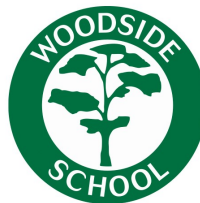


# A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 23rd June 2023



Dear Parents/ Carers

I don't know about you, but to me last Saturday's Summer Fair was just perfect. Woodside's Summer Fair was a fantastic day that, I feel, brought our community together. The weather was fantastic, as parents, carers and grandparents gathered to show their support for the school. We extend our sincere appreciation to the hardworking Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) for making this event possible. Their dedication and countless hours of effort ensured that every aspect of the fair was well-organised and successful. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all our staff members who supported the fair. Their assistance was invaluable in ensuring the smooth running of this lovely event. Most importantly –thank you to all the families and children who came and were able to enjoy themselves and, at the same time, support the school. The fair itself was a fantastic occasion, filled with activities and entertainment for all ages. This year, our Year 6 pupils ran their Enterprise project during the summer fair, and I hope that you agree with me that our pupils excelled in marketing, sales and conduct. Well done!

### A word from Miss Croot:

#### Enterprise

*Year 6 have been working hard over the past weeks to create, plan and run their own businesses for the Summer Fair. This involved assigning roles within their teams such as Finance Manager, Marketing Manager, Production Manager, Sales Manager and Managing Director; they chose based on their own skill set and interests. Once they had figured out what stall to run, they got to work on ordering resources, considering the impact of cost on their profits. They discovered that pricing was vital; carefully, they calculated total costs, unit costs as well as a projected profit. We were delighted that on the day, all Year 6 teams made a profit! The most made was a HUGE £121.70 – well done to the '5 Frogs'! In total, Year 6 raised £872.60! Well done Year 6 – you smashed it!*

This event not only provided a platform for fun but also served a larger purpose. It brought our community closer and fostered a sense of togetherness. Moreover, the funds raised during the fair will contribute to enhancing educational initiatives and providing valuable resources for our children.

I hope that many of you were also able to say hello to the new Headteacher of our school –Mr Owen Lloyd. Thank you for making him and his family feel welcomed, and as the saying goes, onwards and upwards. Mrs Harrison has given her update about all the exciting things relating to our curriculum, so please spend five minutes reading it –thank you.

### A word from Mrs Lindsay Dixon –Chair of the PTA

*A big thank you to the staff and indeed their families who helped us on Saturday, it was such a help to have lots of familiar faces and extra people to get the fair set up, cleared up and to run smoothly. Thank you once more to all the families who made this fair possible.*

We are currently advertising for the role of **Family Liaison Officer**. This is a new role for our school community and I am very excited about this. The Family Liaison Officer plays a crucial role in facilitating effective communication and collaboration between families and the school. Through regular meetings, providing resources and guidance, and addressing concerns, the Family Liaison Officer helps foster positive relationships between families, pupils, and the school community.

It is with a great sadness I have to tell you that Mrs Nickless, our School Business Manager, will be leaving Woodside at the end of the school year. The role of a School Business Manager is of utmost importance in ensuring the efficient functioning of any school. Mrs Nickless was absolutely vital in supporting our Leadership Team as well as governors in ensuring that Woodside continues to thrive. Mrs Nickless has secured the position of Director of HR for our Trust and so will continue to visit Woodside (albeit in a different capacity). Huge congratulations! This means that we are currently advertising for the position of **School Business Manager**. Both of these positions are advertised on our [website](#).

As always, I am very grateful for all your appreciation and support of our staff.

With my warmest wishes,  
Dorota Milner

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27.6.23	Year 6 Games at DCHS
29.6.23	Sports Day 9.15 - 11.30/45am Children can wear a T shirt in their house colour (or accessories in that colour)
w/c 3.7.23	Bike-ability (Yr6)
4.7.23	Transition Day
10.7.23	Soundbox Assembly 9am
12.7.23	Year 5 to St Clement Danes School
12.7.23	Year 3 to West Wittering Beach
13.7.23	Year 6 production PM and Eve (parents invited)
14.7.23	Ice-Cream van (funded by PTA)
17.7.23	Mrs Milner's leaving assembly 9-10am on the field (parents invited)
18.7.23	Rock Steady Concert to School 10am (parents invited)
18.7.23	Woodside's Got Talent PM
20.7.23	Year 6 Leavers assembly (AM) - parents invited Year 6 Water Fight (PM)
21.7.23	Break up 1.30pm
23.9.23	Cross Country event @ Gayhurst Park
11.11.23	Cross Country event @ Hervines Park
	<a href="#">Link to 2023/24 term dates on website</a>



**A huge well done once again to Penny in year 5 for serenading us with her wonderful singing voice in today's assembly.**

### House Point Totals

This Week	194	300	273	257
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

## Mrs Harrison's Curriculum update



### Year 3 geography



On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children in year 3 went on a local walk around Amersham as a part of their geography topic. This was made more exciting by the children carrying out their first ever field study survey. The children surveyed members of the public to find out what they like about Amersham. They will then use the information they have collected to present the data and create sketch maps. The feedback from members of the public was that the children were incredibly polite and we were all very proud of them.

### Year 4 trip to Verulamium

On Monday, the children in year 4 visited the Verulamium in St Albans. The children visited the Hypocaust and saw an example of a Roman under floor heating system with a beautifully preserved mosaic floor. We then went to the 1800 year old Roman wall and learned about the thriving town that was once there. At the museum, the children took part in a hands-on and thoroughly enjoyable workshop where they got to handle some almost 2000 year old artefacts. This was an incredibly special experience.

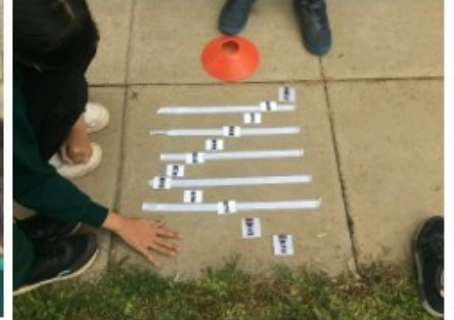


### Year 5 music



Year 5 have recently learned about formal notation in music. As a school, we are always really keen to teach new concepts in exciting and engaging ways. We also know that active lessons increase engagement and making learning fun! Here you can see year 5 working in their houses to race to place the notes on the correct place on the staff. The fun continued in later lessons with the children using ropes as staves outside before going inside to read the notation for 'mystery' songs on the xylophones.





## Year 6 magistrates

This week, Year 6 were visited by two local magistrates who imparted valuable information about the legal system, set up a mock trial and answered all of their burning questions. Year 6 loved learning about the criminal justice system!





# Mile for Mental Health



**We know how important it is for our wellbeing to exercise, spend time in the outdoors and spend time with friends and family.**

Woodside School and our Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to invite you to **Walk a Mile for Mental Health**.

**WHAT:** Walk a mile for mental health around our track

**WHO:** Children of Woodside School and their family members (adults and children)

**WHEN:** Friday 7th July @ 3:15pm

**COST:** £2.00 per participant

**TICKETS:** Purchase these through the MCAS app. All participants will receive a medal and an ice pop!

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS:** Monday 26th June

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks and stay on after the event until 4:15pm.

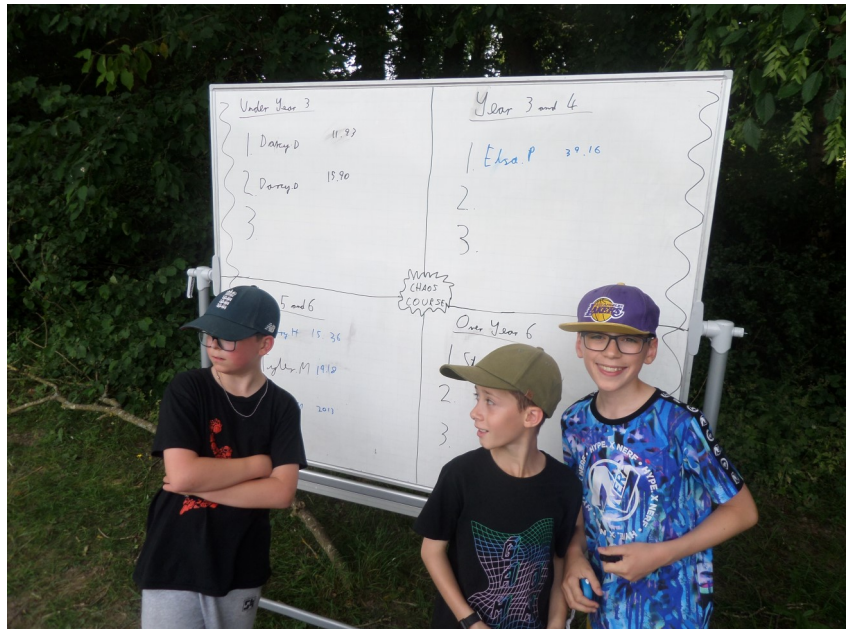


## Sports Day reminders

- Children to wear a **t-shirt** (and optional accessories eg socks, hairband) to **represent their house colour**
- **Starting at 9:15am** and finishing at around 11:30am
- **Coffee truck** to purchase drinks 
- **Official photographer**- photos available to purchase 
- **Class Coronation posters** available to buy for **£1 each** (please bring cash) 



# Summer Fair Photos







**THANK YOU**

**FOR COMING TO THE SUMMER FAIR  
TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING....  
£2,602!**

*Thanks to everyone who donated, bought tickets, volunteered and came along. We couldn't have done it without you!  
Special mention to Yr 6 Enterprise, who did a fantastic job on their stalls. Well done!*

*The PTA has been working closely with the school to assign funds for much needed resources and equipment. We are fully or part funding:*

- **Fully funding the new outdoor classroom with 6 benches, black/whiteboards, storage and writing equipment**
- **New benches for both the small & large playgrounds**
- **Chalk boards for each playground**
- **Walkie talkies**
- **Yr 6 leavers books**
- **New lining & pump for the school pond**
- **Stopwatches**

*And... next year we will be focused on funding of technology equipment for making and editing videos and podcasts*

*That just leaves us to say thanks to everyone for your continued support and have a fantastic summer.  
See you in September for many more fun events!!*

**Yr 6 enjoyed a visit from local magistrates where they had a mock trial to learn more about the court system. Thank you Janet and Frank.**



## Safeguarding

### Message from Ash Sharma

*Please note that Woodside Junior does not endorse any commercial products*

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time. For many, this will be spent online. Parents do worry about what their children are doing online and need ongoing support.

Please share with your parents – carers the attached information document on keeping children safe online over the summer holidays. It is a great timely reminder of the key Safety Net messages and how to set parental controls, supporting your commitment to promoting online safety within your community. Please click [here](#) to access the resource.

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**Build your skills.  
Boost your  
happiness.  
Connect with your  
local community.**

We have places for your children in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Scouts isn't just good for young people. It's good for you too.

We help young people and adult volunteers build skills for life.

At 2nd Amersham Common we need Leaders - but it doesn't have to be a big commitment.

Join us on Friday 7th July for an open evening:  
Beavers 5:30-6:30, Cubs 6:30-7:30, Scouts 7:30-8:30  
St John's Church Hall Amersham HP6 6AN.

<https://www.2acscouts.org/>

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## Wellbeing

We have received some flyers from the Family Support Service. The service is inviting parents to attend a variety of courses that may be useful in supporting children. Please click the below links to access.

- [How to deal with Stress, Anxiety and low mood](#)
- [How to move up to Secondary School](#)
- [How to build confidence and self-esteem](#)

There are also activities available (free) throughout the summer for families: Please click the links below to access.

- [Youthspace at Wing](#)
- [Youthspace at Steeple Claydon](#)
- [Youthspace at Southcourt](#)
- [Youthspace at Elmhurst](#)
- [Family Fun free event](#)

I am not sure if you are aware but there was an item in the news recently about the Nivea Sun Cream for children.

**Nurseries ban use of Nivea sun cream due to formula containing almond oil.** A warning that some Nivea sun creams for children now contain almond oil has gone viral on social media among the early years community. Nurseries and pre-schools have shared a warning that a range of Nivea's sun creams for 'Kids' now have almond oil in them, advising parents to stop bringing the products into settings, due to some children and staff having nut allergies.

### **Below is the statement from the Nivea company**

NIVEA SUN KIDS 50+ PROTECT & CARE – NEW FORMULATION INCLUDING ALMOND OIL

NIVEA SUN ALMOND OIL STATEMENT - 13th JUNE 2023

As the World's No.1 Sun Protection Brand\*, we're always looking at how we can further improve our formulas to provide the best products for our consumers. It is for this reason that we added Almond Oil to the NIVEA Sun Kids Protect & Care range in 2022. Almond Oil is an ingredient that is widely used in formulations aimed at babies and children as it makes the skin soft to touch and protects it from moisture loss.

Bottles of NIVEA Sun Kids Protect & Care that contain Almond Oil always include it on the ingredients list (as 'Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil'). Following consumer feedback last summer, we made this more prominent with the addition of "Contains organic Almond Oil" or "With Organic Almond Oil" at the top of the back of every bottle. The specific Almond oil used in some of our Sun products has been refined and purified leaving it free of any allergenic proteins. This status has been confirmed by an external testing institute. Beiersdorf also uses the highest and most rigorous toxicological testing for all products and all ingredients are evaluated in line with EU legislation for the safety of cosmetics.

We recommend anyone who has a concern about food and/or skin-related almond allergies seek the advice of their GP before using any product containing Almond Oil. If in doubt, our NIVEA SUN Babies & Kids Sensitive Protect range may be a more suitable alternative, as it does not contain Almond Oil. This range is easy to identify as it comes in white bottles.