

NEWSLETTER



21st March 2025

The Woodhouse Support Hub

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/support>



How to get in touch



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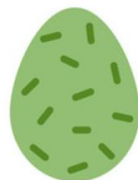
families@whp.greenheartlearning.org

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



The last week of term before the Easter break will be full of Easter activities. Information and dates are further below.

We will be having a day of celebrations on 8th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day.

We have a budding DJ in Year 5 who is putting mixes together for our musician of the month. These are being played over the sound system in the playground at lunchtimes. Listen out for them!



Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 21st March.

Reception

Kayla
Abdulhamid
Florence
Elizabeth

Year One

Tyler
Adeeb
Layla
Parsa

Year Two

Mohamed
Aiyana
Warwena
Raha

Year Three

Jaxon
Skylah
Kaise
Koosha

Year Four

Orla
Andy
Ahmed

Joanna
Ersyad
Joanna

Year Five

Adam Jnr
Ayda
Marwa
Seela

Year Six

Amber
Amyla
Nafees
Amira

The Zone

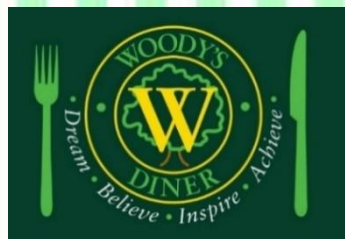
Lavelle

Extra Curricular

Mia in Year 1 goes to Jiu-Jitsu and has earned her second belt. Well done Mia!



We want to see your awards and successes. Share them with us in assembly on a Friday and have them posted in the newsletter.



School Dinner Menu

24th – 28th March

NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.

We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets or Vegan Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans or Vegetables	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese Tomato and Basil Pasta Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans or Tuna Garlic Bread & Salad	A Selection of Roasted Meats or Roast Quorn Roast or Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Fingers Savoury Rice Mixed Vegetables Chip Shop Curry Sauce	Pizza Day
				Choose from: Cheese and Tomato Pepperoni BBQ Beef With Chips and Fresh Salad
Fruit Jelly	Assorted Crumbles with Custard	Choice of Sponge Puddings	Creamy Rice Pudding with Jam or Raisins	Selection of Fruit Desserts
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email us on families@whp.greenheartlearning.org

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

attendance MATTERS


10th – 14th March

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.45%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **93.28%** KS2: **95.61%** Whole School: **94.84%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	89.39%	3A	96%
RL	95.33%	3H	98.13% 
RW	89.67%	4H	96.21%
1B	92.67%	4R	91.07%
1O	92.86%	5H	96.45%
2W	96.79%	5FP	96.07%
2P	96.21%	6D	92.67%
RR	87.50%	6WO	96.55%



Congratulations to **3H** who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to **2W** had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

Certificates and Prizes at the end of term! Will you be in the prize draw?



Harborne Primary Schools Girls Football League

2024 -25

Fixtures



28/03/25 at West Heath Primary



03/04/25 at Lordswood Boys School
vs. St Mary's



10/04/25 at St Peters Primary
vs. St Peter's Primary



15/05/25 at Lordswood Boys School
vs. Harborne Primary



20/05/25 at Kitwell Primary
vs. Kitwell Primary



Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, school children in reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. We collect this information to build a picture of how children are growing, to help plan better health and leisure services for families.

In most areas, parents receive their child's measurement data, because this can be useful information about their child's growth and provides an opportunity to offer support to parents where required.

If you have a child in Reception and or Year 6, your child's class will take part in this year's programme. Parents can opt their child out of this. If you wish to opt out, please notify the main office.

The programme will be delivered in a safe way, in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures and national guidance for schools and healthcare.

The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health and care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

The checks are being carried out in school on March 24th. The full letter has been emailed to all parents with a child in Reception and Year 6.

Academic Year 2024 – 2025



Spring Term 2025

Monday 24th March – Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks

Tuesday 25th March – Year 2 Think Tank Visit
– Payments via MCAS

Monday 31st March – 2P Class Assembly – Parents invited

Thursday 10th April – Easter Assemblies – See details below

Thursday 10th April – Last day of school for the term

Friday 11th April – INSET Day – School Closed to ALL Children

Monday 14th – Friday 25th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April – First day back for ALL children

Thursday 8th May – VE Day 80 Year celebration

Monday 12th – 16th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 19th May – 1B Class Assembly – Parents invited

Wednesday 21st May – Class Photo Day

Half-term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th June – Year 6 Boundless Outdoors Residential –
Payments via MCAS.

Monday 16th June – 4R Class Assembly – Parents invited

Monday 23rd June – 3H Class Assembly – Parents invited

Wednesday 25th June – Year 5 Flight Day to Perryfields

Thursday 26th June – Reception Think Tank Visit – Payments via MCAS

Tuesday 8th July – Children’s University Graduation – 2 – 3pm

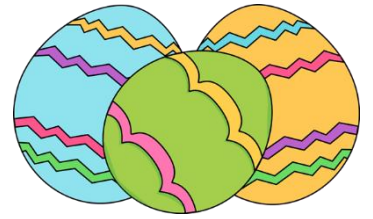
Friday 18th July – Last day of school for the term

Monday 21st July – INSET Day – School Closed to ALL Children

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>



Easter Activities



Tuesday 8th April:

Egg decoration competition – children can decorate an egg or create an egg scene. All entries will need to be in school by **Tuesday 8th April**. Please use fake eggs or hard boiled, no raw eggs.

Thursday 10th April:

KS2 performance in the hall at 9:15

EYFS & KS1 performance in the hall at 2:15 followed by the Easter Bonnet parade on the main playground

Thursday 10th April

Design and make your own vehicle that will carry a boiled egg. This must be a homemade vehicle with wheels and no wider than 30 cm. You may use construction kits or Lego. Be aware that Lego does not always stay together.

There will a winner in each year group and a prize for the best design.

Please bring your vehicle to school on **Thursday 10th April** with your boiled egg. No raw eggs please.




Good Luck!



ETHAN'S CHARITY RACE

SATURDAY
3RD MAY



I'm taking on the Great Birmingham Run for a **SECOND YEAR** by running 2.5km for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity. My target is £150.

Please sponsor me by scanning the QR code.

Thank you, Ethan.





WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform and non-school uniform items free of charge to those who need them. You are more than welcome to come and help yourself anytime.

We also have shoes, trainers, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bags available.

Our newly revamped clothing bank is now ready to use!



Fair usage

Please only take what you need and leave it ready for the next person

Help with Laundry

Thanks to a company called Smol and their Suds in Schools project, we also have washing and drying facilities within school for families who are struggling with this where we can offer a discrete laundry service.



If this is of any help to anyone, please speak with Mr Kennedy.

Household Support

We are also able to access support for a wide range of household items such as white goods, beds, bedding etc.

Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at families@whp.greenheartlearning.org if you need support with any of this.



Are you a permanent resident of Harborne, Quinton or Smethwick?

Are you struggling due to a restricted income or crisis?

If so, Harborne Parish Lands Charity (HPLC) may be able to help provide you with essential items for your home such as white goods, beds, bedroom storage, or a whole host of support. This list isn't exhaustive but unfortunately, we cannot provide cash or debt relief or help with bills.

HPLC is a friendly local charity. Our mission is to help people who are in need and who live within the 'Ancient Parish of Harborne' (which even includes a large area of Smethwick)

Each case is always looked at on an individual basis and applications are always followed up with a home visit.

For an informal chat about your circumstances, please contact a member of staff at reception, or in the office, or one of our Support Officers.

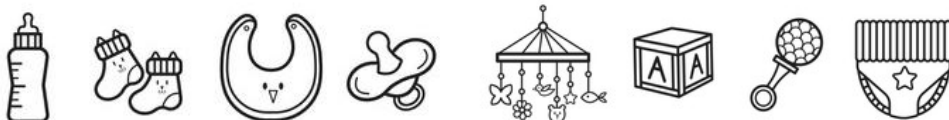
BABY BANK



There is a wonderful baby bank available that is run by Helen, a member of the Woodhouse community. They are able to support new and expecting mothers with a wide range of items.

If you would like to access this support, you can call or email using the details below:

Helen 07811070518 Helen.childcare@gmail.com





LET'S PLANT TREES!

@ ST MARGARET'S MEADOW FARM CIC



IN OUR NEW WOODLAND AREA!

**FROM THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025 WE WILL BE
PLANTING LOTS OF TREES TO
HELP SAVE THE PLANET!**

**WE WOULD LIKE OUR LOVELY COMMUNITY TO BE
APART OF THIS HUGE MILESTONE.**

FOR £4.50 PER TREE

**WE WILL DEDICATE A TREE IN YOUR NAME OR THE
NAME OF A LOVED ONE. HONORING THEIR LEGACY FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME.**

**A TAG WITH YOUR PERSONAL NAME WILL BE PLACED ON THE
TREE & A PHOTO WILL BE PROVIDED OF YOUR TREE!**

**TO DEDICATE A TREE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY,
THE FARM, AND THE PLANET, PLEASE DIRECT MESSAGE US ON
FACEBOOK TO RESERVE YOUR TREE TODAY!!!**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious "emergency" – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate "locked chats" folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – "Secret Code" – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

LIMITED SPACES



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

WOODHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY
WOODHOUSE ROAD, B32 2DL

MONDAY EVENINGS

Term Time Only

3.15-4.15 PM

DODGEBALL CLUB £60

4.15-5.15 PM

FOOTBALL CLUB £60

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Call Us: Speak to the Edgbaston HSF Team using the number above.



Online: Scan the QR code or visit hsfbirmingham.online/enquiry.



Drop-In: Visit a session at Quinton Library, 9am - 1pm

Date: 16th January 2025

Date: 30th January 2025

You can only receive one payment per household in a 12 month period

Contact Us

-  @Gateway_FS
-  /GatewayFamilyServices
-  /GatewayFamilyServices
-  www.gatewayfs.org/



Dad's Group

March 27th 2025

6pm - 8pm

April 24th 2025

7pm - 9pm

May 29th 2025

7pm - 9pm



One of our autism specialist advisors will be on hand to provide support.



This is a great opportunity to meet other dads, access information and resources and find out what Autism West Midlands have to offer.



Refreshments provided

Langleys Rd, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6HT Room 3



Northfield Parent Carer Support Group



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Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

March 14th 2025

April 11th 2025

May 9th 2025

10am – 12pm

Northfield Baptist Church

789 Bristol Road South Northfield B31 2NQ



Castle Vale Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

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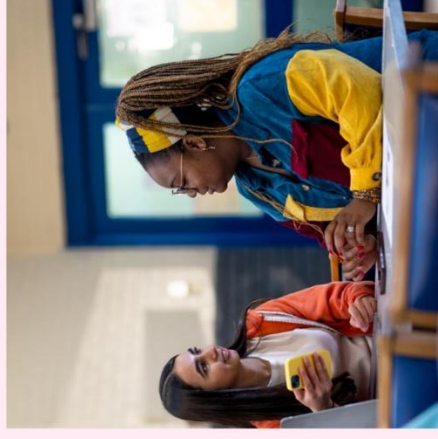
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Fridays 10am - 12pm
March 14th 2025
April 11th 2025
May 9th 2025

**Young Stars Community Hub
Spitfire House, 10 High Street, Castle Vale, B35 7PR**



Great Barr Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

March 13th 2025
April 10th 2025
May 8th 2025

10am - 12pm

**Great Barr Methodist Church
2 Sundial Lane Birmingham B43 6PA**

SOLIHULL COFFEE MORNING

An opportunity to meet parents/carers, share ideas, access peer support with a member of AWM to offer advice

March 12th 2025
April 9th 2025
May 14th 2025

10am - 11.30am

**Solihull Methodist Church &
Community Hall**
Blossomfield Road
Solihull B91 1LG
Room 4

FREE

Join us for a friendly, non-judgemental support group for parents and carers of autistic children within the Solihull postcode area.

Led by an Autism specialist from AWM who offer advice and guidance and training.

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Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

Kings Heath Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

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Thursdays 10am - 12pm

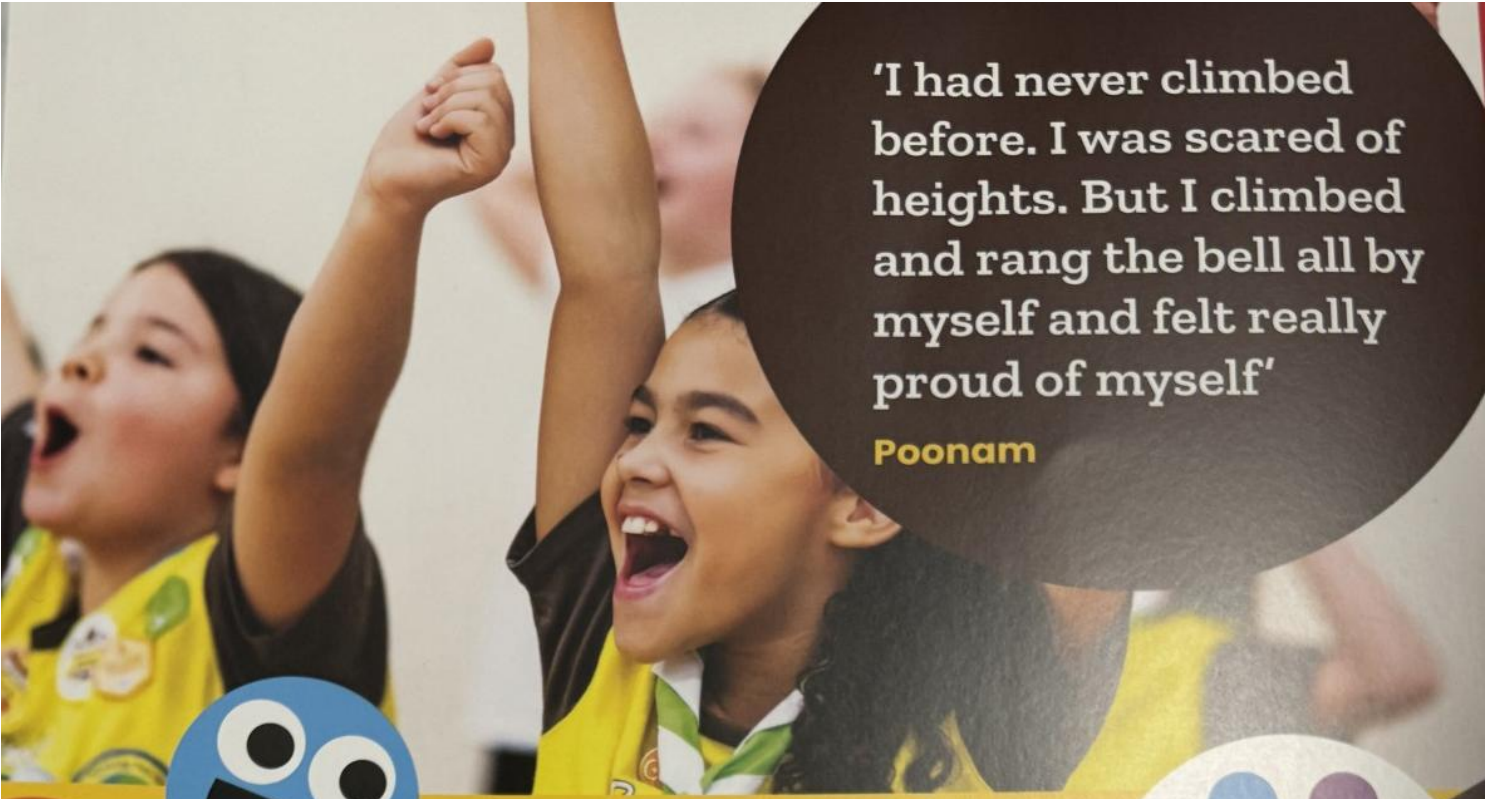
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Poonam




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