



Weekly Newsletter

Your weekly newsletter about Woodside school!
Spring Term 2026

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. Today is an exciting day as I will be meeting Sarah Green MP along with leaders from over 50 local schools to watch and discuss a presentation from the Smartphone Free Childhood group. I'm very interested to hear what will be shared and look forward to passing on more details to you in the coming weeks.

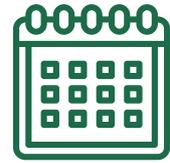
Earlier this week, I spent a day with the Headteachers and Shared Services Team of the ODBST. We had some really valuable discussions about how children are performing in assessments across the Trust, the school curriculum, and the teaching resources we use. It's always refreshing to share ideas and learn from others in similar roles and it helps us keep improving what we do for our children.

During this meeting, it was also confirmed that all ODBST schools will be moving to a two-week October half term from the next academic year. At Woodside, we received several responses to this consultation and the responses were overwhelmingly in favour. Next year's term dates are listed later in the newsletter and will be available on the website in due course.

I also want to apologise for not mentioning this sooner, but you may remember that Woodside was nominated for the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign and was one of the selected charities for their blue tokens. I'm delighted to let you know that we were the winners! The grant we received has helped us resurface the Year 5/6 playground and paint the courts on the new surface. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us—it really has made a difference.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

Best wishes,
Mr Lloyd



Dates for your diary

26.01.26	2026 Challenge (PTA)
27.01.26	Year 5 Trip to Chesham Mosque
27.01.26	Year 6 circuits @ Amersham School
27.01.26	Year 4 Basketball @ DCHS
28.01.26	Author event - Piers Toray
31.01.26	Cross Country @ Lowndes Park
04.02.26	Year 3 trip to Ufton Court
04.02.26	LGB Meeting
06.02.26	2 nd hand uniform sale (PTA)
13.02.26	Break the rules day (PTA) £1 donation- wear red/pink
13.02.26	Last day of half-term
23.02.26	School re-starts
03.03.26	Year 4 Fitness @ Amersham School

House Point Total

Week 3	515	448	401	428
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

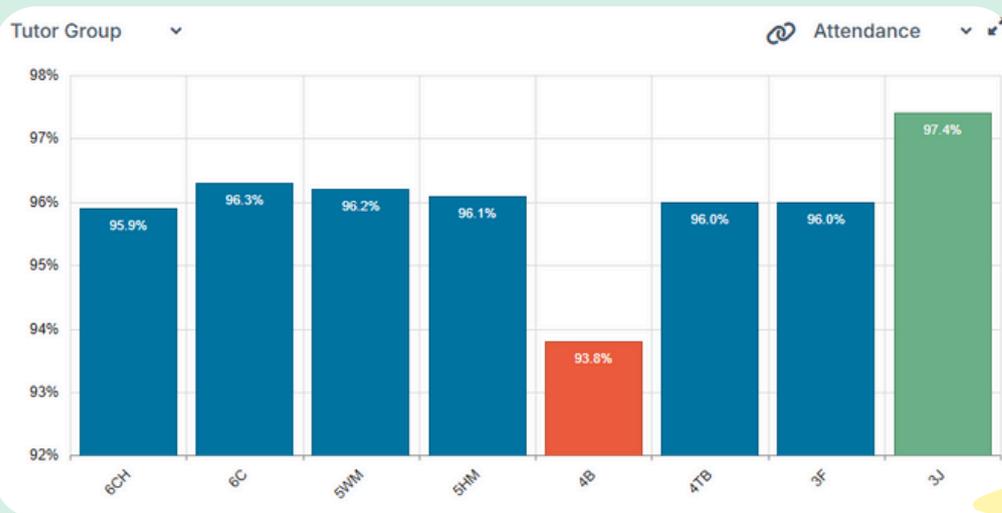
Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- [Wake up to Music - Saturday 7th February 9am-12pm \(BMT\)](#)
- [Music Majors \(BMT\)](#)
- [Winter Wellness: Healthy habits for the whole year](#)
- [Teach in Bucks Recruitment Fair - Saturday 7th February 2026](#)
- [Wycombe Wanderers Foundation FREE FOOTBALL PROVISION](#)

February Half – Term Camps:

- [February half-term MegaCamps](#)
- [THREE DAY Table Tennis Camp in FEBRUARY HALF TERM](#)
- [Premier Education February Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Camps](#)

Breakdown of attendance by tutor group for this week...



well done!



Congratulations to Basil in Year 4 who moved up in his Kickboxing Club. See the photo of Basil with his coach.

New Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Starts: Wednesday 2 September 2026

Half-term: Monday 19 October to Friday 30 October 2026

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027

Half-term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Easter holiday: Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12 April 2027

Half-term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027

Ends: Thursday 22 July 2027

Summer holiday begins: Friday 23 July 2027

The total number of school days in the academic year will remain unchanged.

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!



Woodside Curriculum News



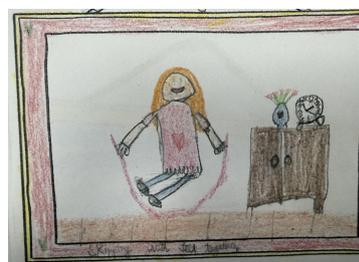
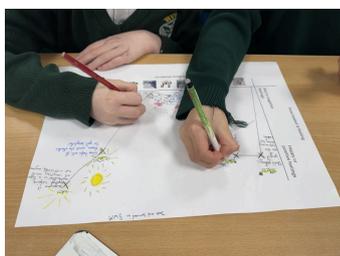
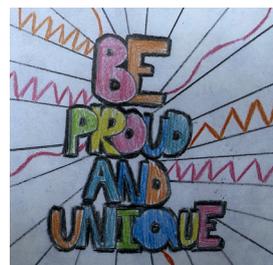
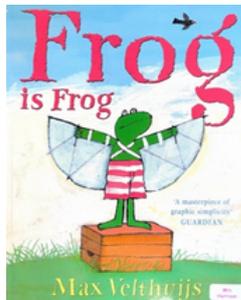
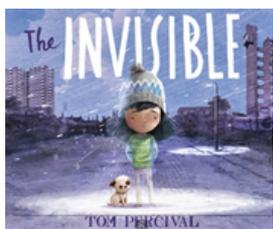
Spirituality

On Wednesday, we held a spirituality morning at school. Spirituality has always been an important part of our curriculum as part of SMSC development – which stands for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education. SMSC helps children grow into thoughtful, responsible and reflective individuals and has always been a part of what we are required to teach.

We have taken this opportunity to shine a spotlight on spirituality by giving pupils more time to think, reflect, and consider actions they might take as a result of their learning. This is not new – we have always asked these types of questions in our teaching – but this focus morning allowed us to learn about spirituality and reflection more intentionally. The children were introduced to the concept of Windows, Mirrors and Doors during an assembly. The children then went back to class to further cement their understanding. The children in years 3 and 4 based their learning and activities around the book 'Frog is Frog' and the year 5 and 6 children used the book 'The Invisible.'

Windows, Mirrors and Doors

- Windows – Looking out at the world with curiosity and noticing both its beauty and challenges. 'Windows' in the curriculum could be reading a book, looking at a painting, listening to a piece of music, watching a science documentary, a PSHE lesson, an assembly. We observe and explore, look and notice. Being curious helps us to learn about life.
- Mirrors – Looking inwards to reflect on our own thoughts, feelings and beliefs. Looking in a mirror helps us to learn from life. Reflecting helps us to think and ask important questions. How does this make me feel? What would I do? What is my view? What can I learn from this? What does this teach me about myself?
- Doors – Thinking about how we respond and what positive actions we can take.



We hope you have found this informative. Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Harrison




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The Woodside 2026 Challenge *Play your Part*

Between 26 January and 23 March, we're challenging everyone to raise **£20.26 (or more!)** to help fund mini keyboards for our school!

It's a small target that can make a big difference, supporting our children's music skills and learning.

Get creative! Take part in a sponsored activity, make and sell something, offer a small service, or share a hobby or talent – and ask friends, family, and neighbours to sponsor you. When you've raised £20.26, hand in the sponsorship form and money to the school office or transfer the money raised to Woodside's bank account.

Every child who submits a completed sponsorship form gets a certificate and a chance to win a **£15 Entertainer voucher** in the prize draw.

The house that has the most entries **wins a mufti day.**





The Woodside 2026 Challenge

Parent FAQs

What is the Woodside 2026 Challenge?

The Woodside 2026 Challenge is a school fundraising event where children are invited to raise £20.26 through a fun activity of their choice. All money raised will go towards purchasing mini keyboards to support music learning at Woodside.

When does the challenge take place?

The challenge runs from 26 Jan to 23 Mar 2026.

How much does my child need to raise?

The suggested target is £20.26, but every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

Does my child have to take part?

No. Taking part is optional, but we hope all children will join in and enjoy the experience.

What kinds of activities can children do?

They can take part in a sponsored activity, make and sell something, offer a small service, or share a hobby or talent. All activities should be safe and supervised by an adult.

Can siblings work together?

Yes! Woodside siblings can team up and take part together. However, each child should have their own sponsorship form, with the total money raised split between them, so that each child can be entered into the prize draw. If paying by bank transfer, it's fine to use just one child's name as the reference.

How do we collect and submit sponsorship money?

Sponsorship forms will come home on Monday 26 Jan (a PDF is available). Money can be collected as cash or transferred directly to the school bank account:

Account Name: Woodside Junior School

Sort Code: 77-23-09 **Account No.:** 88369862

Cash should be handed into the school office in a sealed envelope with the sponsorship form. For bank transfers, please use the reference **House / Surname** (e.g. WillowJones)

What's the deadline?

All sponsorship forms and money must be submitted by 23 Mar 2026.

Will children receive anything for taking part?

Yes! Every child who takes part will receive a certificate and be entered into a prize draw to win a £15 Entertainer voucher. The house that has the most entries will also win a mufti day. Please remember to hand in your completed form and money (or transfer it) to be included.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Please contact your class rep or the school office if you need any further information or support.