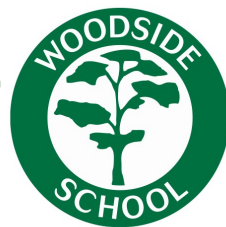


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 24th January 2025



Dear Parents,

This week has been another week packed with activities at Woodside. Year 6 competed in a dodgeball festival on Monday, whilst Year 5 visited Amersham School for a netball festival on Tuesday. The teachers were delighted with the attitude and enthusiasm shown by all the children at these events. It was lovely to see the children with a smile on their faces participating in sport and representing Woodside really well.

This term, we have also had a cricket coach working with our Year 4 & 6 teams, to help train our teachers to deliver high quality cricket sessions. I've observed some of these sessions and the children are really fortunate to be receiving a very high standard of professional cricket coaching during this term. As ever, our thanks go to Mrs Tandara for organising these events and for her work as PE lead at Woodside.

Year 6 have been working hard on their "make do and mend" project, linked to their work on World War Two. It's been lovely to see how much the children, and staff, are enjoying working on their projects and we're thankful to the parent volunteers who have given up their own time to help support in class also!

Year 3 were very grateful when they received a care package from the parents this week, to help Mrs Fox and her family as her daughter recovers from a severe broken bone in her arm. It's been a very hard week in the Fox family as they've juggled work with supporting their daughter and it was a lovely boost to receive such a nice surprise from the Y3 parents. Thank you very much!

This week saw the Woodside Association meet to discuss fundraising projects and ideas for the next year. The Woodside Association do some fantastic work but are really stretched by lack of numbers who are volunteering to help. We really could do with some more willing hands to help us set up events and ensure that we can continue to support the school with projects similar to last year's library project. Having spent all day yesterday at a Trust meeting discussing the future of school finance and next year's budgets, the school will need all the support it can get in the future! If you're able to help and wish to join the Woodside Association, please pop in to the office or speak to Catherine Wright.

I hope everyone enjoys a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Lloyd

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24.01.25	Year 5 Hockey Festival- Invitation only
31.01.25	4TB Hockey Tournament- Invitation only
01.02.25	Cross Country- Lowndes Park
03.02.25 - 07.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week
05.02.25	Cross Country at Stowe- Years 5&6 selected pupils only.
11.02.25	Year 6 Fitness @ Amersham School
14.02.25	PTA Break the Rules Day
14.02.25	Last Day of Half Term- School ends 3.15pm
25.02.25	Year 5 trip to Living Rainforest
03.03.25 - 06.03.25	Year 5 Bikeability- selected children only.
05.03.25	Year 4 Yoga @ Amersham School
08.03.25	Cross Country- Lowndes Park
11.03.25	Year 3 Benchball @ Amersham School
15.03.25	PTA Quiz Night
21.03.25	Year 4 Benchball
21.03.25	4B Hockey Tournament after school - invitation only
W/C: 24.03.25	Last session for all after school clubs
26.03.25	Year 3 skipping @ Amersham School

[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	422	348	287	360
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



- Congratulations to Varisha in Year 4 for winning a Bronze Medal in Badminton Singles and Silver medal in Mixed Doubles at the Badminton England Pathway Tournament! Becoming Number 2 based on birth year in Badminton England! Please see the photo to the right with her medals.



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

*Please click [here](#) to view details of a 'lets play' holiday camp taking place at Chesham Leisure Centre during February half term.

*Please click [here](#) to find out about the FTF Sports MegaCamp taking place over the February half term.

*If you would like to know more details about the ZKT dance workshops taking place this February Half term, please click [here](#).

*For details on a table tennis camp taking place this half term in Chesham, please click [here](#).

*Please click [here](#) to see more information on a 'Wake up to Music' event taking place at Amersham School on Saturday 8th February- open to all instrumental and vocal students.



Year 5 Netball Festival at Amersham School- Monday 20th January.

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

Upcoming dates for your diary

Winter/Spring Term 2025

Friday 14th	February	Break The Rules Day! Dress to show your personal style on Valentines Day	
Tuesday 25th	February	PTA meeting 8pm, Boot & Slipper pub, Amersham	
Saturday 15th	March	 Parents Quiz Night! Come along for a great night raising money for the school	
Wednesday 2nd	April	Children's after school Bingo event. More info to follow...	
Saturday 14th	June	SUMMER FAIR	

UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising focus this year is to support the replacement of all 8 classrooms' interactive whiteboards. This will upgrade each classroom with current technology and allow the teachers to effectively deliver the digital aspects of the curriculum.

We have around 50% of the funds needed currently, and through our upcoming fundraising events hope to be able to raise the other 50%. Attendance at our PTA meetings is very low, with an average of 6 people at each meeting. This means we cannot run as many fundraising events as we would like. Please consider offering your time to support the school, the PTA and your child's school experience.

With thanks, PTA