A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It's hard to believe we're already in the final

stretch of the school year, but what a busy and exciting summer term we have ahead of us!

This week, the whole school took part in our Mega Maths Morning, which was a fantastic success. Children across all year groups engaged in a range of fun, hands-on maths activities designed to stretch their thinking and build their confidence. It was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm for problem-solving and number work—and even better to hear the buzz of mathematical conversation in every classroom!

We've also been busy counting the coins from our coin snake, which stretched impressively across the hall. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed - every penny counts, with your help, we managed to raise an amazing £496.05! You can find more details later in the Newsletter...

A special shout-out goes to our Year 6 children, who have been working hard on a very special community project. With the support of Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Catanach, they've been painting the local utilities box with a vibrant, creative design that reflects the spirit of Woodside. It's looking fantastic already, and we're so proud of their teamwork and artistic flair. A big thank you to both Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Catanach for making this happen!

Today, I am joining Year 5 on a brilliant trip to the Tate Modern Gallery in London. The children are looking forward to seeing the incredible range of artwork on display and exploring how artists express ideas through different media.

With sports days, performances, trips, and transition events still to come, there's plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes, Mr Lloyd

A huge thank you to Elsa's Dad (Year 6) for kindly donating 5 computer screens to the school.

We greatly appreciate your generosity!



House Point Totals				
This week	371	376	285	391
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Dates for your diary Date **Event** 09.06.25 Gary Grant to see Year 6 10.06.25 Year 4 Athletics @ DCHS 10.06.25 Year 6 Magistrates in the community 11.06.25 **4B Forest School Morning** 12.06.25 Sports Day 13.06.25 PTA Mufti Day - Tombola items 13.06.25 **Nude Food Day** 14.06.25 Summer Fair 16.06.25 -Year 6 Residential 20.06.25 16.06.25 Year 5 Cricket @ Amersham School 17.06.25 **5WM Forest School Morning** 18.06.25 **5HM Forest School Morning** 23.06.25 Year 6 Money Talk- Skipton Building Society 24.06.25 Class Photos 26.06.25 Humanist Speaker Visit - Year 6 27.06.25 4B After School Hockey Tournament 30.06.25 Year 4 Trip to Verulamium 01.07.25 Transition Day 02.07.25 Year 6 games @ DCSH 08.07.25 5HM Forrest School morning 08.07.25 Year 6 enterprise after school 09.07.25 Year 3 Trip to West Wittering Beach

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!



Art Project News from Mrs McCarthy

Amersham Town Council recently approached Woodside School to enquire whether some of our artistic children would like to paint the communications box opposite our school, as part of an ongoing Amersham in Bloom project. To date, seventeen boxes have been painted around the Amersham area with the aim of bringing more art and vibrancy to the community with a particular emphasis on involving children and young people.

So, with the theme of 'wildlife' as our premise, I had the difficult task of choosing five of our most talented Year 6 artists. Upon selection, the children collaborated, generated ideas and agreed upon a final design which was then submitted for approval by the council. With positive news of design success, the painting of the communications box commenced on Wednesday 4th June.

Thank you for all of the hard work of our talented artists - Pippa, Mai, Harry, Tilly and Grace who used their creativity, collaboration and teamwork skills to create our vibrant communications box opposite our school; box number 18! To Amersham in Bloom for providing the children with this creative, enriching opportunity and to Mrs Catanach who kindly gave her time and provided all painting materials on the day. It was wonderful to watch our pupils proudly creating and meticulously painting their design as it came to life! We hope you all enjoy Woodside's art vibrancy in the community.

Designing....



Painting....















- A huge well done to Maddie in Year 3 for being awarded 'player of the day' in her FTF class.
- Congratulations to Shivaan in Year 4 for completing a 10K run and achieving a medal for 'Race For Life'!

Please see some photo's below from this week's Forest school and coin snake (Mega Maths Morning!)











Results from the coin snake....

Length

Maple: 92cm

Cedar: 90cm Elm: 74cm

Willow: 65cm

Amount

Maple: £164.16

Cedar: £138.03

Elm: £119.75

Willow: £74.11

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

- Bury Lake Young Mariners summer courses at Rickmansworth Aquadrome
- Aylesbury Town Council Event The Aylesbury Games Sunday 15th June
- 'Give it a Go' at Amersham Music Centre THIS SATURDAY
- Community Toy Swap St Michael's Church Amersham

WOODSIDE SUMMER RAFFLE

We've got a great raffle again this year thanks to the generosity of our local businesses, with more being confirmed every day ...

Prizes so far include:

The Griffin - free bottle of Prosecco Roald Dahl Children's Gallery family ticket Kings Arms - Afternoon Tea for 2 Ivy House £30 meal voucher

Wallflower Aromatherapy consultation & gift

Temptation £20 voucher **Elgiva Theatre tickets** Su Chase's Interiors gift Kew Little Pigs child's ticket **Beckonscot Model Village 2 tickets**

Roald Dahl Museum Golden ticket Majestic - bottle of Prosecco

Waddesdon Manor family ticket

Missenden Abbey - Afternoon Tea for 2 Charlotte Hayes - Treatment & Blow Dry Claire's Nails & Beauty - £30 voucher

Trunk - selection of gifts Snow Centre - £25 voucher

Rush/Airhop - 60 min jump Quirk/Pick n Mix - sweet caddy

£1 a ticket

Available via classlist or tickets on the day Winners drawn at the Summer Fair -3.45pm Saturday 14th June







Make 2 if you'd like!!

We'd love the children to create a Jolly Jar to be sold at the Summer Fair. You can fill your jar with sweets, small toys, small stationery items,

pens/crayons, fidget toys, whatever you can fit in! Just make sure its a clean jar and any food items are in wrappers if including other items as well. And

remember NO NUTS.

Decorate and bring back to school by Friday 6th June



MUFTI DAY 13TH JUNE

SUMMER FAIR TOMBOLA DONATION REQUEST

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE IS A NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR THE

IN EXCHANGE WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR THE CHILDRENS AND ADULT TOMBOLAS FOR THIS YEARS SUMMER FAIR

ITEMS SUCH AS THIS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

ADULTS - BOTTLE TOMBOLA

- WINE/PROSECCO
- BEER OR CIDER BATH/SHOWER FOAM
- JAMS/PICKLES

CHILDRENS

YOU MAY HAVE ITEMS HANGING AROUND OR THINGS THAT CAN BE 'REGIFTED'.
WE WOULD ASK THAT ITEMS ARE NEW (NOT USED) AND

CHILDRENS ITEMS ARE SUITABLE FOR THE WOODSIDE AGE GROUP

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE!





SUMMER FAIR

14TH JUNE - 2 TO 4PM

Come along for a FUN packed afternoon raising funds for our school. We have so many great things organised. Including...



Please sign up on Classlist to help at the event, we cannot do it without you!





CHAIR OF THE PTA

Position open from Sept 2025 onwards

Our current PTA Chair will be stepping down at the end of this academic year, so we are now advertising for either one person or two people as Co-Chairs to take over this role from September 2025.

Without someone in the role of Chair the PTA will not be able to continue.

We have had a number of very successful years funding the all weather track in the field to support the daily mile, completing an overhaul and reopening of the library, and this year funding 4 new interactive whiteboards for the classrooms with plans to fund a further 4.

This alongside running discos, bingo afternoons, escape room experiences, fairs, end of year ice creams, Christmas gifts and school equipments needs has all been possible thanks to our community coming together to support the PTA.

We don't want to lose the momentum we have built over the last few years.

Working with the wider team and the school is very rewarding and involves the following:

- · Organising team meetings ahead of events
- · Planning what events will run through the year
- · Alongside the team, managing and resourcing events
- · Working with the school to focus fundraising where needed

Additionally our treasurer, secretary and voucher scheme administrator will be leaving at the end of the next school year, July 2026. We are looking for people who are interested to offer their help to come forward. In particular for the treasurer role as this requires some time to complete a full handover so we would like to have this in place by the end of this year.

Please do get in touch if you interested in these roles. Many thanks, PTA Team

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ACTIVITIES

- Arts and Crafts
- Outdoor Games
- Picnic Lunch
- · Physical activities
- Nature Activities

EVENT INFO

JUNE: BOOKINGS OPEN

JULY: CAMP OPENS

8AM - 6PM FULL DAY: £40

HALF DAY: £23

WEEK BLOCK: £180