



# Woodlands' Newsletter "7"

20th January 2026



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[www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

If you have a whole school question or concern, please contact Mr Baker via the office.

**Whole School Attendance (This year so far): 96.6%**

**Winning Team attendance (This year so far): 96.98% Ethelfleda**

**Well done to our WOW Workers - see the PowerPoint on the website**

Class	Week Ending: 09.01.26	Week Ending: 16.01.26	Class	Week Ending: 09.01.26	Week Ending: 16.01.26
<u>Ash</u>	Finlay	George	<u>Elm</u>	Izzy A	Stanley
<u>Oak</u>	Ayla	Rosa	<u>Redwood</u>	Remy	Carla
<u>Willow</u>	Olivia S	Anna	<u>Chestnut</u>	Margot	Ryan
<u>Birch</u>	Arthur M	Jack	<u>Aspen</u>	Nikola	Freddie H



What a great start to the New Year—despite bad weather and a bout of colds and illnesses it is great to see school attendance remaining high. All the staff are glad to be back (honest) and are looking forward to an exciting Spring term with trips planned as well as residential, concerts and much more. This term the children are learning:

**Foundation**— Does Chocolate grow on Trees? Understanding the World exploring Maps and locating where we live.

**Year 1**—Bright Lights, Big City—Teaching children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, Including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London.

**Year 2**— The Coastline, Erosion & Maps, Uses of Materials and their properties, Recycling, Measurements & still life drawings.

**Year 3**— Rocks, Relics and Rumbles, children will dive into the depths of the Earth and explore the layers beneath us.

**Year 4**—The Misty Mountain, Winding River project, the children are learning about the characteristics and physical processes of rivers, including how they shape and landscape over time.

**Year 5/6**—Sow, Grow and Farm , this project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world. Animal and human life cycles, human growth and development to old age.

**Follow  
traffic rules,  
SAVE your  
future**



Please speak to your children about road safety

Please help us work together to keep ALL of the children safe.



**Congratulations**

to Miss Lincoln who got married over the holidays. She is now Mrs Hancox—thank you for her flowers!



### **Bad Weather Protocol**

We will always try our hardest to keep school open—however if it is unsafe we will close the school. If, in the event of poor weather we need to close the school. We will send an email as well as update the school website. Please check the school website on snow days.

## **Key Dates**

***Ingestre Hall—Wednesday 21st January 2026—Friday 23rd January 2026***

***Year 1 & 2 WOLF Day—Friday 6th February 2026***

***School Disco—Monday 9th February (event poster to be released)***

***Year 3 & 4 WOLF Day—Thursday 12th February 2026***

***School Closes at normal time—Friday 13th February 2026***

***School Closed Half Term - Monday 16th February 2026— Friday 20th February 2026***

***INSET Day School Closed—Monday 23rd February 2026***

***School re-opens—Tuesday 24th February 2026***

### **Attendance**

We have been asked by the Government and Local Authority to remind families that we can only authorise absence from school for very specific or exceptional circumstances.

All unauthorised absence is recorded and reported to the Local Authority

### **Notes from the Office**

**Parent Pay**—Please ensure you have credits in your account before taking items such as Dinners and Breakfast club sessions. If you have any outstanding payments on your account, weekly reminders are sent.



### **Reminders of expectations:**

Children should be reading at least 3 times per week. This helps them attain the rewards they deserve.

Children's attendance should be above 97% - please avoid missing any days from school unless ill. Absence calls must be made by a parent or carer by calling the school office before 9.10am.

There is a designated answer machine for absence messages. Miss Hodson will then follow up any attendance queries as needed.

For safety reasons; No hoodies or jewellery for PE. PE T-shirts should be plain white. Joggers should be plain black or Navy. PE kit is uniform not outdoor learning/forest clothing.

School gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am. Children arriving after 8:45am miss the start of learning and are marked as late!



Last week the school choir represented the Woodlands at Young Voices, a choir of over 5000 children who sang at the BP live stadium in Birmingham. They were AMAZING and were great ambassadors for the school. Hopefully we can do it again next year- A huge thank you to Mrs Salt, Miss Taggart, Mrs Curtis and our wonderful choir.



The children had a visit from M&M theatrical productions on Friday 16th January, they performed A Christmas Carol. As always when we have these productions in school the children all get involved, and enjoy every minute!



*A huge thank you to the Tamworth Assembly Rooms for letting our Year 4 pupils enjoy the Jack and the Beanstalk Panto! They all had a great time, behaved exceptionally and thoroughly enjoyed Mrs Shipley-Smith getting soaked!*



### New books for School

Thank you to everyone who brought a book at our Christmas book fayre. Through this we were able to purchase some new books for our Library!

