

## A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 20th September 2024



Dear parents and carers,

We have just finished a lovely celebration assembly and I was really impressed with how sensibly the children entered and exited the hall. This is symbolic of how calm the school has been over the last few weeks, as the children have started the year with a real focus on their learning and being positive.

In Year 5, you will have noticed that Mrs Webber has been absent from school following an unfortunate injury. We are delighted that Mrs Webber visited us in school this week and is beginning a phased return to work next week, whilst building up the strength in her leg again. I know that the children are really looking forward to seeing Mrs Webber again and we can't wait to have her back at Woodside!

We would really like to involve as many parents as we can in school life. Later in the newsletter is a flyer from the PTA about their AGM, whilst we also currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. We would also really appreciate parent volunteers who can help us in school, whether it's listening to readers or helping the teachers and teaching assistants with some of our daily tasks. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you're able to help us in any way.

Yesterday, I met with all the Headteachers and the shared services team from the ODBST. It was great to hear about the Trust's plans for the year ahead and how they are going to continue to help Woodside to further develop as a school. We really benefit from a great support team in the Trust and from having strong links with our local schools. It's lovely to work in an environment where everyone is helping each other to be the best that they can be.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Lloyd

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
20.09.24	Netball after school club starts back
25.09.24	Kittle individual and sibling photos
28.09.24	Cross Country—Gayhurst School
30.09.24	Year 3 Personal Best @ Amersham School
30.09.24	Year 4 'Italy Day'
01.10.24	Skipping workshops
08.10.24	Parents Evening 1 from 3.40pm-6.10pm
08.10.24	Year 5 Basketball @ Amersham School
10.10.24	Parents Evening 2 from 4.30-7pm
11.10.24	4TB Hockey Tournament after school - <a href="#">Invitation Only</a>
12.10.24	Cross Country—Hervines Park
17.10.24	Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum
23.10.24	Year 3 Harvest Assembly to parents 9.15am
25.10.24	<b>Last day of half term - School finish at 3.15pm</b>

[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	No House Points recorded until appointments of House Captains.			
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



# Could you make a difference to Woodside School?

We are looking for a parent or carer to join our Local Governing Body.

The LGB plays an important role in leading our school. It helps set the strategic vision and direction, approve the budget and hold the senior leadership team to account. Our LGB is made up of external governors, and governors elected by parents and by the staff. We need to appoint one more Parent governor this term. The current governors bring a wide range of experiences to the LGB and we like to think that we are friendly and supportive, whilst taking our responsibilities seriously. You need to be able to attend 6 evening meetings each school year and to have time to get to know the school and to take part in the training which is provided. A DBS check would be done if you decide to apply. If more than one parent applies, an election will be held which all parents and carers of children at the school can vote in.

If you might be interested you can find out more here

<https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>, or contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Jenny Faulkner at [lgbchair@wsd.odbst.org](mailto:lgbchair@wsd.odbst.org) to arrange an informal chat.

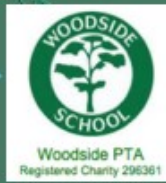
Expressions of interest should be received by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**.



Huge well done to Lohan and Teja in Year 6 who have been selected for Bucks Boys U11 East Regional County Cricket Squad.

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 for a 'Tough Mudder' type event called 'The Mudpack Challenge' at Ashridge House on Sunday 13th October.
- If you would like to see a flyer for the Technology and STEM Camp – taking place at Woodside Junior School in the OCTOBER half term, please click [here](#).



# Welcome back and hi to our new Year 3 families!

More news soon on our exciting plans for the coming year.  
Before then....

*Upcoming dates for your diary..*

*Tuesday 24th September - 8pm, event planning meeting, school hall*

*Wednesday 16th October - 8pm PTA AGM , school hall*

We welcome everyone to join us at our upcoming meetings, so please do come along to offer your support and suggestions of new fundraising ideas.

We are also currently looking for a co-Chair and a co-Secretary to support the parents taking on those roles. We would also welcome anyone who may be interested in taking over the Communications role from the new Chair. If you are interested in any of these roles, or have other skills to offer we'd love to hear from you. You can contact the PTA via email, or let your Class Rep know.

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We are really excited about the new school year ahead, and have lots of exciting plans for fun events for the children and for parents too!

Last year our big focus was funding the renovation and reopening of the school library. As well as running school disco's, bingo afternoon's, an escape room event for the children, Christmas gifts and summer ice creams to name just a few....



And this year we are excited to fundraise for more important school projects and to enrich our children's experiences at Woodside. Do get involved where you can, it makes such a difference to the team.



