

Woodford Green Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome all parents to the Woodford Green Community for the 2025/26 Academic year. To those parents who are new, I hope you and your children are beginning to settle well in and I look forward to a long and productive relationship. To our returning parents, it has been lovely to see everyone and I am excited about the year ahead.

We return to the new year after our incredible 'Outstanding' rating from Ofsted and we are determined to ensure that we do not rest on our laurels and continue to provide an exemplary education to our children.

The children have settled in well to their new surroundings/classrooms and are working hard and taking pride in their work. They have been discussing the 5Cs - Care, Cooperation, Courtesy, Commitment, and Consideration. We encourage these values at all times and children are encouraged to show these as part of everyday life. The children have also been discussing the various leadership roles that are available to them: School Council, Learning Council, Lunch Bunch, Eco-Warriors, and Playground Advocates. They are also preparing to apply to be one of our Charity Leads.

Next week, we are hoping to start some of our Autumn term afterschool clubs. You will be notified by text message if you have a place and the start date of that club. Some of the clubs that we offered in the Summer term did not have enough uptake to allow the club to take place so you will be receiving a new sign up link this evening at 6pm to sign up for new clubs and clubs that still have spaces. We aim to offer new clubs as the year progresses so do please keep an eye out.

As you know, we use MCAS (My child at school) for all of our communication, payments and parents evening sign up amongst other things.

It is also an excellent opportunity to ensure that your child's attendance is as close to 98% as possible. Please look out for any MCAS setup emails so that you remain informed. It is absolutely vital that you allow for push notifications to be allowed so that you can get as up to date information as possible.

Have a lovely weekend
Richard Barker

Diary Dates – Summer Term

September	
Friday 12 th	Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day. Children can dress up as their favourite book character for a £1 donation.
Friday 19 th	Jeans for Jeans Day. Children can wear jeans with their school uniform for a £1 donation.
Monday 22 nd	Harvest collection starts. Please bring in any donations to the school office.
Monday 22 nd	Readathon starts.
Friday 26 th	Reception parent's coffee morning. Come along and see how we teach Phonics to you children. Starts at 9am.
Friday 26 th	Interschool Watercolour and sketching competition for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Chosen children to compete.
Friday 26 th	MacMillan Cancer Support cake sale at 3:25pm. Please bring in any donations to the school office.

Weekly Attendance

Class weekly and yearly attendance will be shown every week. The school expected attendance is **98%**. The class with the best attendance each term will receive a special lunch.

Please make sure that you ring the school office every day that your child is absent. You can leave a message on the absence line.

Our gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Please make sure that you are on time to minimise the impact of your child's learning. Late arrivals disrupt the timings of the mornings, and they will miss vital input of lessons.

The first weeks are vitally important in setting the right tone and expectation for learning. It is in that light that I ask that every effort is made to ensure that your child's attendance is as high as possible. Data released by the government shows how consistently high attendance correlates with high attainment. Attendance must be 98% or higher and we expect to work with all parents to achieve it.

Parent Curriculum meeting in school

Next week, we will begin our Parent Curriculum meetings. There will be 2 opportunities to meet your teacher and get more information about how our school works and what the children will be learning about. The first meeting will be at school from 9am-10am and a follow up for those parents who are working will be at 7pm which will be run by the Head of School.

- Monday 8th September – Reception parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Tuesday 9th September – Year 2 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Thursday 11th September – Year 6 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Friday 12th September – Year 1 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Monday 15th September - Year 3 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Tuesday 16th September - Year 4 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)
- Friday 29th September - Year 5 parents (9:00am- 10:00am)

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.



SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025



TOUR DE WALTHAM FOREST

#TDWF2025



Book your ride now!



Steps to resolving concerns

There will be times when you need concerns resolving. For clarity, we have steps to support you.

Step 1: First contact is your class teacher. If concerns are not resolved satisfactorily then move on to step 2.

Step 2: Your child's Phase leader is the next step, depending on the phase.

Mr Barker – EYFS - Nursery and Reception

Miss French – KS1 – years 1, 2 and 3.

Miss McHugh – KS2 – years 4, 5 and 6.

Step 3: Contact:

Miss Logue – SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss McHugh – Assistant Head

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 4.

Step 4: Contact the Head of School: Mr Barker.

If the concern remains unresolved, move on to step 5.

Step 5: Contact the Executive Head – Dr Maureen Okoye MBE

Please note, our complaints policy is on the website in the parental communication section.

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Reception:

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Year 1:

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Year 2:

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Year 3:

Lydia.orange@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 4:

Melissa.logue@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 5:

paulina.osei@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Year 6:

maeve.mchugh@woodfordgreen.waltham.sch.uk

Free School Meals and the EdenRed holiday voucher scheme.

We are now accepting applications for the September 2025 intake.

Please send applications to the following address once filled in:

The Benefits Service
Free School Meals
London Borough of Waltham Forest
PO Box 856
E17 9PN

We would encourage to send applications in as soon as possible. Alternatively, parent/carers can apply online on the Waltham Forest website:

<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

We would strongly advise to encourage parent/carers to apply online as applications will come through as soon as submitted and can be processed quicker.

Waltham Forest Free School Meals Team.

This is different from the Free School Meals allocation given to all primary school aged children by the Mayor of London. Universal Free School Meals will not give you access to the holiday voucher scheme. Please apply online to receive these vouchers for all the half terms next year.

Weather update

As the weather is a little bit unpredictable at the moment, please make sure that your child has a light jacket in school.

We will adhere to spend as much time outside as possible at playtimes and want to make sure that the children do not get wet or cold.

Save the Planet MONDAY



CHOOSE FROM

Classic Tomato and Basil Pasta
Homemade Samosa Swirls
✓ with Skin on Baked Wedges
Biryani

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn Coblets
Seasonal Fresh Broccoli

DESSERTS

Cheese and Crackers with
Fresh Apple Slice

Allergen Friendly TUESDAY FDA

CHOOSE FROM

Vegetable Curry with Mixed
Rice
Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans
Cottage Pie Served with
Gravy

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Tropical Melon Slices

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

Allergen Friendly WEDNESDAY FDA

CHOOSE FROM

Jollof Rice
Spring Vegetable Pasta Bake

Chicken Shawarma with
Mixed Rice

UNLIMITED

Spring Greens
Mixed Vegetables

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Salad

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

Forest Eco Ranger THURSDAY



CHOOSE FROM

Pulled BBQ Jackfruit
Baguette
Cheese and Sweetcorn
Quiche with Herby Diced
Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans Coleslaw or
Cheese

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn
Green Beans

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit
Compote



Fun Fact FRIDAY

Buzz
Lightyear's
original
name was
Lunar Larry

CHOOSE FROM

Crushed Chickpea and
Sweetcorn Wrap
MSC Golden Crumb Fish
Fingers served with a
Lemon Slice with Oven
Chipped Potatoes
Herby Chicken with
Oven Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Minted Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracknel and
Custard

Bats are the
only flying
mammals

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

CHOOSE FROM

Power Burger in a Bun
with Spicy Jacket Wedges
Sizzling Stir Fry with Egg
Noodles
Creamy Mac n Cheese

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit
Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Gluten Free Margherita Pizza
 served with Herby Diced
Potatoes
Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans and Cheese
Meatball Pasta Bake

UNLIMITED

Green Beans
Fresh Broccoli

DESSERTS

Water Melon Slice

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Spicy Tomato and Pepper
Pasta
Baked Countryside Cutlet
with Rosemary Roast
Potatoes
Roasted Lemon and Garlic
Chicken with Rosemary Roast
Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Mixed Vegetables
Spring Greens

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Salad

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Sticky Tofu with Mixed Rice

Cheese Salad Baguette
Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans or Cheese

UNLIMITED

Sweetcorn
Fresh Carrots

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit
Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Roasted Vegetable
and Sweet Potato Burrito
MSC Bubble Crumb Salmon
Fillet or MSC Golden
Crumb Fish Fingers with
Oven Chipped Potatoes
Homemade Chicken and
Sweetcorn Pie with Oven
Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Minted Garden Peas

DESSERTS

Waffle Finger Fruit Slice
and Vanilla Ice Cream



WEEK 3

CHOOSE FROM

Vegetable Supreme Pizza
with Italian Diced Potatoes
Sunshine Pizza with Italian
Diced Potatoes
Minted Crispy Fishless Finger
Wrap

UNLIMITED

Mixed Vegetables
Green Beans

DESSERTS

Yogurt Bar with Fruit
Compote

CHOOSE FROM

Tangy Tomato and Basil Pasta

Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans
Chicken Curry with Mixed
Rice

UNLIMITED

Fresh Carrots
Sweetcorn

DESSERTS

Iced Fruit Smoothie

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Chickpea Tikka Masala with
Mixed Rice
Country Garden Goujons
with Crushed New Potatoes

Beef Bolognese with Pasta
Spirals

UNLIMITED

Fresh Broccoli
Mixed Vegetables

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter

DRINKS

Soya Milk or Milk

CHOOSE FROM

Crispy Nuggets with Jacket
Wedges
Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini
in a Creamy Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with
Coleslaw or Baked Beans

UNLIMITED

Minted Garden Peas
Fresh Carrots

DESSERTS

Cheese and Crackers with
Fresh Apple Slice

CHOOSE FROM

Forest Fajita
MSC Golden Crumb Fish
Fingers served with a
Lemon Slice with Oven
Chipped Potatoes
60/40 Beef Burger in
a Floured Bun with Oven
Chipped Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Sweetcorn Coblets

DESSERTS

Banana Sponge and
Custard

A mile is
5,280 feet
long



School uniform Policy

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy. The school does not require branded items for school uniform or PE. Generic items which are widely available across a number of suppliers are deemed appropriate school uniform.

School Uniform:

- Green polo shirt
- Charcoal grey pinafore/ Charcoal grey skirt/ Charcoal grey trousers/ Charcoal grey shorts (*not black leggings or flared leggings*)
- Summer: blue and white dress
- Grey tights/ White socks
- Black school shoes
- Navy blue school jumper/ Navy blue school cardigan

P.E. kit:

- White t-shirt, black/navy P.E. shorts or black tracksuit bottoms/ top with trainers
- For indoor PE, specifically gymnastics and dance units, children are expected to wear plimsolls or grip socks

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury.

Footwear

The Trust wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes that have platform soles or high heels, so we do not allow children to wear such shoes in any of our schools. We do not allow children to wear trainers (except on PE days) or boots (including Uggs) to school. This is because we think that this footwear is appropriate for sport or for leisurewear, but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform. We require all children to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list.

Please follow this link to our uniform policy:

<https://irp.cdn-website.com/7cd963d4/files/uploaded/School Uniform Policy 2024 - Woodford Green.pdf>

School Term dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term: (75 days)

- Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 1st September 2025 INSET day
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET day
- Friday 24th October 2025 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 2025
- Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term: (55 days)

- Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026.
- Monday 5th January 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026.
- Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026.

Summer Term: (65 days)

- Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
- Monday 13th April 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 25th 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
- Summer holiday Tuesday 21st July 2026

Public holidays

- Thursday 25th December 2025 (Christmas Day)
- Friday 26th December 2025 (Boxing Day)
- Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 3rd April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6th April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4th May 2026
- Monday 25th May 2026
- Monday 31st August 2026