadline for club sign ups which will be Friday 13th December .



We'd love the children to create a Festive Jolly Jar to be sold at the Christmas Cheer.

You can fill your jar with sweets, small toys, small stationery items, pens/crayons, fidget toys, whatever you can fit in! Just make sure its a clean jar and any food items are in wrappers if including other items as well. And remember **NO NUTS** please.

Decorate and bring back to school on **Monday 2nd December**.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
WOODSIDE SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CHEER
FRIDAY DEC 6TH - 3.15 TO 5PM**



**STALLS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS
& STOCKING FILLERS FOR ALL THE
FAMILY**

**HOT CHOCOLATE
TEAS & COFFEES, CAKES & MINCE PIES**

SWEET STALL, CRAFTS & GAMES

**AS WELL AS THE WONDERFUL
HAMPER RAFFLE - TICKETS ON CLASSLIST
OR ON THE DOOR**



**EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE RUNNING 2
OR 3 STALLS SO PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR
SIGN UP SHEETS ON CLASSLIST**

WOODSIDE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHEER CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE



WE WILL BE RAFFLING OFF COLOURFUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AT THE CHEER EVENT AND ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

PLEASE BRING IN ITEMS SUCH AS BOTTLES OF WINE/TOILETRIES/FESTIVE FOOD ITEMS/SMALL TOYS & GIFTS TO INCLUDE IN OUR HAMPERS

EACH YEAR GROUP HAS THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS COLOURS;

YEAR 3 - GREEN **YEAR 4 - RED**
YEAR 5 - GOLD **YEAR 6 - SILVER/WHITE**

WE WILL BE HOLDING A NON UNIFORM DAY ON **FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER** IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS.

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS WITH YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

£1 PER TICKET

AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST OR AT THE EVENT

RAFFLE DRAW 4.45PM AT THE CHEER EVENT