



WOODGATE NEWS 07/09/26



Welcome Back Message

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. It was lovely to welcome the children back on Thursday and hear all about their summer break. I am pleased to say that the children have quickly settled into their new classes and are adapting to being back in school. A reminder that the school doors open at 8:45 each morning and children should be in class by 9:00am for registration.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminders

Punctuality is so important and if children are even 5 minutes late they are missing important learning and disrupting the class when they arrive late. Children that are brought late to school can be upset and anxious. It can be difficult for them to walk into a classroom that is already settled and working. Good school attendance is crucial for positive progress and healthy relationships with other children. Everyone should aim for at least 95% attendance.

Did you know that if your child arrives after 9:30 this is classed as half a day's absence? Did you know that one day off school is classed as 2 absence marks because we take registers in the morning and the afternoon?

What can you do to support Good Attendance?

- Do not take your child on holiday during term time – they will miss at least 25 lessons for every week they have off school. This learning cannot be caught back.
- If your child has a minor cough, cold or headache, please do not keep them off school – give them some paracetamol or Calpol and bring them in. We will monitor them and call you if they deteriorate.
- Do not make dentist, optician or doctor's appointments for your child during the school day. Use half term holidays or get an appointment for after 3:30pm.
- If your child has to attend a hospital appointment do not keep them off for the whole day – bring them back after the appointment or collect them after lunch if the appointment is in the afternoon.

End of Day Collection

- Please be on time to collect your child at 3:15. Late collection is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the school. If you know that you are going to be late, please phone the school office so that we can notify the teacher and your child.
- If you are sending someone in your place to collect your child please make sure you let us know. We will not let your child leave with someone we do not know unless you have told us.

Woodgate Early Help Offer

A reminder that we have the Woodgate Pantry in school. If you would like some extra support with food, please come and speak to a member of the office team. They will arrange a food parcel for you. This is managed sensitively so please do come forward if you need it.

Woodgate Wardrobe is also available. We have some uniform, P.E. kits, winter coats and shoes that are free if you need them.

There is also the Rubery Uniform Swop Shop for free uniform, P.E. kit and school shoes. You can contact them via email at (ruberyswopshop@outlook.com)

All children have access to toast/bagels when they first arrive in the morning. This is part of our Free Breakfast offer.

Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal every day. This can be a hot meal or a sandwich meal. Please take up this offer to save on packed lunch costs from home.

P.E. Kits

Children can come into school wearing their P.E. kit on the days they have P.E. Please make sure they are wearing a red t-shirt and plain black shorts and black trainers. Hoodies are not allowed. The normal school sweatshirt can be worn over the red t-shirt. Black joggers can be worn if it is cold.

Football kits and joggers with large logos or stripes are not allowed.

If you do not have the correct kit for your child, please send them to school in normal uniform and their P.E. clothes in a bag to change into before the lesson. They will not be allowed to spend all day in school in the incorrect kit.

Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of any child please report it to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Miss Carroll, Mrs Colley, Mr Jones, Mrs Williams, Mr Malin and Mr Bradley are always on hand to offer advice.

Parking

Safe parking outside school at both entrances continues to be a safety priority for many of you and for us. There is never an excuse or acceptable time to park on the yellow zig-zags outside the gates, even if you are running late. We want all of our children and parents to be safe whether walking to school or coming in a car.

If you can, please walk to school. It will reduce the amount of traffic around the school and is much healthier. We also encourage children to cycle or ride their scooter to school. There are bike and scooter racks in all playgrounds. Once you are on the school site, the bike or scooter MUST be pushed to avoid accidents.

Morning Snacks and Water

Children are invited to bring in a small mid-morning snack such as toast, fruit, a small biscuit bar or a cereal bar. Please do NOT send crisps, chocolate or sweets as these are full of sugar and do not support our healthy eating ethos. Many children are hungry by 10:30 so please do send in a snack if you can. All children should bring in a water bottle each day so that they can remain hydrated and able to concentrate.

Communicating with Teachers

Your child's teacher welcomes communication with you to address any concerns or queries that you may have. Please speak with them at the end of the day or email them. Their email addresses are listed on the back of this sheet. Many parents find emailing the teacher more convenient and prefer this method of communication. Teachers will always get back to you as soon as they are able.

If you have changed your phone number or address over the holiday, please make sure we have your new details.

I hope you find the small date card (attached to this newsletter) useful. Pop it in your bag or on your fridge so you can always check school term and holiday dates.

Key Autumn Term Dates:

Wednesday 16th Sept – Reading meeting for Rec/Yr 1 parents 2:30pm
 Wednesday 16th September Greek Man Living History day Yr 5
 Thursday 17th Sept – Yr 6 Expectations meeting – 3:25pm
 Monday 21st Sept – 2:15 Behaviour Meeting all parents welcome
 Friday 25th September -Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Monday 29th September – School grounds Week.
 Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October – Book Fair
 Friday 2nd October Yr 6 visit to Boundless Outdoors and sleep-over
 Wednesday 7th October – School Photograph day
 Friday 16th
 Tuesday 20th October – Yr 3 visit to Bishop's Wood
 Tuesday 20th October – Parent Inclusion Group Development Day
 Wednesday 21st October – Halloween Disco
 Thursday 22nd October – Yr 4 Harvest Festival Assembly
 Friday 23rd October – Cultural celebration day and end of half term.
 Monday 2nd November – Back to School
 Monday 2nd November – Yr 4 visit to Lunt Fort
 Wednesday 11th November – Yr 6 Remembrance Service
 Wednesday 11th November – Parent Consultation Evening
 Thursday 19th November – Yr 6 SATs meeting
 Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
 Monday 14th December – Reception Christmas Production 2:30pm
 Wednesday 16th December – Yr 2 Christmas Production. 9:15am
 Thursday 17th December – Party Afternoon
 Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper day and Cinderella Pantomime.
 Friday 18th December- End of Autumn term,
 Monday 4th January 2027 – Return to School for all children and staff.

Advance notice: School Closed for staff training days on

Wednesday 25th November 2026, Wednesday 27th January 2027 and on Wednesday 17th March 2027 for Parent Consultation Day

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