

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can officially say that the Christmas season is upon us! What a fantastic performance put on by the Year 4 children yesterday. They were incredible, learning so many different songs and speaking with such confidence. It was a real team effort from all of the Year 4 staff and children to put this show together and I am immensely proud of all of them. A huge well done to everyone involved. It was a very memorable show and, as I said earlier, it really feels like Christmas has arrived now! We also enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Cheer event last Friday. It was lovely to see the whole school community come together for the event, with past pupils and many family members visiting the school for the fair. Many thanks to all of the Woodside Association for their work in preparing for and running the event.

This week also saw our annual Health & Safety audit, with an auditor from Handsam visiting the school to check our procedures and paperwork. They were very impressed with the work being completed by the school and we have been given a high rating. We await the final report, but I would like to thank Mr Appleby and Mrs Edwards for their hard work in preparing for this audit and their work on the day. We have a great team at Woodside and it really shone through during this process.

Many thanks to Mrs Bannister for arranging our traditional Nude Food competition. I love seeing how excited the children get about this event and the level of competition which it creates across the school. Well done to 5HM, who were the winning class on this occasion!

We have one week to go until the end of term. The term ends at 1:30pm on Friday 20th December and we restart on Tuesday 7th January. Next week sees our Christmas dinner and the traditional visit to the Church on Wednesday 18th December. I'm really looking forward to these special events and singing along at the church!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Lloyd



House Point Totals

This week	385	350	308	356
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
16.12.24	Year 6 Black History Workshop
17.12.24	Rocksteady Concert 10am
18.12.24	Carol Concert @ St Michael's All Angels Church
18.12.24	Maison Chef - Christmas Lunch
20.12.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.
06.01.25	Inset Day
07.01.25	First day back to school for Spring term - Gates open at 8.35am
W/C: 13.01.25	After School Sports Clubs start back
20.01.25	Year 6 Dodgeball @ Amersham School
21.01.25	Year 5 Mixed Netball @ Amersham School
24.01.25	Year 5 Hockey Festival- Invitation only
31.01.25	4TB Hockey Tournament- Invitation only
01.02.25	Cross Country- Lowndes Park
03.02.25 - 07.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week
11.02.25	Year 6 Fitness @ Amersham School
14.02.25	Last Day of Half Term- School ends 3.15pm

[Click here for the calendar of 24/25 Term Dates](#)

Please see our brand new 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!



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

⇒ Please click [here](#) to see details for the Elgiva Youth Theatre opportunities for 7-16 year olds.



A huge well done to the below students this week...

- ◇ Anika in Year 3 passed Initial Grade piano with distinction!
 - ◇ Elodie. A in Year 4 received a certificate for playing girls football this term!
 - ◇ Kateryna in Year 4 received a medal for coming 2nd in a sparring competition!
 - ◇ Advita in Year 5 passed Grade 2 piano with merit!
 - ◇ Harry in Year 6 is through to the next round of the BBC words competition! He also won a Bronze for 50m backstroke and a Gold for 200m backstroke in the Amersham L3 County Qualifier Open Meet last weekend. He will be representing Amersham swim club this weekend in a gala in Portsmouth! See the photo here with his medals!
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- ◇ Denis in Year 6 received student of the year in Taekwondo!

Not only have Year 4 been busy rehearsing their Christmas Performance over the past few weeks, they have also completed a Dyson DT to inspire next generation of design engineers.

Today they built prototypes of their designs, please see the photos below...



Please note, these photos has been blurred for GDPR purposes.

A Choir Christmas Cracker

The Woodside Christmas Choir shone this week with 4 performances, including a little taster of what was to come at the Christmas fair.

On Monday, as has now become a Woodside choir tradition, we walked the children to the Lifestyle Centre to perform to the Age Concern lunch. The children warmed the hearts of many and kept being asked to sing more! Fostering these community links is really important to us at Woodside. We were thrilled to sing for this Christmas lunch event, but also to be joined by the children of Lindfield nursery– who accompanied us with a sing along to Jingle Bells. The children's singing really did fill many hearts with joy and they should be very proud of being able to do this.




On Tuesday, we sang to the school and on Tuesday night, we had a cracker of a performance where the children shared all 12 of their songs with a full and buzzing hall! The children, yet again, brought so much joy and festive spirit to everyone in the audience and it proved to be a really special evening.



We are incredibly proud of our school choir, which this term had 52 pupils singing in it. Our next choir will begin in the second half of the Spring term and I am pleased to be able to invite our year 3 children to this as well.


Well done to the children for all of their hard work and for spreading so much happiness through the joy of singing.

Mrs Harrison



A huge thank you for all your hamper donations and support buying raffle tickets and joining us at the Christmas Cheer event. It was a fun and busy event again!

We raised a fantastic £1,450!



The money raised will help towards our efforts to support the upgrade of the whiteboards in all 8 classrooms. As well as other much needed resources for the school.

*Merry
Christmas*

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Next event: Quiz Night!
More info to follow shortly

If your child lost a purse at the Christmas Cheer, please contact the office and we can arrange this being returned to the right owner!!