

NEWSLETTER



10th October 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.

Harvest Festival



In a few weeks' time we will be holding our Annual Harvest Assemblies. The children will be performing a Harvest poem or song and we would love it if you were able to join us. There will be three separate assemblies.

The children will enter the Hall, perform their Harvest presentation and then leave again. The times for the Assemblies are:

Monday 20th October – Years 4, 5 & 6 – 9 – 9:30am

Monday 20th October – Years 1, 2 & 3 – 2:30 – 3pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Nursery and Reception – 2:30 – 3pm

We will also be taking donations for our local food bank: the Quinton and Oldbury Food Bank and any donation will be gratefully received. We are also welcoming nominations of families that may also benefit. Therefore if you would like to receive a food hamper then please send your details to the enquiries@whp.greenheartlearning.org email.

We appreciate that circumstances may be difficult. Therefore, please do not feel like you have to make a contribution. If you are able to contribute, then the items requested by the Food Bank are:

Tinned/ Packet Soup, Pasta Sauce, UHT Milk, Squash, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat/Fish, Tinned Meat Alternatives, Tinned Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Crisps, Biscuits, Chocolates/Sweets, Rice, Rice Pudding/Custard and Toiletries For Adults and Children.

Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 10th October.

Year One

Thea
Ryan
Zakhran
Ayo

Year Two

Maranatha
Parsa
Tyler
Z Raeyah

Year Three

Keaton
Radvin
Sanudaka
Nevaeh

Year Four

Samina
Alfie
Anaya

Lewis
Beau
Gabriel C

Year Five

Ahmed
Remy
Daria
Lena-Maye

Year Six

Nibras
Clytie
Moataz
Prathiksha
Nathan

The Zone

Zyannah

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~~


29th September – 3rd October

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 95.35%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **95.24%** KS2: **95.77%** Whole School: **95.59%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	86.54%	3A	97.20%
RB	94%	3H	95.17%
RD	98.99%	4H	96.75%
1B	89.33%	4RN	93.87%
1O	97.33%	5H	94.29%
2H	97.24%	5FP	95.56%
2P	98%	6D	93.93%
RR	94.12%	6WO	99.67% 



6WO

Congratulations to **6WO** who had the best class attendance last week.

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

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

Academic Year 2025 – 2026



Wednesday 15th October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm

– Bookings via MCAS will go live next week

Thursday 16th October – Parent Forum at 2:30 in school

– A Microsoft form will follow to gather views

Monday 20th October – Harvest Assembly – Years 4, 5 & 6

In the hall 9 – 9:30am

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In the hall 2:30 – 3pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Assembly – Nursery and Reception

In the hall 2:30 – 3pm

Friday 24th October – Last day of half term

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term Break

Monday 3rd November – First day back for all children

Wednesday 3rd November – Sibling and Individual photo day

- Non-primary school age sibling photos from 8am. (Toddlers & secondary age)

- All siblings in school will be done during the day.

Wednesday 3rd December – Nursery Nativity 9am

Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4th December – Year One Dear Santa Theatre visit 1:30 – 3:30

Wednesday 10th December – Reception Nativity 9am & Afternoon performance TBC

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 11th December – Choir Christmas Concert – Details TBC

Friday 12th December – Theatre Visit ‘The Owl Who Came to Christmas’ – Payments via MCAS

Wednesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity 9am & 2:15

Friday 19th December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January – Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January – INSET Day – School Closed to all children

Tuesday 6th January – First day of Spring term for all children

Friday 13th February – Last day of half term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term Break

Monday 23rd February – First day back for all children

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring term

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – INSET Day – School Closed to all children

Tuesday 14th April – First day of Summer term for all children

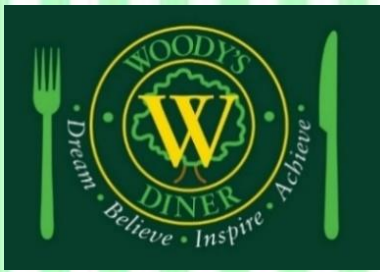
Friday 23rd May – Last day of half term

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term Break

Monday 1st June – First day back for all children

Friday 17th July – Last day of Summer term

Monday 20th July – INSET Day – School Closed to all children



School Dinner Menu

13th – 17th October

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
			Jacket Day	Pizza Day
Pork Sausages	Breaded Fish, Salmon Fish Cakes or Vegetable Ravioli	Roasted Chicken or Roasted Quorn with Stuffing	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings:	Cheese and Tomato, Pepperoni or BBQ Beef
Vegan Sausages	New Potatoes or Savory Rice	Roast Potatoes	Baked Beans, Cheese, BBQ Beef, Coleslaw or Tuna Mayo	Roast Chicken
Mashed Potatoes	Peas and Sweetcorn	Cauliflower, Carrots and Green Beans and Gravy	Fresh Salad	with Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables
Mixed Vegetables and Gravy	Sweet Chili Sauce Parsley Sauce			
Ice Cream	Fruit Jelly or Semolina with Jam or Sultanas	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Shortbread and Custard	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

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL



Year 2 have made these wonderful, coiled dragon pots



Christmas Fayre

With our annual Christmas Fayre not too far away on December 3rd, we are looking for any donations of unwanted toys, books, trinkets etc. in a suitable condition that we can use for the fayre. We can also accept donations of reusable gift bags.

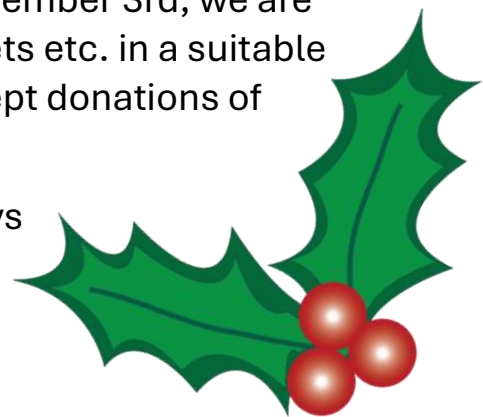
Closer to the date we will also be having non-uniform days where donations can be made.

Any donations can be made to the main office.

We are also inviting parents and community members to have stall space if they wish. As with previous years, this is at a cost of £10 per table. The £10 will be put towards school fund and any profits made by the stall owner will be theirs.

Any food sold must have ingredients listed on the item or available on a separate sheet of paper. We also ask that only appropriate items are sold, therefore we ask that there are no toy guns, knives etc.

If you have any questions or to book a stall space, let us know via email at enquiries@whp.greenheartlearning.org



Christmas Jumper Swap

Christmas Jumper Day is one of the highlight days of the festive period with all the brightly coloured jumpers on display.

With this in mind, we are collecting pre-loved festive jumpers that may now be too small and providing a swap-shop service where families can come and get one free of charge. This will be available closer to Christmas.



So check the backs of cupboards and in the loft for any festive jumpers that you can donate and trade.



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 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



Look for words all around you...

Remember that reading doesn't have to be limited to sharing books with your child. Although we know this is a brilliant way to show children the pleasure you can find in reading, there are lots of other ways to incorporate reading into your daily routine:

1 Think about all the things you need to read to find things out. Why not ask your child to help you read a message on your phone? Or see if they can read signs in the street while you're out for a walk. Make this into a game of 'I Spy' and see if they can spot any common words. What are the names of the shops you go into? Ask them to look at food items in the supermarket and help you read the ingredients. Later, find a recipe in a book or online that they could help read with you while cooking a meal.

2

If your child is into sport, you could look up results together and talk about them. You could even look at the daily news. Use a child-friendly website like CBBC's Newsround and find out together what the top news stories are that day. Again, be guided by your child's interest and find something which appeals to them.

3


The more you get children to start connecting the words they see around with the sound of the word, the more interest they will have in being able to read it for themselves. If children see that reading can be something that helps you to learn how to do more things or find out more interesting stuff, they are more likely to start seeing the benefits of putting in the work required.






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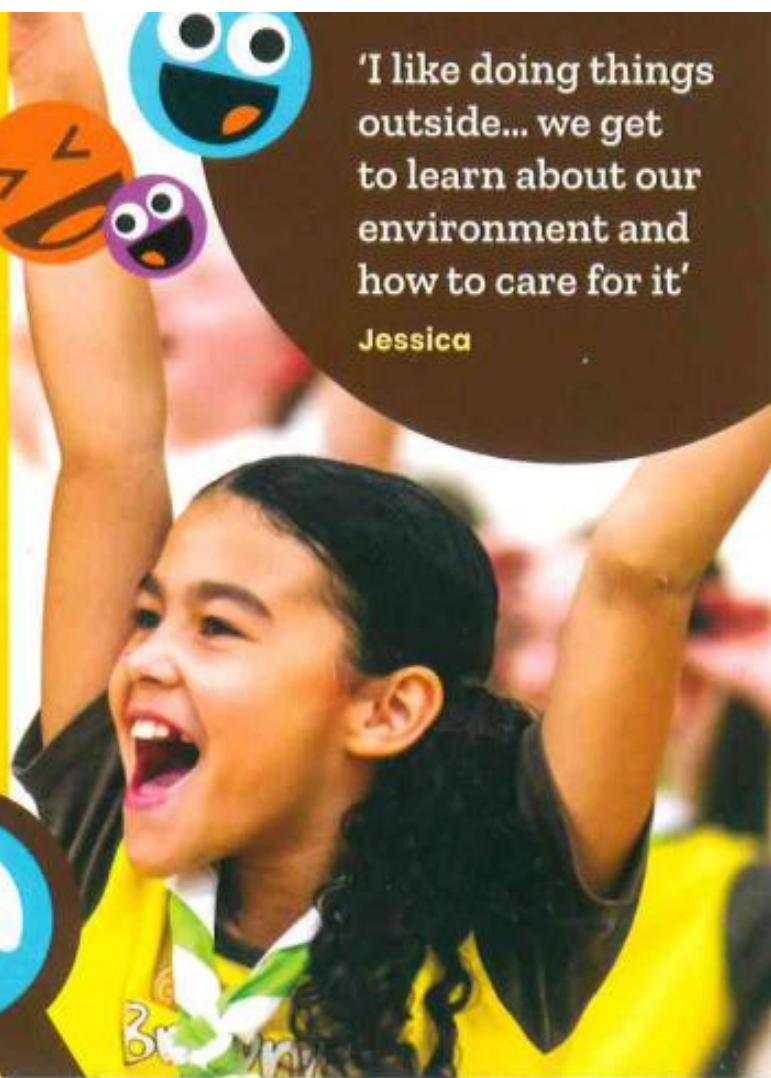


Girlguiding



'I like doing things
outside... we get
to learn about our
environment and
how to care for it'

Jessica



Brownies is full of
firsts: she might
grow her first plant,
bake her first cake,
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down) her first tent,
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