

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 28th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been such a joyful and bustling week at Woodside, and I wanted to share how proud I am of our children and staff. Our sporting adventures have been a particular highlight: Year 5 had a wonderful visit to Dr Challoner's High School where they took part in a fantastic gymnastics session, and Year 6 represented us brilliantly at The Amersham School during their dodgeball event. A huge thank you to all staff and parents who supported these trips, and a special mention to Mrs Tandara, our PE lead, whose hard work and organisation make these opportunities possible for our pupils.

We also welcomed our school improvement partner from ODBST this week. She spent time looking at our teaching of early writing and maths, and I'm delighted to share that she observed exceptionally strong practice across the school. She commented in particular on how focused, engaged, and enthusiastic our children are. They are an absolute credit to the Woodside community. Thank you to all the teachers for their ongoing dedication, and especially to Miss Croot, who met with ODBST to share the wonderful work happening in our writing curriculum.

As we turn towards the festive season, excitement is gently building around the school. We have decorated our tree for the St Michael's Church Christmas Tree Festival, which everyone is welcome to visit from Saturday 29th November onwards. The hallways are beginning to echo with rehearsals, and we are all looking forward to the Year 4 Christmas production and the many choir events coming up in the next few weeks. It's such a special time of year, and I am very grateful to everyone who helps make it magical for our children.

Wishing you all a warm and happy weekend ahead.

Mr Lloyd



The winner of the Christmas Tree Farm Gift Voucher is.....

Dannie in Year 6!!

Huge congratulations to you!

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Don't forget your child will have brought home a leaflet yesterday about mentioning Woodside school at the Christmas tree Farm- if most of the flyers are given in when purchasing a tree, Woodside could win £200!

House Point Total

Week 4	671	638	535	628
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
05.12.25	Break the Rules Day- hamper donations
08.12.25	Flu Immunisations
09.12.25	Last Cheer Session
09.12.25	Year 4 Christmas Play 2pm and 6.30pm
10.12.25	Radio Christmas - selected children
10.12.25	Last TKD Taekwondo Session
11.12.25	Choir Christmas Concert 6pm
12.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation and Christmas Cheer after school
12.12.25	Last Netball and Last ZKT Sessions
12.12.25	Deadline for Rotary Young Artist Competition
15.12.25	Choir to sing for Age Concern
15.12.25	Year 3 to visit St George's nativity
16.12.25	Rocksteady Christmas Concert 10am
17.12.25	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
18.12.25	Carol Concert @ St Michaels & All Angels Church
19.12.25	Last Day of half term. School will finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.
05.01.26	Inset Day
06.01.26	First day back in School - Spring Term 2026
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

[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!





We are pleased to advise that Woodside School raised £180.37 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year! Thank you for all of your donations!

YEAR 5 GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL at DCHS

Year 5s spent a fantastic morning at DCHS, who hosted a gymnastics festival on Thursday. They worked around a circuit of nine activities, led by Year 9 pupils (including some lovely x Woodside pupils) to improve and experience gymnastic skills such as balance, stretches, landings and tumblers. The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done Year 5 and thank you to all adult helpers.

Mrs McCarthy & Mrs Bannister



Y6 Dodgeball Tournament

3 schools attended the tournament- Our Lady School and Thomas Harding along with Woodside. Each school entered 4 teams.

Woodside 1&2 came joint 1st

Woodside 3 came 2nd

Woodside 4 came 4th



Mrs Cave-Hawkes said that the Woodside children displayed great sportsmanship and competitiveness, putting together everything they have learnt in PE this term! Well done Year 6!

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

- [Kings Church Amersham - Family Christmas Celebration- Sunday 7th December from 9.30am-12pm](#)
- [Premier Education – Winter Holiday Camps](#)
- [An invitation to The Snowman with Live Music!](#)

Exciting New Art Competition

News from Mrs McCarthy

Rotary **YOUNG ARTIST** COMPETITION



Rotary Young Artist Competition 2025-26

Date extended... see below!

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 😊



Extension for Rotary Young Artist Competition ...

NEW DATE for entries to be handed in at Woodside on or before:
Friday 9th January 2026!



We are having our own show on RADIO CHRISTMAS this December

Please tune in and support

Woodside School on 10/12/25 at 12pm - 1pm



LISTEN LIVE

Listen online: radiochristmas.co.uk

on Amazon Alexa
"Play Radio Christmas"

and via our app



RADIO CHRISTMAS



radiochristmas.co.uk


THE WOODSIDE
Association

DITCH THE UNIFORM AND...

Break the Rules

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

IN EXCHANGE FOR A HAMPER DONATION

YEAR 3 – GREEN | YEAR 4 – RED

YEAR 5 – GOLD | YEAR 6 – SILVER/WHITE

Please leave donations with the teacher or the office



Important!
No football boots,
heels, or jewellery,
and wear age
appropriate
clothing!

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS ON CLASSLIST NOW!

The Woodside Association, Registered Charity No. 296361



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YOUR FUN & FESTIVE

Seasonal Snapshot



PTA MEETING - 4th DEC, 8pm

Come along to the Boot & Slipper and get involved!



HAMPER DONATION - BREAK THE RULES - 5th DEC

Yr3 - **Green** | Yr4 - **Red** | Yr5 - **Gold** | Yr6 - **Silver/White** – **NO NUTS**



BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS - BY 12th DEC, 4pm

Tickets, £1 - available to buy on Classlist NOW or on the day



CREATE & DONATE YOUR JOLLY JARS - 8th-12th DEC

Fill with treats, decorate and hand into school – **NO NUTS**



CAKES & BISCUITS DONATIONS - 12th DEC

Hand treats in to school at morning drop-off – **NO NUTS**



JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHEER - 12th DEC, 3.15-5pm

Have festive family fun and help raise money for our school!



THE WOODSIDE
Association

'TIS THE SEASON FOR...

Christmas Cheer

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 3.15 - 5pm

Join us for a joyful afternoon of festive family fun!

Browse Christmas stalls packed with gifts and stocking fillers, enjoy games and crafts with the children, and treat yourself to hot chocolate, teas, coffees and delicious seasonal bakes.

Don't forget to enter our fantastic

FESTIVE HAMPER RAFFLE!

Raffle tickets available via Classlist or on the door.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SIGN UP ON CLASSLIST!**



THE ELVES AND SANTA WOULD LIKE TO HELP
RAISE MONEY FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOLS AND
NURSERIES, ALL THE WAY FROM THE NORTH
POLE!!



Dear parents and carers,

Santa is joining up with local schools and nurseries to raise some money for their PTA funds and general money for new play, learning and craft equipment. We are sending magical personalised letters with a high quality authentic feel, from Santa to the children with an additional certificate saying they have got onto Santa's list. Signed by Santa and stamped by Rudolph with a beautifully decorated brown envelope straight from the 'North Pole'. Each letter is personalised to the child - as is the card certificate. You can provide a reason for them being selected for Santa's list, their name and home town and it is all put in a plain envelope for the parent/carer to drop on the door mat when the time is right. To order you can go online and fill in your customisation and select which nursery or school you are raising money for. Santa letters will be £6.50 with 30% of this going straight back into your child's setting. Order must be placed no later than December 9th and will either be posted out to you or handed to you at collection time at school/nursery.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus

Karen and Jon

Chiltern Tech Wright Computer services

Chalfont St Peter

techwright@jonwright.com



[Link to order your personalised letter from Santa](https://www.cardjay.com/product/santa-letter/)

[PLEASE CLICK LINK TO PLACE YOUR ORDER](https://www.cardjay.com/product/santa-letter/)

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