



Woodlands' Newsletter "1"

4th September 2026



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.

Contact us : office@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Telephone : 01827 429020 [office open 8.00am–4.00pm]

Breakfast club bookings: bc@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

School Website

www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Whole School Attendance (This year so far): 96.2%

Winning Team attendance (This year so far): Ethelfleda 99.32%

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

Class	04.09.2026	Class	04.09.2026
<u>Ash</u>	The whole class	<u>Elm</u>	Charlotte
<u>Oak</u>	Nevaeh	<u>Redwood</u>	Isaac
<u>Pine</u>	Leo P	<u>Chestnut</u>	Olivia
<u>Birch</u>	Isla-Rose	<u>Aspen</u>	Adam

Welcome Back

It has been a great week. The children have been outstanding, with a great attitude to returning to school. They all look so smart in their new uniform, and wow, haven't some of them grown!

The teachers have planned really engaging lessons, activities and visits for the Autumn term. Please see a quick overview below- full details are on each class page on the school website.

Ash: *Commotion in the Ocean*—Exploring maps, identifying similarities and differences between relations to places and living things, Gymnastics and ball skills, reading and understanding simple sentences & Number bonds to 5 and 10.

Oak: *Childhood*—This project teaches the children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950's using artefacts and a range of difference sources.

Pine: *Movers and Shakers*-significant people, human life cycle, hygiene, Colour wheels, number and place value.

Birch: *Through the Ages*—This project teaches the children about three different periods of British pre history; The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Elm: *Ancient Civilisation*—This project teaches the children about three of the earliest civilisations in the world; Ancient Summer, Ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley Civilisation.

Year 5 and 6: *Maafa*— This project teaches the children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the cause and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa.



The Nest

The school now runs wraparound care from 7:45am to 5:30pm.

- Early birds (Breakfast club) runs from 7:45am—8:35am costing £3.50 per child, £2 siblings.
 - Owls (After school club) Short session 3:20pm- 4:30pm costs £5.
Extended session 3:20pm- 5:30pm costs £10.

We are continuing booking Early Birds as normal.

To book Owls, please log into Arbor to book the session required this can be done via;
Clubs –Wraparound After School Club.

If you need help with bookings or if you require wraparound care on the day, please let us know via the office.

We accept Tax Free Childcare to pay for both the Early Birds and Owls wraparound care.

We are really excited to be able to run this ourselves and provide excellent care before and after school.

We have made a few changes to the day for this year, including a morning meeting where the class greet each other and prepare for the day by reminding themselves of the timetable and any changes.

We have also amended our Behaviour Regulation policy with a few changes to wording. We have replaced 'warnings' with 'reminders.' We will remind the children of the expected behaviour in class. If after 2 reminders, the children are still not choosing to behave appropriately then they will receive a yellow card and miss some of their breaktime.

We will also be re introducing Home School Agreements where we share with families what we will do in school but also how families can support school also. These will be coming out shortly



Respecting local Residents

At the start of a new term can we please remind families to keep off our neighbours drives, paths and gardens. We have had concerns raised by residents on Canning Road about children playing on their walls and driveways. Some have also asked us to remind families not to block driveways when dropping off or collecting children.

Key dates

Wednesday 16th September-Friday 18th September -Year 6 Laches Wood
Monday 21st September -Girls Together Festival (more information to follow)
Thursday 1st October—School photographs
Thursday 22nd—Friday 23rd October—INSET DAY School CLOSED
Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October—Half Term School CLOSED
Saturday 31st October—High school application closes
Monday 2nd November—School re-opens

Attendance

We have started the year with good attendance- this means that the children are IN school, learning, making friends and learning new routines in their new class and year group, an essential part of success in school

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**. School attendance is monitored very closely by our governors, our Trust, our Local Authority and the Government.

All unauthorised absence is recorded and reported to the Local Authority. This may lead to a fixed penalty notice

School Uniform

The children all look very smart this week, thank you to all our families for ensuring your child is ready for school.

Please help your child by putting their name in their clothes. We are trying to reduce the amount of lost property wasted. At the end of summer there were 5 large bags full of non claimed lost property

MONDAY 5th October

OPEN EVENING

This will be an opportunity to visit your child's class, meet the teacher and discuss how they have settled- no appointment necessary. 3:20pm- 4:30pm.



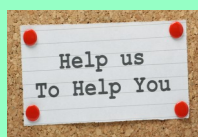
Notes from the Office

Arbor 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 please clear as soon as possible.

All communications are now through Arbor.

If your contact details or address has changed over the summer please update the Arbor app or inform us here in the office.

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!

Be Kind • Show Respect

R Resilience

We keep trying our best, even when something feels difficult.

E Empathy

We listen to others and try to understand how they are feeling.

S Self-Awareness

We think about our actions and learn from our mistakes.

P Passion

We show excitement and enthusiasm when we learn and try new things.

E Excellence

We always aim to do our best and be proud of our work.

C Communication

We share our ideas clearly and listen carefully to others.

T Teamwork

We work together, help each other and celebrate success as a team.



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THE FOLLOWING
EXTRA CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES IN YOUR
CHILD'S
SCHOOL**



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BASKETBALL Y1-6

At The Woodlands Primary School

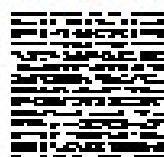
Thursday

**FOR TIMES DATES AND PRICES
PLEASE
SEE BOOKING SYSTEM**

Are you ready to embark on an epic adventure through the world of dribbles and dunks, well, you've found the perfect place! Our Children's Basketball Club is more than just a club, It's about having a ball (pun totally intended). Whether your child is a budding star or a basketball beginner, we've got the perfect mix of skill-building and, of course, non-stop fun. So, let's bounce, giggle, and slam dunk whilst encouraging teamwork, staying active and create friendships, all while having the time of our lives!

**To book: Please scan the QR
code or follow the link below.**

<https://hb-sports-education.classforkids.io>



(Open camera on smartphone and scan QR code above)

**For any queries please contact 07989020721 or
h.ball@shactivesports.co.uk**

*Booking is deemed acceptance of our Terms & Conditions. available on our website and booking system. * Prices include VAT charge of 20%*

We need YOUR HELP!

The Woodlands
Primary School PTA
are looking for
new members
to join



The PTA raises funds to support the school, from supplies to transport for swimming and making school trips cheaper.

Help as much or as little as you like and kids are always welcome.

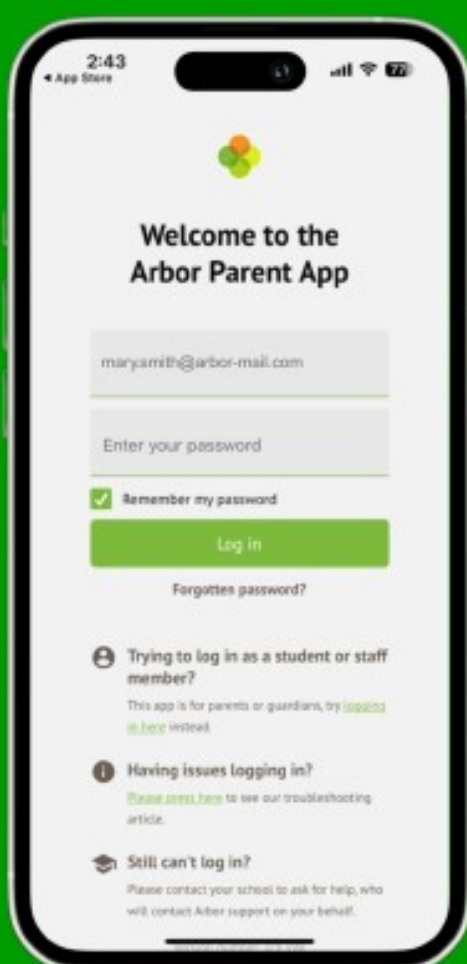
We hold occasional meetings, support prep for christmas gifts and fundraising activities and run refreshment stands at events.

Come and join our next meeting in September or get in touch with the school office or Natalie Cartwright for more details.

email: pta@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

We're using the Arbor Parent App!

See and manage your child's day-to-day school information. Understand their progress, make payments and bookings, and receive in-app messages - all from one app



Log in in seconds with Face ID

Receive in-app messages and reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for clubs, and book parents evenings

See your child's progress, attendance, behaviour points, report cards and more

Check your child's calendar, it's always up-to-date

Scan the QR code to download the Arbor Parent App, and use your email address to log in

