



Woodlands' Newsletter "8"

30th January 2026



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

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): Ethelfleda 97%

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

Class	Week Ending: 23.01.26	Week Ending: 30.01.26	Class	Week Ending: 23.01.26	Week Ending: 30.01.26
<u>Ash</u>	Eden	Betty	<u>Elm</u>	Brody	Katie
<u>Oak</u>	Flora	Atticus	<u>Redwood</u>	Tymon	Taylor
<u>Willow</u>	Teddy	Freyja	<u>Chestnut</u>	Casper	Sienna
<u>Birch</u>	Lewis K	Lillie-Jan	<u>Aspen</u>	Darcey S	Olivia

School Valentine Disco



The School Disco will be held on **Monday 9th February 3:30pm- 4:45pm**

Children who have bought a ticket will stay at school and will only need collecting at 4:45pm

Tickets are on sale from Monday 2nd February at the gate- please bring correct change

£3.50 each/£5 family ticket (school children only)

Staffing

Sadly, after the great news we shared last week of Miss Lincoln getting married and becoming Mrs Hancox, we have to announce that Mrs Hancox will be leaving us at Easter. Mrs Hancox has been a great teacher and popular member of staff and will be missed. We wish her all the best in her new position. We are planning for a smooth transition for Oak class with staff that they know to ensure minimal impact for the Summer term.



IMPORTANT SAFETY

Please keep children off the play equipment and stairs whilst waiting for collection from classes. Risk assessments are in place stating that any use of the equipment **MUST** be fully supervised. We have had some accidents due to children playing on steps, ramps and equipment.

Please keep younger siblings and collected children with you at all times



Please speak to your children about road safety

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

20 is plenty!!





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.



Respecting local Residents

Please 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. Thank you

Ingestre Hall Residential

A massive thank you to the children for being AMAZING! They shone with superb manners, caring attitudes, willingness to make new friends and so much more.

We are so proud of them!

A great thank you also to families for your support with the trip, for helping to make all the preparation run smoothly and for teaching them how to make a bed! We know that all of the children have had a wonderful time and will look back on this experience fondly.



Key Dates

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

School Disco 3:30pm-4:45pm (non-uniform)—Monday 9th February 2026

Year 5/6 WOLF Day—Tuesday 10th February 2026

Valentine Menu—Thursday 12th February 2026

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.

We have moved onto a new management information system, we may contact you to re-confirm your contact details.

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!



AMELIA'S 8TH BIRTHDAY

HELP MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE



- Amelia is turning 8 years old 3.03.2026
- Her dream is to receive 8,000 birthday cards
- She wants to break a UK record

AMELIA'S STORY

In 2020, Amelia was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She went through 23 months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy and high-dose chemotherapy. After reaching a stable condition, the cancer returned twice, even after taking part in clinical trials. Amelia is now receiving palliative care.

Card drop-off points/sending:

- Highfield Primary School, Beeches Rd, Rowley Regis B65 0DA
- Leasowes High School – Kent Rd, Halesowen B62 8PJ
- Artisan Espresso Bar Ltd-168 Halesowen St, Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0ES
*Fairfield Inn
Fairfield Rd, Hurst Green, Halesowen B62 9JA

Donations:
PayPal: Amelianeuroblastoma@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 

Amelia is turning 8 Years Old!

Her dream is to receive 8,000 birthday cards. She wants to break a UK record!

We would like to support Amelia with this dream.

If anyone in our school community would also like to support her dream, cards can be dropped into the school office by Tuesday 24th February and we will make sure Amelia receives them!

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After reaching a stable condition, the cancer returned twice, even after taking part in clinical trials, Amelia is now receiving palliative care.

You can find more information about her record by following the link;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpv71xe14kno>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

Valentine Disco



**Monday 9th February 2026
3:30pm-4:45pm**

**£3.50 per child/£5 per family
(school children only)**

**Crisps & Drink
included in ticket**

**Tuck shop
available**

**Tickets on sale from Mr Baker on the KS2 gate
from Monday 2nd February**

VALENTINE'S DAY

Warms-My-Heart Chilli
with Rice

Melts-My-Heart Pizza (v)
with Wedges

Totally Tomato Soup (ve)
with half a Sandwich

Swirls-My-Heart Jammy Roll

I LOVE YOU FROM MY
HEAD TO-MA-TOES

Thursday 12th February



 **edwards and ward**
a recipe for success