



Woodlands' Newsletter "2"

18th 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): 97.14%

Winning Team attendance (This year so far): Peel 98.52%

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

Class	11.09.26	18.09.26	Class	11.09.26	18.09.26
<u>Ash</u>	The whole class		<u>Elm</u>	Lewis C	William
<u>Oak</u>	Honovi	Alessia	<u>Redwood</u>	Brody	Halle
<u>Pine</u>	Rosa	Connor	<u>Chestnut</u>	Annalyse	Isabelle B
<u>Birch</u>	Noah S	Poppy	<u>Aspen</u>	Josh	

Key dates

Monday 21st September -Girls Together Festival

Tuesday 22nd September—PTA Meeting

Thursday 1st October—School photographs

Friday 2nd October—Break the rules day (please see event poster)

Monday 5th October—Open evening 3:20pm—4:30pm

Monday 12th October—Year 2 WOLF Day

Monday 19th October—NHS Flu Immunisations

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

Don't forget
parents
evening!

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.



3:15 pm Snack+Drink

3:45 pm Activities



Mon - Bikes+Scooters

Tues - Mindful activities+colouring

Wed - Lego+Construction

Thurs - Arts+crafts

Fri - Games+puzzles



4:30 pm Outdoor Play

(weather permitting)

Staff - Miss Barton and Mrs Perks



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weekdays 3:15 pm onwards only



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 to book 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.

Woodlands JLT (Junior Leadership Team) 2026-2027

Team		
Team	Leader	Vice-Leader
GRAZIER	Leila	Carterose
PEEL	Harley	Lily-Ann
OFFA	Ella	Bethany
ETHELFLADA	Laura	Adam

Class	
Class	Leader
OAK	Elena
PINE	Enzo
BIRCH	Atticus
ELM	Charlotte
CHESTNUT	Izzy
ASPEN	Freya
REDWOOD	Lacey

School Uniform

Please help your child by putting their name in their clothes and on their drinks bottle.

We are trying to reduce the amount of lost property wasted.

We already have a pile of unlabelled clothing in our lost property box.



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.

Class Elm Update

Mrs Shipley-Smith is unfortunately still unable to return back to school. We have passed on all of your well wishes and we hope she better soon.

Rest assured that class Elm is being well cared for and that we are fully committed to ensuring they receive the highest quality of learning.

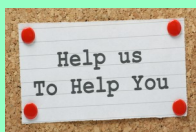
Notes from the Office

Arbor Pay—Please ensure you have credits in your account before taking items such as Dinners and Breakfast Club/Wrap Around 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 have changed 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!



BREAK THE RULES DAY

Friday 2nd October

FOR A £1 DONATION TO OUR PTA ,
THE CHILDREN CAN BREAK ANY
RULES THEY WANT LISTED BELOW!

**SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE
WORN**



**WATER IN DRINKS BOTTLES
ONLY**



NO MAKE UP / FACE PAINT



NO CRAZY HAIR



Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games, (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upson is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 18 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VEGG, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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