

## A word from Mr Lloyd

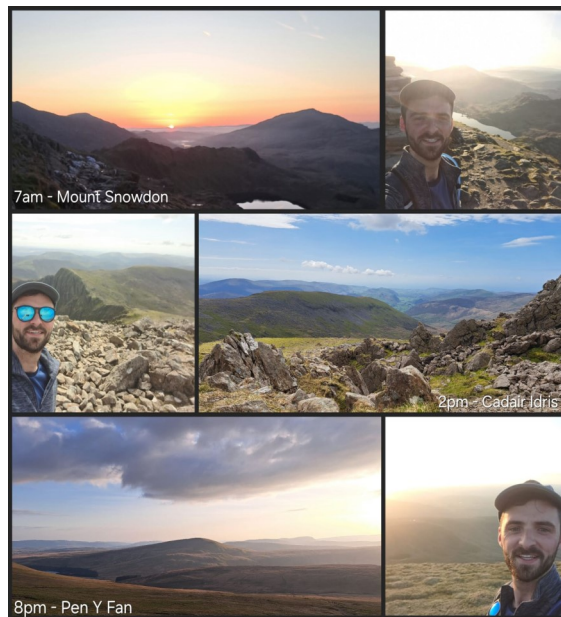
Friday 26th April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start today's newsletter with a thank you to the parents at Woodside. We've had several lovely responses to our recent request for donations to support funding at Woodside, including parents suggesting their own creative ways to raise funds for the school. I've shared your ideas with Mrs Edwards, our business manager, who is looking at how we can get these implemented and shared with the school community. It's never easy to ask for money, especially in this current climate, but the response we have had has been very positive.

Last weekend, our very own Mr Harvey-Mott completed an incredible fundraising challenge of his own. He completed the Welsh Three Peaks challenge, raising money for Lewy Body Society which helps people suffering from one of the most common forms of dementia. This challenge involved climbing the three highest peaks in Wales within 24 hours and was an amazing achievement. Well done Mr Harvey-Mott! Should you wish to donate to support his fundraising, the link can be found here: [Lewis Harvey-Mott is fundraising for The Lewy Body Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Lewis-Harvey-Mott).



I'm continually impressed by the strength of the community at Woodside and this has shone through during our Woodside Association library project. It is very near completion now and the room is drawing gasps of amazement as people see it for the first time. Several parents have given lots of their time to this project and have been in school this week sorting through hundreds, if not thousands, of books before allocating them to the shelves. I can't wait to fully launch the room and share it with the children of Woodside.

I hope everybody has a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

### Termly Year Group Curriculum Letters

Click [here](#) for Year 3

Click [here](#) for Year 4

Click [here](#) for Year 5

Click [here](#) for Year 6

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
29.04.24	Year 4 Frisbee Tournament at Amersham School
29.04.24	Year 6 Personal Best at Amersham School
29.04.24	Year 3 Benchball at Amersham School
06.05.24	Early May Bank Holiday - School Closed
08.05.24	Year 6 Anxiety Assembly
09.05.24	Year 4 Amersham Field Studies Trip
13.05.24	Year 5 Rounders at Amersham School
13.05.24 - 16.05.24	SATs week for Year 6
24.05.24	Last day of the Half-Term School closes 3.15pm
03.06.24	INSET DAY - No School
05.06.24	Anxiety and Sleep Workshop for Parents 9am-10am
05.06.24	Inter-House Competition
06.06.24	Bags to School Collection
06.06.24	Gary Grant (Entertainer) to see Year 6
06.06.24	Year 4 to Amersham School - Boogie Bounce
11.06.24	School Games - Y5/Y6 Quadkids Athletics competition DCHS
12.06.24	Class Photos
15.06.24	PTA Summer Fair- Save the date!

[Click here for the calendar of 23/24 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	668	583	562	485
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

## Mrs Harrison's Curriculum Update



At Woodside, we are rightly proud of the many community links Woodside has made with our local area- this includes visitors, trips, work with local businesses, schools and the town council. **Geography fieldwork in the local area** is something that is woven into the curriculum in every year group. This week, year 5 visited the Misbourne River in Old Amersham. They measured the flow rate of the river in various locations and drew sketches of the river landscape. As well as using this as a way to conclude their unit of study on rivers, they also used it as an opportunity to learn about the first Anglo Saxon settlers and why people chose to settle here.

Continuing with the community theme, year 5 were lucky enough to also visit **Amersham Field Studies Centre (Mop End)**. We were very kindly given a fully funded trip to the centre, just outside of Amersham- and year 4 will also be taking advantage of this free trip later on in the year. The children had such a fabulous time in the great-outdoors where they explored the sustainable woodlands and conducted experiments related to climate change. In the woodland, the children measured and calculated the monetary and carbon value of trees to plan the best sustainable uses; they looked for invertebrates; conducted a greenhouse effect experiment; played a carbon atom game; and finally investigated microclimates- measuring wind speed, light intensity and air temperature to decide the best locations for solar panels, wind turbines or more trees.



We are incredibly grateful to have been given this opportunity. Amersham Field Studies Centre promotes outdoor learning and exploration for children and families. Their family nature days are lovely, inexpensive and sometimes free. There are often opportunities to explore their woodlands, go pond dipping and netting in the long grass. Keep your eye out for activities during the school holidays. I highly recommend! Details here:

<https://www.field-studies-council.org/2024/04/10/nature-champions-at-amersham/>

This week, Matt from **PQA** also ran workshops for children in year 3 and year 5. The children played lots of fun games and were enthusiastic and engaged. It was so lovely to see them immersed in drama activities and working collaboratively with their peers.

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## Book recommendation of the week



It's been a while since I recommended a book or two, but it seems like the perfect time to reinstate this feature with the library being so close to being finished.

### **The Tiger Skin Rug by Joan Haig.**

Lal and his brother Dilip miss home. They don't like the drizzle, midges or the creepy tiger skin rug in their house in Scotland. All they want to do is return to India. They meet a new friend, Jenny, and the tiger skin comes to life. Embarking on an enchanting adventure, this story of friendship, magic and family takes the reader from a Scottish village to an Indian mountain; from the back streets of London to the palaces and sewers of Mumbai. I loved this book and the themes it explores- of legends and stories, families and forgiveness.

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 on the Bucks Country Show taking place on 5th and 6th May.
- The **Theatre Shed** are running a free workshop at the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre on Saturday 11th May- please click [here](#) to find out more- the previous QR code was not working, so please try this one instead.
- Please click [here](#) to find details on Chesham United's Mad Hatter's U7's Football Tournament and Tea Party taking place in May.



# FOODBANK COLLECTION

WE'RE COLLECTING FOR THE CHILTERN  
FOODBANK ALL NEXT WEEK -  
W/C MONDAY 29TH APRIL

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO CLASS, OR DROP IN THE  
GREEN CRATE BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE ENTRANCE**

**In particular need of the following items:**

Tinned fruit	Tinned macaroni cheese
Sponge puddings	Long life fruit juice
Tinned tuna	Toilet rolls
Toothpaste	





# Library update!

We're almost there with final touches to the library, and we can't wait to get the newly designed space reopened for the pupils to enjoy this summer.

If you'd like to support finishing it off and haven't had the chance to support already, please donate via our Woodside Association PTA justgiving page -

<https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3066916> or click on our QR code



This week we take delivery of the final pieces of furniture, and we will be starting to put the books back on the shelves this Wednesday 24th.

Hopefully you can see how much brighter, warmer and welcoming the library is now. A real asset that the pupils will enjoy for many years to come.



Before



After



So far your donations have enabled the following to be implemented:

Removal of old asbestos flooring & installation of new vinyl flooring

Removal of old electrical trunking & sockets, & upgrading/install of new sockets

Bespoke carpentry to protect and create seating area around necessary pipework

New librarians desk, sofa for large window, 2 x tables for breakout work, 9 x chairs, 6 x drum seats

9 x new roller blinds for the windows

Total spend £10,500

With your final bit of support we can add the finishing touches and open the new library!

Many thanks, Woodside Association PTA





**THURSDAY MAY 16TH**  
**AFTER SCHOOL - 4.30PM**

**£5 PER TICKET**

**INCLUDES - DRINK, SNACK,  
GAME SHEETS & WINNERS  
PRIZES**



**PLUS**  
**MINI QUIZ ROUNDS!**



**EVENT OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL YEARS**  
**TICKETS ON CLASSLIST - NUMBERS ARE**  
**LIMITED SO BUY YOUR TICKET SOON TO**  
**AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**



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