

# NEWSLETTER



12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The Woodhouse Support Hub

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- 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.



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

## Start of term

As we reach the end of the first full week we look back on what a good week it has been. The children have come back ready and eager to learn and have settled into their new year groups well. We celebrated some of their successes today in our star of the week assemblies.

A few reminders to bear in mind.

Both school gates open to welcome children in the mornings at 8:35am. Children are expected to be in class by 8:55am. Any children arriving after 9am must sign in at the main office and will be marked as late. Children arriving between 8:55am and 9am must enter through the side door by Year 5 and be signed in by the member of staff on the door. They are not late but this is to ensure they don't miss the register.

Free toast is served from the canteen each morning until 8:50am.

We run a paid before and after school club (BASC) from 7:30am each morning and until 6pm each evening. If this is of interest to you, please speak to the main office.

# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September.

A special mention to all our superstars in Nursery and Reception who have started their school journey with us this week. They have been amazing! Well done and welcome to the Woodhouse community.

## Year One

Kimiah  
Remy  
Haiden  
Kiana

## Year Two

Phoebe  
Finnley  
Amelie  
Leul

## Year Three

Nathaniel G  
Thianna  
Theo  
Husaina

## Year Four

Xenia  
Cruz  
Eleanor  
Harry  
Helena

## Year Five

Hiba  
Jardai  
Jacob  
Leo

## Year Six

Joel F  
Aisosa  
Joel D  
Lucas H

## Rainbow Room

Iris  
Pharo

Many of you go to clubs and take part in activities outside school. Share your achievements with us them with us in assembly on a Friday and have them posted in the newsletter.

# attendance MATTERS


**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.67%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **94.39%**      KS2: **94.82%**      Whole School: **94.67%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	Full Attendance from next week	3A	95.56%
RB		3H	86.90%
RD		4H	94.44% 
1B	93.10%	<b>4RN</b>	<b>98.92%</b>
1O	93.10%	5H	94.25%
<b>2H</b>	<b>97.70%</b>	5FP	97.53%
2P	97.22%	6D	96.43%
RR	93.75%	6WO	85.56%



Congratulations to **4RN** who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to **2H** had the best class attendance in KS2 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

# **Academic Year 2025 – 2026**



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 visit to Dudley Zoo – Payments via MCAS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm

– Bookings via MCAS will go live next week

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term Break**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – First day back for all children**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nursery Nativity 9am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year One Dear Santa Theatre visit 1:30 – 3:30

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 9am & Afternoon performance TBC

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Christmas Concert – Details TBC

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9am & 2:15

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of Spring term for all children**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Break**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – First day back for all children**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer term for all children**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of half term**

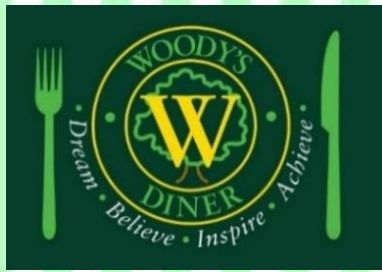
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Break**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – First day back for all children**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of Summer term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**



# School Dinner Menu

## 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September

**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	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake	<b>Pizza Day</b>
Vegan Sausage Roll	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Roast Quorn	Vegetable Fingers	
Herby Diced Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Mashed Potatoes	New Potatoes or Savoury Rice	Roast Chicken
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Garlic Bread and Salad	Cauliflower, Carrots and Green Beans	Peas and Sweetcorn	with Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables
Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle	Apple or Rhubarb Crumble and Custard	Chip Shop Curry or Parsley Sauce	Fruity Friday Fruit Pots

Fresh Fruit, Fresh Bread and Fresh Salad Bar available daily

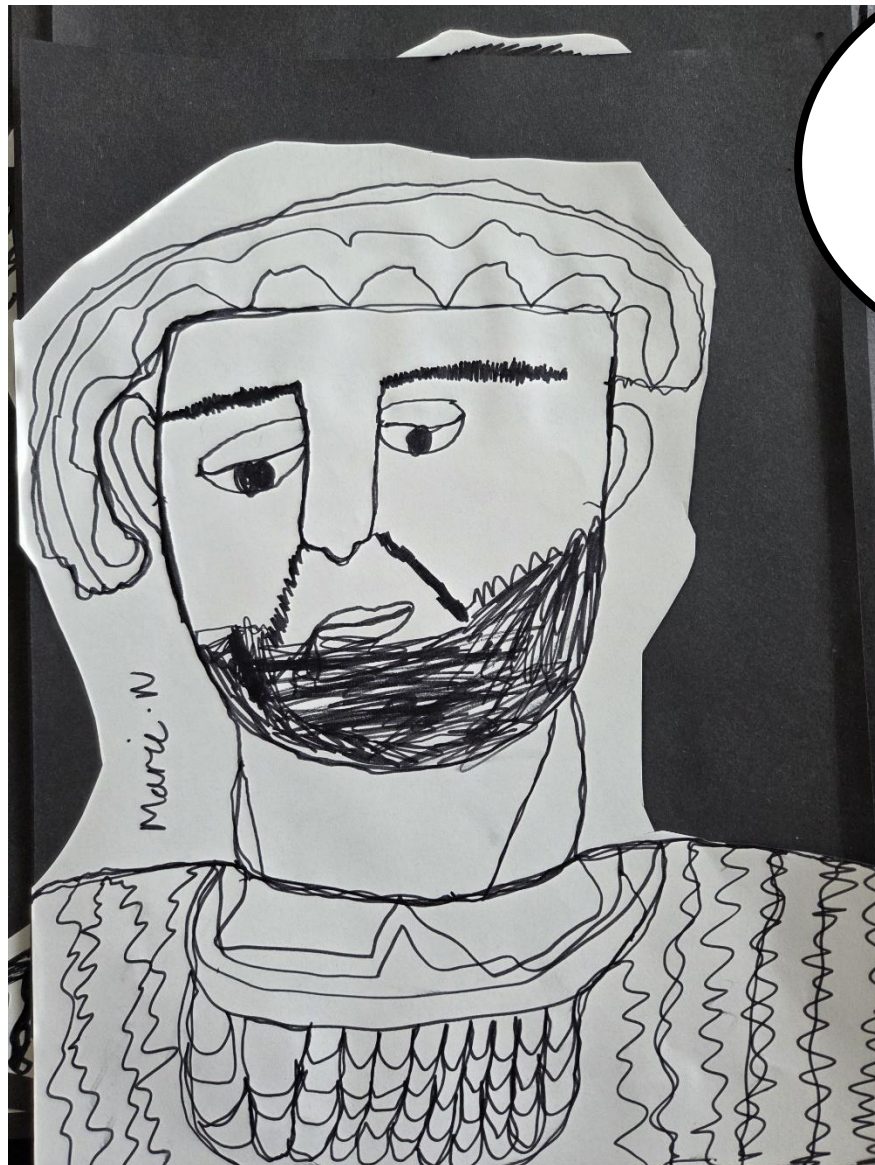
## Food Allergies

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](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

**Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL**



Year 5 have produced these wonderful continuous line drawings of King Henry VIII in their art lessons as part of their new Tudors topic.

The  
**ART**  
Corner



# 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.

Further items available but not out. Please ask at the main office.



## 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](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org) if you need support with any of this.

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**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.

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## 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](mailto:Helen.childcare@gmail.com)



## Find the right time and place to read...

Making sure that your child is being offered the best possible conditions for reading can have a big effect on whether they start seeing reading as something they choose to do. Reading is hard work for lots of children, particularly if they are tired, find it hard to concentrate, or are lacking in self-confidence.

1

Show your child that reading can be a comfortable and relaxing thing to do by helping them to choose a special space where you can share books together. This could be as simple as sitting on the sofa together with a blanket for reading time, or lying on your tummies on the floor with some comfy cushions. You could also make a special reading space or den somewhere in the home, invite them to bring a few of their soft toys to come and share in story time with you.



2

Think about timing. Try not to make reading feel like it has time pressure or a limit to it. This can give your child the feeling that reading isn't a fun or relaxing thing to do. Instead, you could try sharing books before dinner time, or before they go to bed, and of course there's nothing more relaxing than sharing a bedtime story with children of all ages.

3

Have books available in different places in the house, not just their bedroom. Children are more likely to pick up a book if they can see it. It's also very helpful to think about matching the type of book to the time you are reading. For example, interactive books with lots of flaps to lift or puzzles to solve can be great to share when your child has more energy, whereas the gentle sounds of a rhyming story might be just the thing to help your child wind down before bed.



**LITTLE NETTERS**

# Fun Netball Sessions

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