

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 8th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is refreshed after the half term and ready for Autumn 2, which is one of the busiest but most fun terms of the year. We've had a busy week, with school trips and a day working with our Trust on assessment.

Woodside is part of the ODBST (Oxford Diocese Bucks Schools Trust) and, as a result of this, we are assigned a School Effectiveness Partner who works with us over the course of the year. We receive at least 6 visits every year, looking at different aspects of the school from behaviour to pupil results. This week, our partner visited us to look at assessment. This involved looking at pupil's books, how we mark, how we assess children and what we use this information for. She was very pleased with the work at Woodside, commenting that we have a "highly skilled and effective staff" and that we always aim to put the needs of the children first. Thanks to all the teachers who helped us with this visit; we have a great team here at Woodside and it's lovely to see it recognised by others from outside of the school.

Within the Trust, there are 13 different primary schools from across Buckinghamshire. We work together on projects such as developing writing, safeguarding and behaviour management. Woodside gains a lot of benefits from being part of the Trust and we are seeking to further develop our links with local schools in the coming years.

I would like to remind families of a couple of items. Firstly, please do not park on the single yellow lines, double yellow lines or zig-zag markings outside of the school. Parking is not permitted on any of these during school hours. On Tuesday, our coach was returning with the Y5 children from a school trip and was held up in standstill traffic due to people being parked incorrectly. It endangers our children and members of the community, please respect the road markings.

Secondly, a lot of children have started to wear necklaces, bracelets and earrings to school. These are not permitted under our uniform policy. Many have said that they have had their ears pierced over the summer, so by this point in the year they should be able to remove earrings during the day as the piercing will have healed. Please support us with this aspect of the uniform policy.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
11.11.24	Year 5 Girls Football AM at local school
12.11.24	Open Morning 9-10.30am
14.11.24	Year 5 & 6 Cinema trip (details to follow)
15.11.24	Year 4 Greek Day
18.11.24	Odd Sock Day for Anti - Bullying Week
20.11.24	Year 6 Girls Football AM at local school
20.11.24	Year 6 Cross Country @ Amersham School
21.11.24	Year 3 & 4 Cinema trip (details to follow)
22.11.24	Year 3 Gymnastics @ DCHS
26.11.24	Amersham Band Workshop - Year 4
29.11.24	4B Hockey Tournament after school - Invitation Only
06.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
06.12.24	PTA Christmas Fair
09.12.24	Year 3 visit to St George's Nativity
09.12.24	Choir sing to Age Concern @ Chiltern Lifestyle Centre
10.12.24	Choir Christmas Concert- 6pm
11.12.24	Year 3 to Amersham School for Basketball
13.12.24	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	Masion Chef - Christmas Lunch

[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!



House Point Totals

This week	549	789	810	675
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

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

- ⇒ Please click [here](#) for information about Chesham's Swimming Club.
- ⇒ If you would like to find out more about Aylesbury Town Council's Event - Christmas on the Cobbles, please click [here](#).
- ⇒ If you would like to take part in a quick interview for Brunel University regarding the Cost-of-Living Crisis, please see more information [here](#) (£15 voucher for taking part!)
- ⇒ Booking has opened for ZKT Spring Term after school on a Friday for all year groups- to sign your child up, please click [here](#).



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

- ◇ Leo in Year 5 for completing Stage 4 swimming this week and moving up to Stage 5 within 2 months!
- ◇ Eva in Year 5 for completing the final Stage 10 in swimming (being the youngest in the group!)
- ◇ Suki in Year 4 has achieved her Orange Belt with Genesis Martial Arts last week!

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ON FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**



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Wacky hairstyles
Funky footwear (no heels or football boots)
Fun accessories...
and have some fun!



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