

# NEWSLETTER



13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The Woodhouse Support Hub

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

## How to get in touch



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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.



[sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

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

## Red Nose Day Comic Relief



Friday 20th March

As a school we will be fundraising to support the hundreds of charities that Comic Relief fundraises for.

On this day we are asking children and staff to come to school dressed in red. There is a QR code for any online donations but we will also be collecting money on the doors too.

We appreciate not everyone is in a position to donate so please do not feel you have to. We will not be checking who has or has not donated.

The web link for the donation page is: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/c-oakley-8?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/c-oakley-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)

# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## Reception

Clara  
Khloe  
Olive  
Noah

## Year One

Kamaliyah  
Anaiya  
Jesy  
Thea

## Year Two

Leen  
Sador  
Nassir  
Melody

## Year Three

Oscar  
Musa  
Lamiah  
Mannix

## Year Four

Micah  
Lewis  
Cruz  
Aria  
Sammy  
Brodie

## Year Five

Tobias  
Faith  
Felix  
Azai

## Year Six

Reece  
Clytie  
Kirstyn  
Rayden

## The Zone

Pharo



Tallie in Year 1 attends Brownies and has recently achieved her bronze award. To do this she needed to earn two theme badges, each of which required the completion of one interest badge, one skills builder badge and two unit meeting hours. Well done Tallie!

Evander in Year 4 has won a medal in a recent swimming gala competing in a 50m and 100m sprint race. Well done Evander!



# attendance ~~MATTERS~~


**2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.44%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **95.21%**      KS2: **96.82%**      Whole School: **96.28%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	90.67%	3A	95%
RB	93.10%	3H	97.24%
RD	93.33%	<b>4H</b>	<b>100%</b> 
1B	93.46%	4RN	97.10%
1O	97.33%	5H	92.14%
2H	96.55%	5FP	95.17%
2P	93%	6D	97.04%
<b>RR</b>	<b>98.89%</b>	6WO	99.33%



Congratulations to **4H** who had the best overall class attendance and to **Rainbow Room** who had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

## **Academic Year 2025 – 2026**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm – Bookings live on MCAS between 8am on 25/2/26 and 3:30pm on 17/3/26.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year One Lego Discovery visit  
– Payments via MCAS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 4H and Elective Violin performance

**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**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 visit to Botanical Gardens – Payments via MCAS

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of half term**

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

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Children’s University Graduation

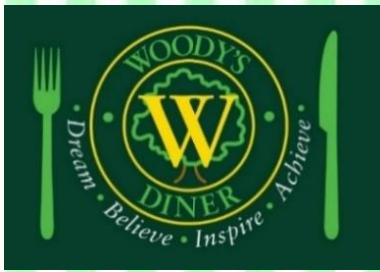
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Forum – 9:15 – 10:30

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Birmingham School Athletics Championships

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

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





# School Dinner Menu

## 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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. We will update you of any major changes.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets  Cheese and Onion Roll  Herby Diced Potatoes  Baked Beans or Vegetables	Fish Star, Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Fingers  New or Mashed Potatoes  Peas and Sweetcorn  Sweet Chilli or Parsley Sauce	BBQ Chicken or BBQ Quorn  Savoury Rice  Mixed Vegetables	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese  Tomato and Basil Pasta  Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna  Garlic Bread and Salad	<b>Pizza Day</b>
				Cheese and Tomato, Pepperoni or BBQ Beef  Roast Chicken  Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables
Arctic Roll	Jam Sponge	Rice Pudding with Jam or Raisins	Eves Pudding 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](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

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

# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for **20 minutes** a day will...

Improve  
**focus and  
concentration**

Have a world of  
**imagination and  
creativity**  
opened to them

Have  
**stronger  
writing skills**

Improve and  
**strengthen  
memory**

Be exposed to  
**1.8 million  
words a year**

Have a  
**broad  
vocabulary**

Improve  
**test results**


Improve  
**communication  
skills**

Encourage  
**a love for  
learning**

Learn how to  
**develop  
empathy**

Improve  
**critical  
thinking skills**

Have  
**reduced  
stress levels**



# Reading at Home With Your Child

## Build

Build reading together into your daily routine.

## Predict

Ask your child to **predict** what they think is going to happen next.

## Find

Find a quiet, comfortable place to read together away from any distractions.

## Recap

If it is the same book, ask your child to **recap** what has happened so far.

## Start

If it is a new book, start by looking at the cover, title, pictures and blurb.

## Discuss

Discuss and research the meaning of any unfamiliar words or phrases.

## Allow

If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt. **Allow** them time to self-correct.

## Check

Check their understanding of the book. Ask questions - Why..? How..? Who..? When..? Where..? What..?

## Connect

Try to **connect** the story to your child's own world.

## Ask

Ask about their opinion of the book. Discuss story, style likes and dislikes.



# EASTER FUN

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March



### **Easter bonnet parade – 3pm**

Children will decorate a bonnet at home with the theme of Easter.

Please come and support by watching the parade!

### **Decorate an egg competition**

Decorate an egg or an egg scene at home and bring them to the office.

The best one wins a prize!

# Design Technology Egg Mobile Competition for years 3-6

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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 Wednesday 25th March with your boiled egg.

Good Luck!





# 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)



**Sporty Stars**



# SPORTS CAMP

Woodhouse Rd, Quinton, Birmingham B32 2DL

**Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March,  
Wednesday 1st April, Thursday 2nd April**



## Early Booking Special Offer

**Bookings made before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026:**

**Full Week £50 Full Day £14 Half Day £8 Half Week £25**

**Boys & Girls  
aged 5+**

**Full Day  
8:30am – 3:30pm**

**Every Child  
Will Receive a  
Trophy, Medal  
and  
Certificate**

**Half Day  
AM 8:30am – 12:30pm  
OR  
PM 11:30am – 3:30pm**

**FROM AS LITTLE AS £1.79 AN HOUR**

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Phone: **07473639186**

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## Warming Hearts in the Winter Chill: Festive Gift Delivery for Birmingham NICU

BIRMINGHAM — As a biting winter chill settled over the city this December, **Cycling for Humanity** and the staff of **Woodhouse Primary Academy** braved the freezing temperatures to bring a glow of festive warmth to the **Birmingham Women's Hospital**.

In a joint effort to spread holiday cheer during the Christmas period, the two organisations delivered a collection of specially curated "starter packs" to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Against the backdrop of frosty mornings, the initiative was driven by a shared commitment to supporting families and frontline healthcare staff caring for premature and critically ill babies.

### **Handmade with Love: The Starter Packs**

These packs were filled with essential items designed to provide comfort and practical support for the hospital's tiniest patients. The donation was a true community effort:

- **Annette and her knitting club** spent weeks hand-knitting beautiful blankets and cardigans to keep the babies warm against the winter cold.
- **Sarah Wright** contributed a collection of delicate, hand-crocheted hats.
- **Woodhouse Academy** provided vital items including bonding cloths, rattles, baby grows, and vests.

These donated presents are intended to provide a sense of comfort and encouragement to families during what can be an incredibly challenging and emotional time.



### **A Mother's Perspective on the NICU Journey**

For families spending their Christmas in the NICU, the season can feel overwhelming. Kuli Chana, a mother whose son Gurpreet is now a healthy eight year old, knows this reality all too well. She described the experience as entering a world where ordinary rules of time, certainty, and control simply don't apply. Instead of the joyful blur of newborn days, parents enter a landscape of monitors and medical terminology where hope is measured in ounces and hours.

Her journey was made even more difficult when her baby faced Necrotising Enterocolitis (NEC), a serious condition involving intestinal damage. "I remember the terror of not knowing what would happen, the helplessness of standing beside an incubator while my baby fought a condition I could not see and could not fix," Kuli recalled. She noted that while love can be "fierce and frightening" at the same time, it is the quiet, exhausted strength of touching a tiny hand through a porthole that sustains a parent.

Kuli shared how NEC tested her in ways she never expected, changing the way she understands what it means to mother a child. "There were days when I held my breath more than my child," she explained, describing the nights when the quiet of the NICU felt "unbearably loud". Yet, even in the uncertainty, she found miracles in stable vital signs and successful procedures, eventually believing they could come out the other side. Her son, Gurpreet, remains a testament to that extraordinary strength and survival.



### **Making a Meaningful Difference**

Representatives from both Cycling for Humanity and Woodhouse Primary Academy worked together to organise the delivery, highlighting the positive impact that community collaboration can have on local healthcare services.

A spokesperson for Cycling for Humanity, reflecting on the importance of the Yuletide delivery, said:

"We are incredibly proud to work alongside Woodhouse Primary Academy to support Birmingham Women's Hospital. This small gesture represents our wider commitment to compassion, community, and making a meaningful difference where it's most needed."

The donation was met with deep appreciation from the hospital team. Staff at the NICU expressed their gratitude for the donation, noting the importance of community support in enhancing patient and family wellbeing during the festive period.

### Lessons in Generosity

For Woodhouse Primary Academy, this Christmas project provided a real-world lesson for its pupils. The school remains committed to instilling values of generosity and social responsibility among its students, showing them how a small act of kindness can brighten a difficult time for families facing uncertainty.

As Kuli Chana noted, the prayers of friends and family from all over the world provide the strength to fight when things look bleak. Despite the freezing temperatures outside, this partnership has ensured that the families at Birmingham Women's Hospital feel the full warmth of their community's support.



**\*30%  
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UNTIL  
1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**



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# EASTER

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

**HARBORNE ACADEMY, HARBORNE RD, B15 3JL**

**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**\*£18.83 9AM-4PM (5-11 YEAR OLDS)  
£14.00 9AM-1PM (4 YEAR OLDS)  
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# Family Day at Kingsbury Water Park

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For autistic children and their families



Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**11am - 12pm**

Grab a cuppa and meet others in similar situations whilst the children regulate



**12pm - 1pm**

Train ride (2 trains will be running)



**1pm - 2pm**

Lunch and free play on the park

Bring your own lunch



**2pm - 3pm**

Childrens treasure hunt



- All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
- Autism west midlands do not take any responsibility for children or property
- EVERY PERSON attending must have a ticket. Maximum of 2 adults per child

**£2.50 per ticket - Drink, train ride and a treasure hunt with every ticket**

Meeting location will be sent a week before the event to ticket holders - if you don't receive this email contact [AmyS@autismwestmidlands.org.uk](mailto:AmyS@autismwestmidlands.org.uk)

# Legal Duties in Education



**You must complete this form to guarantee a place:**



## Date and Time

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
2026**

**10am - 11.30am**

**Autism West Midlands are working in partnership with Ken Upton (MBE), to deliver an online workshop for parents and carers of autistic young people.**

**This online workshop will support parent / carers to gain greater understanding of the legal duties of education settings and much more**

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**You will receive a link to join 3 days before from  
AmyS@autismwestmidlands.org.uk  
Please check you junk mail**



# Talking Sense Take the hot seat

You must complete this form to guarantee a place:



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
September 2026**

**6pm - 7.30pm**

**autism**  
west midlands

Talking SENSE are a registered charity providing low cost advocacy, advice and support to parents of children with special educational needs & disabilities.

Extensive knowledge, skills and expertise in special educational needs.

Experience and knowledge of how local authorities work and the decisions they make

This online workshop will offer parent / carers the opportunity to ask questions & gain greater understanding.

You will receive a link to join 3 days before from  
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Please check your junk mail



Talking SENSE!

