A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, I want to thank everyone: children, staff and families, for your

hard work and support. It has been a term full of energy, learning and community spirit. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break over the half term holiday.

A special thank you to Mr Brown for organising a wonderful Diwali Day. It has been lovely to hear from parents and children about how meaningful the event was for them and their families. Celebrating together in this way really shows the strength and diversity of our school community.

Thank you also to Mrs Jonwood for arranging a fantastic author visit. Athena Kugblenu's talk about her new book, *History's Most Epic Fails*, was engaging and inspiring. It was a brilliant opportunity for our children to meet a real author and explore history in such a fun and thoughtful way.

Following a recent PTA meeting, the school was asked to put together an Amazon wishlist. I believe this is now being shared via ClassList. It has been lovely to see donations coming in already. We are always so grateful for any support, whether it is helping at events and trips, purchasing items from the wishlist or simply being a champion of the school in the local community. Thank you.

We also held our first Open Morning this week and it was very well attended. Well done to Mrs Harrison and the school choir, who put on a great performance as the parents arrived. A huge thank you also to our Year 6 House Captains who were absolutely brilliant on the school tours. They were confident, welcoming and full of pride in their school.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term break.

Warm regards,

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House Point Total Week 8 359 412 315 334 HALF TERM 2644 2992 2587 3197 Maple Willow Elm Cedar

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24.10.25	INSET DAY
27.10.25	HALF TERM
31.10.25	
04.11.25	PTA Glow Disco after school
05.11.25	Forest School 6CH
08.11.25	Cross Country at Hervines Park
10.11.25	Year 3 skipping @ Amersham School
12.11.25	Forest School 6C
13.11.25	Open morning 9am
13.11.25	Governors Meeting @ 4pm
18.11.25	Year 6 NHS Height and Weight Check
19.11.25	Year 5 trip to Science Oxford Museum
21.11.25	Year 4 Greek Day @ Woodside
26.11.25	Year 6 Dodgeball @ Amersham School
27.11.25	Year 5 KS2 gymnastics @ DCHS
27.11.25	Last FTF Session
02.12.25	Last Cheer Session
05.12.25	Break the Rules Day- hamper donations
08.12.25	Flu Immunisations
09.12.25	Year 4 Christmas Play 2pm and 6.30pm
10.12.25	Last TKD Taekwondo Session
11.12.25	Choir Christmas Concert 6pm
12.12.25	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Cheer after school
12.12.25	Last Netball and Last ZKT Sessions
17.12.25	Chartwells Christmas Lunch

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!





- A huge well done to Niamh in Year 5 who participated in a Gymfusion event!
- Also congratulations to Shanvi in Year 4 who earned medals for her private studies and also in Dance!



Thank you!

After a very successful Break the Rules Day, we're delighted to share that we raised £273!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and donated — your support means so much!

Christmas Card Competition News from Mrs McCarthy

Thames Valley Police have kindly invited our Woodside children to unleash their creativity to design a festive card on the theme of 'Helping people at Christmas'.

This is never more true than at Christmas, when the police continue to work alongside the other **emergency services** to help keep us all safe while many of us are able to enjoy time off with our families.

The winning design will be printed and sent out to people across the Thames Valley and beyond with the winner's name and school featured inside the card.

The winner will receive a professionally printed version of their artwork. Unfortunately all entries cannot be returned.

Please create your design on the <u>entry form attached</u> using pencils, pens, or paint, but please avoid glitter, stickers and digital designs.

All entries to be handed to the school office or directly to Mrs McCarthy 5WM by **Friday 21st November** 2025 who will arrange delivery of designs for you.

Good Luck and enjoy creating your festive designs!



Restore Hope Amersham will be running a new after-school club starting after Half-Term for children in Year 5&6. Please see details below...

An exciting new FREE after school club is coming to Restore Hope Amersham, is your child in years 5 or 6? Hope Hangout is opening Monday 3rd November.

Please fill out the registration form here https://forms.gle/sDbJpB7KhHRzUP5Z9 be quick, places are limited.

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

- Festive Toy Swap and Market at St Michael's Church Amersham
- Entry form for Christmas Card Competition



Join us for an electrifying afternoon of music, dancing and games.

Dress in your brightest clothes and light up the night!

TICKETS £5 (via Classlist)

Includes bottomless drinks, snacks, and glow sticks.
Please bring cash (coins only) for the tuck-shop.

If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, please speak with the office in confidence.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SIGN UP ON CLASSLIST!



Where do I drop-off and pick-up from?

All children are to be dropped off and picked up from the main school entrance. Years 3 & 4 will remain at school until after the disco. Teachers will be on hand to manage dismissal at the end of each session.

Will Cheerleading Club go ahead?

No. Cheerleading has been cancelled for this week, but will be made up at the end of term.

Do children wear their party clothes to school?

No, unfortunately not, please send your child into school with their party clothes in a bag. Years 3 & 4, and children attending Hideout Zone will get changed in their classrooms.

My child goes to Hideout Zone, will they be taken to the disco?

Yes. Hideout staff will take children to and from the disco if required, so please make sure to book your child in for the appropriate amount of time.

The year 5 & 6 disco doesn't start until 4.45, will I need to book Hideout until 5.15?

Yes. Due to staffing and safeguarding requirements, Hideout are unable to supervise children that are not booked in. Please ensure your child is booked in until the disco starts, or arrange for them to be collected first.

What can my child wear?

All children are encouraged to dress as brightly as they dare. Years 5 & 6 returning to school can add some neon hair or face paints if they like! Please make sure outfits are age appropriate, and note that jewellery, football boots and heels are not allowed.

What does the ticket fee include?

Each child will enjoy snacks, bottomless drinks, glow sticks, and an hour of glowtastic fun with their friends. We'll also have a tuck-shop selling sweets.

How much money does my child need for the tuck-shop?

50p-£1 (coins only) will allow your child to buy some sweets – there will be a vegetarian option and absolutely no nuts. Please send the money in a named envelope.

My child normally walks home by themselves, will they need to be collected?

Yes. As it will be dark, the usual collection rules apply. If someone other than a parent or carer is collecting, please notify the school in advance.

How can I volunteer?

We're so glad you asked! You can sign up to volunteer via the Classlist event.