



Weekly Newsletter

Your weekly newsletter about Woodside school!
Spring Term 2026

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the Christmas break. I hope you all enjoyed a happy and restful holiday and may I pass on my very best wishes to you all for the New Year. It has been lovely to see the children return with such enthusiasm and excitement for the term ahead.

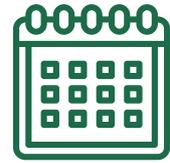
This week all staff took part in training on Step On, which is our whole school approach to behaviour management and de escalation. I would like to thank the staff for the positivity and enthusiasm they showed during this training and for their willingness to put these strategies into action. This work is all about helping children feel safe, supported and ready to learn, and it will play an important part in making Woodside an even better school for everyone.

We have certainly been reminded that winter has arrived, with some very cold mornings, frost on the ground, foggy starts and even the odd icy patch around Amersham. With so many hats, gloves and coats looking very similar, please could I strongly encourage you to make sure all items are clearly labelled. Unlabelled items are extremely difficult to return to their owners and often end up in lost property or unfortunately cannot be reunited with children at all.

I also need to raise an ongoing concern about parking at drop off and pick up times. We continue to see driveways being blocked and cars stopping in places that create real danger for families and children. This also damages our relationships with our neighbours, who are very patient and supportive of the school. Most importantly, unsafe parking increases the risk of accidents at the busiest times of the day. Please help us keep everyone safe by parking considerately and legally, even if it means parking a little further away and walking the last part of the journey.

Thank you as always for your continued support and for working with us to make Woodside a safe, happy and caring place for your children. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term ahead.

Best wishes,
Mr Lloyd



Dates for your diary

12.01.26	All after school clubs re-start this week
27.01.26	Year 6 circuits @ Amersham School
27.01.26	Year 4 Basketball @ DCHS
31.01.26	Cross Country @ Lowndes Park
04.02.26	Year 3 trip to Ufton Court
04.02.26	LGB Meeting
13.02.26	Last day of half-term
23.02.26	School re-starts
03.03.26	Year 4 Fitness @ Amersham School
04.03.26	Year 4 girls football festival @ Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club
04.03.26	Year 5 Trip to Living Rainforest
07.03.26	Cross Country @ Lowndes Park (reverse)
10.03.26	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum

House Point Total

Week 1	250	322	173	196
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



Reverse Advent Calendar

Huge thank you to all of our families that kindly donated items for the Chiltern Food bank. Please see the letter below which the School received sharing that we managed to donate a huge 44.2kgs in weight through the reverse calendar collection.



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Dear All

I am writing to thank you all at the Woodside Junior School for your generous donation of items to Chiltern Foodbank. The total weight of the donation was 44.2kgs.

In the past twelve months we provided over 24,800 meals to local people in need, more than a third of whom were children. We distributed over 47 tonnes of food, which had been generously donated by people like yourselves from our local communities.

We long for the time when our Foodbank will no longer be needed because everyone will have enough money to buy the basic essentials in life. But until then we are here to provide emergency food parcels to those who find themselves struggling. And it is support from people like yourselves that makes this possible.

Thank you again for your kindness and for helping those who are the most vulnerable in our communities.

Best wishes,

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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!



Well done to Alfie in Year 4 who jumped 2 belts in his Martial Arts club grading before Christmas which is a great achievement and a result of his dedication and enthusiasm for the sport.

Huge Congratulations to Varisha in Year 5 for winning Bronze in Doubles at the Nationals Championship! She also won Gold in both Singles and Doubles at the DKWay U13 Star event.

