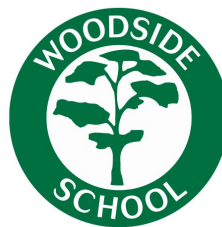


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week and blustery day at Woodside! I hope you are all keeping safe and warm in the storm!

Firstly, a huge well done to our brilliant Year 3 who took part in their netball tournament this week at Dr Challoners. Their teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship were a joy to see – they represented Woodside beautifully and should be very proud of themselves. It was their first opportunity to represent the school at one of our sports festivals and the Year 3 team were very proud of how they conducted themselves.

On a less cheerful note... our school library is currently missing a lot of books! Over 100 reminder slips were handed out today, each with the title of a book that's yet to be returned. If you find any lurking under beds, behind sofas or in mysterious corners of your home, please send them back in. Our library is such a valuable resource, and we'd love to get those books back into circulation for everyone to enjoy.

I have also asked children not to bring loom bands into school. A bagful of bands were collected by staff yesterday lunchtime, and this amount of littering doesn't match with our values as an Eco School. We will look at offering a more structured loom band club, but this will take a little while to set up!

We had a very positive PTA meeting on Tuesday evening. It was great to meet the new team, who are full of exciting fundraising ideas – I'm really looking forward to working with them and our new Co-Chairs Steph Walsh and Sarah Higgins. A heartfelt thank you to Catherine Wright, who has been a fantastic PTA Chair over the past two years. Her dedication and hard work have made a real difference to our school community.

Wishing you a restful weekend, and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lloyd

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
07.10.25	Year 4 Yoga @ Amersham School
10.10.25	Wear yellow for mental health
13.10.25	Palaeontologist workshop for Year 6
14.10.25	Parents Evening 1 from 3.40-6.10pm
16.10.25	Parents Evening 2 from 4-7pm
17.10.25	Break the rules day
20.10.25	Diwali day
21.10.25	Open Morning 9am
23.10.25	Year 3 Harvest Assembly to Parents 9am
24.10.25	INSET DAY
27.10.25 - 31.10.25	HALF TERM
04.11.25	PTA Glow Disco after school
05.11.25	Forest School 6CH
08.11.25	Cross Country at Hervines Park
10.11.25	Year 3 skipping @ Amersham School
12.11.25	Forest School 6C
13.11.25	Open morning 9am
18.11.25	Year 6 NHS Height and Weight Check
19.11.25	Year 5 trip to Science Oxford Museum
21.11.25	Year 4 Greek Day @ Woodside

[Click here for the calendar of](#)

[24/25 Term Dates](#)

Please see our Easyfundraising QR code for anyone who is able to make a donation towards school activities and events which are additional to the regular curriculum. If you are able to, please scan the below code and donate what you can- thank you on behalf of all at Woodside!



House Point Total

Weeks 1-4	381	414	492	790
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



- After a very successful swimming competition, Hugo in Year 4 has been ranked the current number 1 in Great Britain for the 8yrs and under 100m breaststroke! A fantastic achievement, well done Hugo!
- Congratulations to Varisha in Year 5 for yet more success in Badminton. She was the U10s and U12s girls winner and boys runner up in the 'Smash it' Tournament. She was also awarded England U13s Singles gold winner.



Cross Country at Gayhurst School – Saturday 27th September

On Saturday, forty children took part in the first cross country event of the season. Well done to everyone who took part, especially to the twelve year 3s and the children in years 4, 5 and 6 who participated for the first time. Everyone completed the course and were cheered on by the Woodside children and parents watching.

Individual medals were awarded to:

Freddy H – 1st place, year 6 Boys' race

Teddy T – 6th place, year 6 Boys' race

Olly D – 1st place, year 5 Boys' race

Tommy S – 3rd place, year 4 Boys' race

Ronny S – 8th place, year 3 Boys' race

Pak Hin W – 9th place, year 3 Boys' race

Team medals

Year 6 Boys' team came 1st place out of all the schools! Well done Freddy, Teddy and Charles.

Through The Daily Mile in school, we are encouraging more girls to take part in cross country, particularly in years 5 and 6.

Our next event is Saturday 8th November at Hervines Park in Amersham.

Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- [Table Tennis Camps in OCTOBER HALF TERM](#)
- [Supreme Education Spooktacular Holiday Camp](#)
- [Girls Rugby Experience Sunday 5th October](#)
- [Restore Hope FREE after school Club](#)

Exciting New Art Competition

News from Mrs McCarthy

Rotary **YOUNG
ARTIST** COMPETITION



Rotary Young Artist Competition 2025-26

The Rotary Club in Amersham are pleased to invite our children to participate in this year's Rotary National Young Artist Competition. The theme is: '**Happiness in Nature**' and it can be interpreted broadly enabling children the widest opportunity to use their creativity to show what this means to them. Woodside pupils have previously been local, district and national winners. This year maybe it could be you!

Our **school deadline** for entries will be **Friday 12th December 2025**.

Please hand your **child's artwork with the required entry form** (entry form link attached to **newsletter dated 03/10/25**) **directly to Mrs McCarthy 5WM or to the school office before or on 12/12/25**.

Children can pop into Mrs McCarthy's drop in Art Competition Club in 5WM during Friday lunchtimes for any help.

YOUR TASK

To produce one finished 2-dimensional, up to a maximum size of A2, unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, '**Happiness in Nature**'

Artwork can be produced in any medium or mixed medium: e.g. pencil, pen, ink, paint, collage, watercolours, print making, digital media. So be creative!

On the **back of your artwork** please print neatly

1. Your **full name**
2. Our **school's name** – Woodside Junior School, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6NW
3. Your **age as on the 31st August 2025**
4. **Write a brief sentence (ensure it makes sense and is in your best handwriting) describing the relationship of your artwork to the competition theme, 'Happiness in Nature'**. Consider this carefully, as it forms part of the judging criteria.
5. **Parent /Guardians** please complete the **required entry form**, with your **signature** and attach to your child's artwork. School contact details to use on the form are Mrs McCarthy and email address: MMcCarthy@wsd.odbst.org

At **ALL** stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation and individual prizes will be awarded at heat, district and national levels. Wishing you the best of luck and enjoy using your artistic skills to be creative!

Mrs McCarthy 😊





Starting school in September 2026?

Let their light shine,
starting here at St George's...

Book onto our Reception Open Days now!

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Wednesday 7th January 2026



01494 762552



www.stgeorgesamersham.org.uk

SCAN HERE



Let your light
shine
Matthew 5:16

Upcoming Events

OCT
03



3:15PM
2nd Hand Uniform
Sale

OCT
17

**BREAK
THE
RULES**

Break The Rules
non-uniform day

NOV
04

Y3&4 - 3:30 - 4:30PM
Y5&6 - 4:45 - 5:45PM

DISCO

**BREAK
THE
RULES**

DEC
05

Break The Rules
non-uniform day
in exchange for donations for
Christmas Hampers

DEC
12

3:15PM
Christmas
Fair & Christmas
Jumper day



PTA Fundraising Update

We're raising funds for new interactive whiteboards, mini keyboards, and a speaker system. Also funding past events like the escape rooms were a big hit, and we're exploring fun new ideas like an outdoor cinema!



Our next PTA meeting will be held on
Thursday 16th October and **Thursday 6th November**.
It's a great opportunity to get involved and share ideas.

Your contributions, big or small,
make a real difference.



Hi and welcome to Woodside Junior School!

Hi to our existing Woodside families and a **big welcome** to the new Year 3 cohort. We are very excited to be welcoming your child and your family to the Woodside community. Here's a few pieces of information to help get you started, and a reminder for all.

Our PTA

We are delighted to have a new team for the coming year. They are:

Steph Walsh & Sarah Higgins: Co-Chairs

Nancy Nowakowski: Vice Chair

Mira Pitkin & Lindsay Golden: Co-Treasurers

Susie Loughlin & Shannan Murphy: Co-Secretaries

Maria Atton & Kate Wagstaff: Co-Communications Officers

We are all very busy working parents, as we all are, so need your help and support to make this year successful. Without help, running events for the children will not be possible.

Please do volunteer to help at events whenever you can, and let us know if you're interested in a role, or if you have other skills you would like to offer to our team. We'd love to hear from you!!

You can contact us via the PTA email address:
woodsideschool08@gmail.com



Please join classlist to keep up to date with all events coming up and to buy event tickets. You can download the app or access the website via **www.classlist.com**. Find **Woodside Junior School**, ask to join and you will be approved by the team very quickly.

If you are already on Classlist from your previous school, or you already have an older child at Woodside, you will need to add your child to your existing profile. **Please be sure to check all of your details are correct** to avoid any problem buying tickets for events.

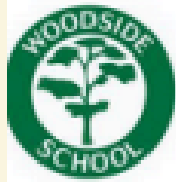
Upcoming meetings & events

Look out for details of PTA meetings and events coming up in the school newsletter, via the year group WhatsApp and on Classlist.

As always any help, big or small, is always welcome. Attending meetings and lending a hand at events is a great way to get to know the school community!

Here's more ways you can help us fundraise

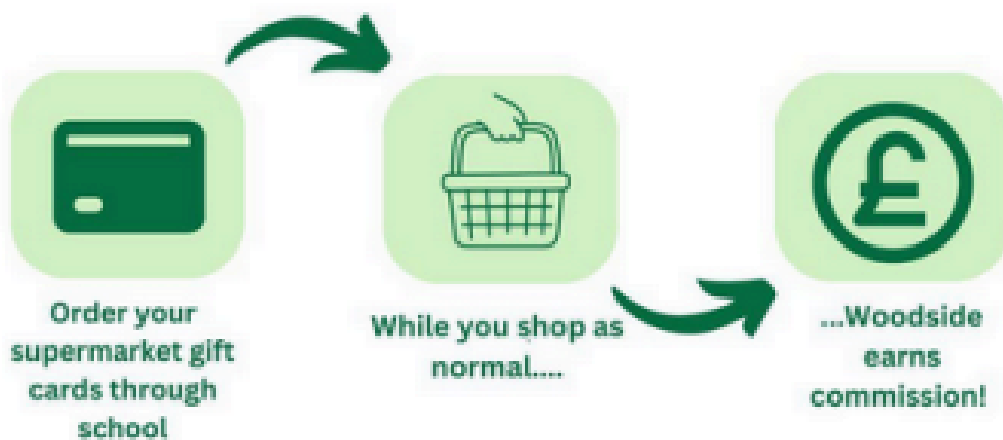
Voucher scheme Tesco, Sainsbury's, John Lewis



Shop for Woodside

Raise money for the school on your weekly shop

With the Woodside Voucher Scheme, you can earn money for the school when you shop at Tesco and Sainsbury's (in-store) and John Lewis and Waitrose (online and in-store). Simply order your reloadable gift card(s) and set up a one-off or regular payment. All the money you load onto your card is yours to spend - and the shops pay Woodside 4% commission.



How do I sign up?

1. Decide which shop(s) and the value of the vouchers required eg. Tesco £100, John Lewis £50
2. Set up a standing order* for each month or transfer a one-off payment.
3. Email woodside.voucher@gmail.com with the details of your order

Standing orders must settle by the 1st of the month, please use your name as a reference

Bank Details: The Woodside Association
Account #: 21514168 Sort Code: 30-90-18

Joining our supermarket voucher scheme, school lottery, adding easyfundraising to your browser and using companies like easy2name adds much needed funds to the PTA pot.

Please also note if you don't have cash on the day for any events you can pay using our Justgiving QR code.

Here's more ways you can help us fundraise

School Lottery





WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY

- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Free entry into the bonus Super Draw

BUY TICKETS:

Go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

And search for: Woodside



Match Funding *does your company support this?*



Here's more ways you can help us fundraise

Ordering name labels?

Visit easy2name or Stikins, enter our code and raise money for Woodside

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Don't forget to enter our school's code at the checkout. We get 20% back from every order purchased!

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Justgiving



Scan our QR code to donate directly to The Woodside Association