

NEWSLETTER



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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.

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. With school closed due to the weather conditions on Friday and a partial closure today (Monday 12th) due to heating failure, we hope you all managed to stay safe and warm over the weekend.

Happy
New Year
2026



attendance ~~MATTERS~~


15th – 19th December

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.35%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **90.73%** KS2: **90.61%** Whole School: **90.65%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	88.95%		3A	95.71%
RB	96.21%		3H	91.03%
RD	86.33%		4H	85.67%
1B	90.71%		4RN	88.71%
1O	87.33%		5H	94.29%
2H	95.52%		5FP	95.86%
2P	91%		6D	94.29%
RR	91.11%		6WO	79.33%



Congratulations to **Bumblebees** who had the best overall class attendance last week and **5FP** who had the best class attendance for KS2.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

Academic Year 2025 – 2026



Monday 12th January – Choir Young Voices Concert
Thursday 22nd January – 4H Music Performance in the Hall – 9 – 9:30
Monday 2nd February – 6D Class Assembly at 9am – Class parents invited
Friday 13th February – Parent Forum – 9:15 – 10:30

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

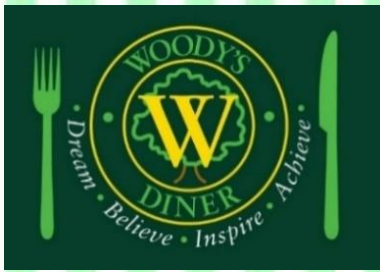
Thursday 25th June – Parent Forum – 9:15 – 10:30

Friday 17th July – Last day of Summer term
Monday 20th July – INSET Day – School Closed to all children

Before and After School Club update

Our Before and After School Club (BASC) is becoming increasingly more popular with some days being fully booked, especially in the mornings.

Please ensure that you have booked the sessions you require in advance. If it is more than 24 hours in advance, then you can do this yourself using the MCAS app. If it is less than 24 hours' notice, then you will need to call the school office to book a session. Please don't just turn up as the sessions may be fully booked.



School Dinner Menu

13th – 16th January

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. We will update you of any major changes.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Stars or Salmon Fishcake Vegetable Ravioli Homemade Garlic Bread New Potatoes, Peas or Salad & Parsley Sauce	Roasted Pork or Roasted Quorn with Apple Sauce Mashed Potatoes Cauliflower, Carrots and Green Beans Gravy	Beef Burger in a bun Pork or Vegan Hot Dog in a Roll Chips Baked Beans or Vegetables	Pizza Day
			Cheese and Tomato, Pepperoni or BBQ Beef Roast Chicken Chips Baked Beans or Vegetables
Apple or Rhubarb Crumble and Custard	Iced Ginger Sponge and Custard	Arctic Roll	Fruity Friday Fruit Pots
Fresh Fruit, Fresh Bread and Fresh Salad Bar available daily			

Thursday is school census day.

The more school meals we have, the more funding we get to support ALL children across school.

On this day we are offering children who don't have a meal the chance to try a meal or part of for free.

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



Message from WMFS to Parents and Carers

'Don't enter or venture' - Stay away from frozen open water as cold snap continues

West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) is urging the public to stay well away from lakes, ponds, rivers, canals and reservoirs as freezing temperatures hit the West Midlands.

Frozen water can look harmless, but it's one of the most dangerous winter hazards we face.

Surface ice can look deceptively solid, but is often thin, fragile and unpredictable. It can give way suddenly – plunging people or pets into freezing cold water and serious danger.

Cold water shock can affect anyone, regardless of age or swimming ability, and can quickly lead to loss of control, exhaustion and drowning.

WMFS is particularly concerned about the risks to children, who may be tempted to play near or on frozen water, and dog walkers who may instinctively venture on to ice or into the water if a pet gets into difficulty.

Parents and carers are urged to speak to children about the dangers, to ensure they understand that no ice is ever safe. Dog walkers are advised to keep pets on leads near water during icy conditions. Never step onto ice, and - crucially – don't enter water or venture on to ice if a person or animal gets into difficulty. Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire service.”

What to do if YOU fall through ice:

- stay calm and shout for help
- spread your arms out across the surface of the ice in front of you
- first check if the ice is strong enough. If it is, then kick your legs to propel yourself forward
- lie flat and use your arms to pull yourself over the ice towards the shore
- if the ice on the water breaks, try to make your way to the bank or shore, breaking ice in front of you as you go
- if you find yourself stuck and unable to escape, wait for help. Stay as still as possible to conserve your energy. Bring your arms close to your sides and keep your legs together, while keeping your head out of the water.

What to do if you see SOMEONE ELSE fall through the ice:

- shout for help, call 999 or 112 and – if the incident involves inland water – ask for the fire service
- do not go on to ice to attempt a rescue
- call out to the casualty and encourage them to stay calm
- to try to reach the person from the bank, use a rope, pole, tree branch, clothes tied together or anything else that can extend your reach
- lie down flat on the bank, to avoid slipping or being pulled in
- if you can't reach them, try sliding something that floats – like a football or large plastic bottle – to them, to help them float
- if the casualty is too far away, DO NOT try to rescue them yourself
- wait for the emergency services to arrive. Continue to calm and reassure the person.

More [winter water safety messaging can be found here.](#)



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

