

Woodford Green Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 9th January



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all and everyone from what I hoped was a restful and relaxing Christmas holiday. It has been lovely to welcome everyone through the gates and speak to children at lunchtimes.

We return with somewhat temperamental weather so please can I ask that all children come to school with appropriate clothing. The weather is likely to remain cold and wet so please consider this moving forward.

The children have made a good start, settling well into our expectations and are working hard; please can I ask that reading records come in every day so that communication about your child's progress can be communicated. As ever, reading must remain one of the most important activities that not only takes place at school, but at home also. Children who read out loud to their parents, have books read to them, and see their parents read are more likely to make more progress than those who do not. Well-read children are more confident and have higher self-esteem.

Next week we will begin our after-school clubs. You will have noticed that although some of the clubs have changed, the day has not and you will continue to have this day until the end of the year. This term, we will be checking more regularly if your child does not attend as we are aiming to ensure 100% of our children have at least 1 club offered to them. If you are not able to attend a club, the office will call you to ask if you wish to continue; should there be another missed club then your child may be removed unless there is a particular reason.

Next week, you will be receiving a letter detailing the trip(s) that your child will be going on in the Spring term. There will also be many sporting opportunities and competitions that will be taking place on a Friday. Please may I remind parents to return forms and other

information as soon as possible.

Next Friday 16th January at 9am, there will be our e-safety coffee morning with the Nursery parent's coffee morning the following week on the 23rd. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents of children who were given internet connected games at Christmas and anything that accesses an online community. Please do come so you can know as much as possible about the risks involved with this and how to be safe online.

Finally, starting on Monday 12th January, there will be an opportunity to support the Waltham Food Hub at All Saints Church through donations of dry and canned goods in the main office. The Hub uses this space for all people who need help whether that be food or financial assistance. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to support those people in our community who need it the most.

Have a lovely weekend

Richard Barker

Diary Dates – Spring Term 1

| January | |
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| Friday 16 th | e-Safety coffee morning. All parents welcome. Starts at 9am. |
| Friday 16 th | Year 5&6 CKC Cricket competition. Chosen children to attend. |
| Friday 23 rd | Nursery parent's coffee morning. Starts at 9am. |
| Friday 23 rd | Waltham Forest Fun Run. Chosen children to attend. |
| Friday 30 th | Literacy coffee morning. Starts at 9am. |
| Friday 30 th | Interschool Choir competition. More detail to follow. |
| Friday 30 th | Instrumental reports to parents. |

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.

Year Group attendance – Week beginning 15/12/2025

| Year Group | Class Name | Weekly Attendance | Year to Date attendance | Year to Date Persistent Absence % |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reception | Sycamore | 98.0% | 96.3% | 3.3% |
| Year 1 | Redwood | 90.9% | 94.9% | 9.1% |
| Year 2 | Pine | 92.7% | 95.9% | 6.5% |
| Year 3 | Teak | 92.7% | 95.3% | 10.0% |
| Year 4 | Cherry | 94.3% | 96.8% | 6.7% |
| Year 5 | Chestnut | 88.4% | 94.9% | 9.7% |
| Year 6 | Ash | 93.7% | 96.8% | 3.3% |
| Whole School | | 93.0% | 95.9% | 6.9% |

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Certificate winners

| Stars of the Week | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Elm Ayaan River | Sycamore Cici Samuel | Redwood Penny Alexander | Pine Jasper W Ayla |
| Teak Perla Rahim | Cherry Zephyr Olivia | Chestnut Zackary Serra | Ash Alfie Ensar |
| Caught Being Kind | | | |
| Elm Ralph | Sycamore Elliot | Redwood Alfie D | Pine Kyran |
| Teak Melissa D | Cherry Bobby | Chestnut Evan | Ash Jasper |
| Writer of the Week | | | |
| Elm Suraya | Sycamore Mila | Redwood Melisa | Pine Yousif |
| Teak Daman | Cherry Michael | Chestnut Amy | Ash Savanna |



Dear Parents/Carers,

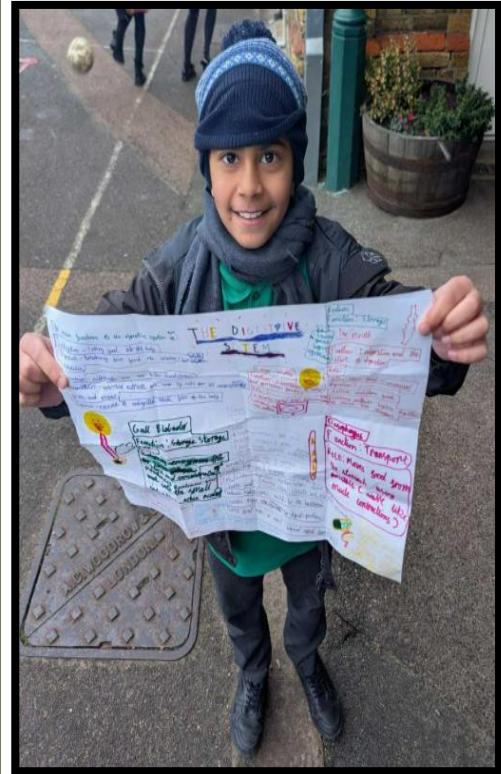
We will be holding Holiday Clubs throughout the academic year and invite parents to sign up. Please use the table below and take note of the closing date for sign up.

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis and will depend on staff availability. The club will include a range of activities, for example cooking, sports, and arts and crafts.

The clubs will be led by school staff members. There will be at least one staff member from one of the Arbor schools and there will always be a designated safeguarding lead on call at all times. Usual safeguarding procedures will apply.

Please sign up on the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G0HQ2qyRhsmVBeFoVgb2fkx0EasFrgGuLyUo9LSa3-Y/edit?tab=t.0>



Yusuf has spent part of his holiday learning about the digestive system and has been telling Mr Barker all about. We'll done on your initiative and self-learning!

Nursery Pizza faces



Reception – Fruit Art



PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2026

**Do you have a child who was born
between 1 September 2021 and 31
August 2022?**

**If so, your child is eligible to start
primary school in September
2026.**

**To make an application, please
apply online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk
by 15 January 2026.**

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.

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.

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/navy tracksuit bottoms 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 2026 -2027

Autumn Term: (73 days)

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET day
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 INSET day
- Friday 23rd October 2026 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
- Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term: (54 days)

- Monday 4th January 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027.
- Monday 4th January 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027.
- Easter holiday Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027.

Summer Term: (68 days)

- Monday 12th April 2027 to Thursday 22nd July 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027 INSET day
- Half term holiday Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
- Summer holiday Friday 23rd July 2027

Public holidays

- Friday 25th December 2026 (Christmas Day)
- Monday 28th December 2026 (Boxing Day)
- Friday 1st January 2027 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)
- Monday 29th March 2027 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 3rd May 2027
- Monday 31st May 2027
- Monday 30th August 2027

School Term dates 2025 – 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

| Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/26 Week 1 | Eco Forest Ranger Monday | Allergen Friendly Tuesday (FDA) | Allergen Friendly Wednesday (FDA) | Tasty Thursday | Fun Fact Friday |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| CHOICE 1 | Margherita Pizza {gf} {ve} with Jacket Wedges {ve} | Jollof Rice {ve} | Baked Countryside Cutlet with Rosemary Roast Potatoes and Gravy {ve} | Classic Tomato & Basil Pasta {ve} | Crushed Chickpea & Sweetcorn Wrap {ve} |
| CHOICE 2 | Vegetable Supreme Pizza {v} with Jacket Wedges {ve} | Chilli Con Carne Mixed Rice | Roast Chicken with Rosemary Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Beef Lasagne | MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers{df} or Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet{df}{gf} with Oven Chipped Potatoes {ve} |
| CHOICE 3 | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans {ve} or Cheese {v} | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans {ve} or Coleslaw {ve} | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans {ve} or Coleslaw {ve} | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans {ve} Cheese {v} or Tuna | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans {ve} Cheese {v} or Tuna |
| Vegetables | Minted Garden Peas {ve} Sweetcorn {ve} | Roasted Organic Carrots {ve} Green Beans {ve} | Mixed Vegetables {ve} Fresh Seasonal Green Cabbage {ve} | Fresh Seasonal Broccoli {ve} Sweetcorn Coblets {ve} | Baked Beans {ve} Minted Garden Peas {ve} |
| Salads | Salad Selection {ve} | Salad Selection {ve} | Salad Selection {ve} | Salad Selection {ve} | Salad Selection {ve} |
| Desserts | Yogurt Bar{v} with Fruit Compote {ve} | Creamy Rice Pudding {ve} with a Fruit Compote {ve} | St Clements Jelly {ve} | Yogurt Bar{v} with Fruit Compote {ve} | Oaty Apple Crumble {ve} & Custard {ve}{v} |
| DAILY | Cheese and Crackers {v} with a Fresh Apple Slice {ve} | Fresh Fruit Salad {ve} | Fresh Fruit Salad {ve} | Cheese and Crackers {v} with a Fresh Apple Slice {ve} | Organic Fruit Yogurt {v} with Seasonal Fresh Fruit {ve} |
| DAILY | Seasonal Fresh Fruit{ve} | Seasonal Fresh Fruit {ve} | Seasonal Fresh Fruit {ve} | Seasonal Fresh Fruit {ve} | Seasonal Fresh Fruit {ve} |
| Bread | Homemade Garlic Bread {v} | Homemade Bread {ve} | Homemade Bread {ve} | Homemade Bread {v} | Homemade Tomato Bread {v} |

| Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/26 Week 2 | Eco Forest Ranger Monday | Allergen Friendly Tuesday (FDA) | Allergen Friendly Wednesday (FDA) | Tasty Thursday | Fun Fact Friday |
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| CHOICE 1 | Crispy Nuggets with Spicy Diced Potatoes (ve) | Tangy Tomato & Pepper Pasta (ve)(gf) | Power Sausage with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy (ve) | Roasted Vegetable Biryani (ve) (gf) (df) | Roasted Vegetable and Sweet Potato Burrito (ve) with Oven Chipped Potatoes |
| CHOICE 2 | Homemade Cheddar Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche (v) with Spicy Diced Potatoes (ve) | Spicy Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Sauce with Italian Rice | Spicy Chicken with Roasted Potatoes | Burger (df)(gf) in a Floured Bun (v) with Oven Baked Jacket Wedges (ve) | MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers(df) or Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet (df)(gf) with Oven Chipped Potatoes (ve) |
| CHOICE 3 | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Cheese (v) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Coleslaw(ve) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Coleslaw(ve) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) Cheese (v) or Tuna | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) Cheese (v) or Tuna |
| Vegetables | Fresh Seasonal Broccoli(ve) Sweetcorn (ve) | Fresh Seasonal Organic Carrots (ve) Green Beans (ve) | Rainbow Roasted Veggies (ve) | Fresh Seasonal Broccoli(ve) Mixed Vegetables (ve) | Baked Beans (ve) Sweetcorn (ve) |
| Salads | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) |
| Desserts | Yogurt Bar(v) with Fruit Compote (ve) | Fruit Smoothie (ve) | Fruit Jelly Pot (ve) | Yogurt Bar(v) with Fruit Compote (ve) | Chocolate Cracknel (v) & Custard(ve)(v) |
| DAILY | Cheese and Crackers(v) with Fresh Apple Slice (ve) | Fresh Fruit Salad (ve) | Fresh Fruit Salad (ve) | Cheese and Crackers(v) with Fresh Apple Slice (ve) | Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) |
| DAILY | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit(ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) |
| Bread | Homemade Wholemeal Bread (v) | Homemade Bread (ve) | Homemade Bread (ve) | Homemade Bread (v) | Homemade Garlic and Rosemary Focaccia (v) |

| Autumn/Winter Menu 2025/26 Week 3 | Eco Forest Ranger Monday | Allergen Friendly Tuesday (FDA) | Allergen Friendly Wednesday (FDA) | Tasty Thursday | Fun Fact Friday |
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| CHOICE 1 | Fishless Fish Finger Wrap and Waffle Fries (ve) | Spiced Chick Pea & Sweet Potato Pilaf (ve) | Pasta Neapolitan (ve)(gf) | Warm BBQ Pulled Jackfruit Baguette (ve) | Power Burger (ve) in a Bun (v) with Oven Chipped Potatoes (ve) |
| CHOICE 2 | Creamy Mac n Cheese (v) | Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice | Beef Bolognese with Pasta Spiral (gf) | Sizzling Chicken Stir Fry with Garlic and Ginger served with Noodles (v) | MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers(df) or Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet(df) (gf) with Oven Chipped Potatoes (ve) |
| CHOICE 3 | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Cheese (v) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Coleslaw (ve) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) or Coleslaw (ve) | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans(ve) Cheese (v) or Tuna | Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve) Cheese (v) or Tuna |
| Vegetables | Garden Peas (ve) Sweetcorn (ve) | Green Beans (ve) Fresh Seasonal Carrots(ve) | Fresh Seasonal Broccoli (ve) Mixed Vegetables (ve) | Sweetcorn (ve) Roasted Organic Carrots (ve) | Baked Beans(ve) Garden Peas (ve) |
| Salads | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) | Salad Selection (ve) |
| Desserts | Yogurt Bar(v) with Fruit Compote (ve) | Raspberry & Coconut Pot (ve) | Fruit Smoothie (ve) | Pineapple Upside Down Cake (v) and Custard (ve (v)) | Waffle Finger (v) with Slice of Fresh Fruit (ve) and Ice Cream (ve) (v) |
| DAILY | Cheese and Crackers (v) with Fresh Apple Slice (ve) | Fresh Fruit Salad (ve) | Fresh Fruit Salad (ve) | Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) |
| DAILY | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) | Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve) |
| Bread | Homemade Carrot & Coriander Bread (v) | Homemade Bread (ve) | Homemade Bread (ve) | Rosemary & Cherry Tomato Focaccia (v) | Homemade Bread (v) |