



WOODGATE NEWS 29/06/26



Welcome to our Summer 2 Newsletter, and the last one of this academic year.

This year seems to have flown by and we are now preparing to say 'Goodbye' to our Year 6 children and 'Welcome' to a new set of Reception children. The rest of the children in school are nearing the end of time in their current class and thinking about moving up to the next teacher. They will be spending some time together in the next few weeks to begin to get to know each other.

You will have all received a letter informing you of class changes and inviting you to a short 'meet the teacher' session over the next week or so. We hope that you can come along so that you know who your child's teacher is going to be in September.

Thank you to everyone that came to see the David Attenborough 100th Birthday 'Clay Animal' Exhibition – we had over 120 parents drop by - and your comments were so positive and complimentary. We will definitely do something like this again next year.

Another **BIG THANK-YOU** – for your support and understanding during last week's very challenging hot days! We were determined to keep school open, but offering an optional early collection at 2pm was something lots of parents appreciated. Again, it was lovely to hear your appreciation on the gates last week.

Fun Afternoon

On **Thursday 9th July**, we will be holding our annual picnic lunch and fun afternoon – **Children are welcome to wear their own clothes to school on this day.** Sensible footwear is essential as we are outside and lots of the games are active. Children will also need a picnic lunch – if they usually have a free school meal, we will provide a sandwich lunch for them, but feel free to send in some extra treats to top it up. During the afternoon, the children have access to lots of different games and activities organised by the staff, and they can walk round with their friends or siblings if they wish to. We end the afternoon with an ice lolly for each child.

There is no charge for any of the games or activities.

Sponsored Walk – A huge thank you to everyone that joined us and raised money on our sponsored walk event. The total raised was £2425. This will be spent on lunchtime toys for the children.

MUGA – You will have noticed the multi sports fenced area on the bottom playground – The children are so excited to start using it and have been given clear rules about its use. Any mis-use will result in a ban.

Please do not allow children in there before or after school.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 1st July. 2pm New Reception Intake 2nd Induction Stay and Play session.

Thursday 2nd July. KS2 Sports Afternoon. 1:30pm

Monday 6th July. KS1 Sports Afternoon. 1:30pm

Thursday 9th July – Fun afternoon and picnic day

Friday 10th July. Parent inclusion group Coffee morning. 9:00am in the Gateway cabin

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 leavers party until 4:30pm

Friday 17th July. Year 6 Leavers' Performance. 9:15am

End of the school Year.

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Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – Staff training days

Thursday 3rd September 2026. Year 1 - Year 6 children return to school.

Look out for the new school year date cards which will be coming home with your children. In know I find mine really useful. Keep one on your fridge, in your bag or in your phone for quick access to school term dates and holidays.

Attendance Update

I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you that make sure your child/children arrive at school on time every day. This is such an important life skill that needs to be embedded right from their Reception Years. Late arrival is very disruptive to the learning of those who are late and the class that are disturbed by someone arriving late, and a bad habit to get into.

Overall, whole school attendance was looking good, and in line with National until last week's extreme heat. As expected, attendance suffered last week – but hopefully over the next 3 weeks we can have really high attendance levels to finish the school year.

Our whole school attendance is currently 93.7%

Our persistent absentee rate is 19% - that means that over 70 children in school have less than 90% attendance and this will definitely have affected their learning and progress.

If your child has had attendance below 90% this year, or if you have taken them on holiday in term time – please make next year the year to achieve attendance of 95% or more.



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