

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Wood Ley Christmas Special Newsletter ✨

As we approach the festive season, Wood Ley Primary School is bursting with excitement as staff, children and families prepare for a magical few weeks filled with joy, music, creativity and community spirit. We have a wonderful programme of Christmas events planned, making this a truly memorable time of year for the whole school.

Our celebrations begin with the much-loved **KS1 performance of *Wriggly Nativity***, taking place on *9th December at 2pm* and *10th December at 6pm*. The children have been practising incredibly hard and the school has been filled with their lovely singing and enthusiastic storytelling as they prepare to bring this festive favourite to life.

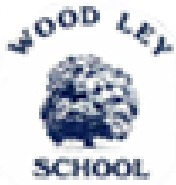


Meanwhile, our **Foundation Stage Christmas Workshop** on *10th December* will welcome families into Holly and Willow classrooms to enjoy Christmas crafts and activities together, creating treasured memories with our youngest learners.

Our Christmas celebrations continue outdoors with one of the highlights of the season – **KS2 Carols by Candlelight**. On *11th December at 6.30pm*, our KS2 pupils will gather under the stars to perform a beautiful selection of Christmas carols on the playground, accompanied by twinkling lights and a warm, festive atmosphere. No tickets are needed, and families are warmly invited to join us for this magical winter evening.



The festive creativity continues on *Friday 12th December*, as our **UKS2** pupils host the annual **Christmas Enterprise Event**, proudly showcasing handmade gifts, treats and crafts. Children will explore the stalls during the afternoon, with families welcome from 3.20pm. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of imagination, teamwork and festive entrepreneurship.



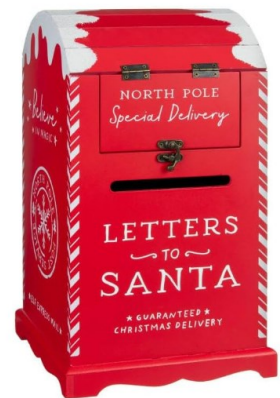
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With so many festivities to enjoy, the children are also looking forward to their **Christmas Party Lunch on Thursday 18th December**, a highlight of the season. A huge thank-you goes to our wonderful kitchen staff and MDSAs, whose hard work and care always make this a truly special and enjoyable experience for the children. The celebrations will continue with the opportunity for pupils to wear home or Christmas-themed clothes on **Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December**, adding an extra touch of fun and festive cheer to the final days of term.



Throughout the month, families can take part in our wonderful **Christmas Hamper Draw**, running from *1st-18th December*. Each class will create their own festive hamper, filled with donated goodies, handcrafted items and seasonal treats. Tickets are available via ParentMail, and all proceeds support Christmas events and gifts across the school.

Don't forget — our **Christmas Post Box** will be open throughout December! Children are invited to post their festive cards to friends, and our very own *Wood Ley Christmas Elves* will be working hard to deliver them around the school. Please remember to write the **name and class** of the friend on the envelope so the elves can deliver the cards to the right place. We can't wait to see the post box filling up with Christmas cheer!



Finally, we cannot wait to unveil our magical **Wood Ley Winter Wonderland**, lovingly created by our talented PTA. Children will have the chance to visit Santa's Grotto, receive a small gift, and enjoy a truly enchanting festive experience as part of the run-up to Christmas. Santa will also be visiting each class with a special class Christmas gift chosen by the children.

We look forward to celebrating the season together and hope these special events bring joy and festive sparkle to all our Wood Ley families.

Star of the Week



We are very proud to share the stars of the week for November:

Hazel: Jessie, Dominik, Finely, Leo

Juniper: Milana, AJ, Ruby Louis

Acer: Kofi, Alfie, Rose, Hermione

Cedar: William, Abel, Florence, Matilda

Poplar: Poppy, Dexter, Arabella, Oliver

Maple: Hallie, Betty, Xander, Harry

Beech: Archie, Ava, Isabella, George

Elm: Hudson, Kairo, Noah, Dareon

Cherry: Rose, Sofia, Henry, Erin

Oak: Harry, Bea, Oakley, Freya



Pupil of the Week

We are delighted to share the pupils who have achieved the most dojo points across the school

each week in November are:

Jasmine, Harry, Jack, Benjamin, Joshua, Levi, Evelyn, Ana, Joshua, Phoebe, Ada

SEND Drop In Thursday 29th January

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEND drop in session

Thursday 29th January 2026. If your child is on the SEND register and you have issues you would like to raise with Mrs Spinks at the drop in please could you e mail her to arrange an appointment for the day.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS SPECIAL

A huge well done goes to our wonderful year 6 football team who made their way to the Suffolk County football finals this term. They were magnificent reaching 4th place in the County.

Reminder

Non school uniform dates 5th December and 12th December 18th and 19th December

TIMETABLES ROCKSTARS

We continue to encourage children to engage with TTRS which helps them to learn the times tables and we will share their achievements each Friday in our assemblies.

Hazel: Alex, Alex, Joshua, Joshua

Juniper: Jasmine, Jasmine, Milana, Jasmine

Acer: Billy, Ezekiel Taylor, Archer

Cedar: Florence, Ceiyon, Ceiyon

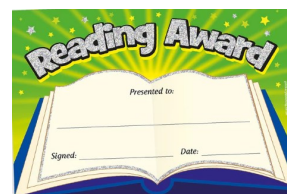
Poplar: Josiah, Bella, Toby, Dexter

Maple: Jack, Jack, Jack, Jack

Beech Oliver, Caleb, Isabella, Caleb

Reading Awards

We are very proud of the children who have received our weekly reading awards this month..Reading at



home, even for just a few minutes each day, helps your child build confidence, develop a love of stories, and make faster progress in all areas of learning..

Hazel Joshua, Cameron Peyton

Juniper, Jasmine Jasmine

Acer: Callum, Zachary Mason, Thomas

Cedar: James, Florence Ceiyon, Paige

Poplar: Thia, Toby Molly, Samuel

Maple: Isaac, Dexter Henry, Hannah

Beech: Joshua, Summer Isla George

Elm: Freddie, Joshua Penny, Romani

Cherry: Ada, Nola Gracie, Ruby

Oak Lacey, Oakley Lacey, Harry

PTA News

We are delighted to introduce our newly formed **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**, who have already begun spreading festive joy throughout Wood Ley. This week, we were visited by two very helpful Christmas elves, who brought their creative magic into the HUB and transformed it into a stunning Santa's Grotto—just in time for Santa's visit!



The PTA is off to a wonderful start, and their aims are clear and truly exciting. They hope to enrich school life by creating more shared experiences and fun events for the children, supporting the school with projects and resources that benefit the whole community, and building even stronger links between families, staff, and the wider Wood Ley community.

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PTA AND FRIENDS

Parent / Guardian

PRE LOVED CLOTHES INITIATIVE!

WHAT IS IT AND WHY?
Participating in a pre-loved clothing resale initiative is a fantastic way to embrace sustainability while also giving others access to affordable attire. By bringing in your gently used uniforms, fancy dress costumes, clothing, and shoes, you contribute to a cycle of reuse that reduces waste and promotes environmental consciousness amongst the children. These items will be resold at various events throughout the year, starting from as little as 50p, making them accessible to all. Not only does this initiative encourage a more eco-friendly lifestyle, but it also fosters a sense of community as people come together to support one another through shared resources. Whether you're decluttering your wardrobe or wanting to kit your child out for the next school term, participating in this resale effort is a win-win for everyone involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 6TH MARCH
We will be having an after school sale where you can choose a costume for your child and rent it for 50p. Hopefully after the event, the item can be returned so we can reuse it again next year! So please get donating any unused fancy dress costumes you have at home.

What we need:

- Gently loved... Uniform
- PE Kits
- Clothing
- Coats
- Shoes
- Fancy Dress Costumes
- Pudsey Bear

...and anything else you may think we could use!

A note from your new PTA members...
We're excited to kick start one of many ideas to encourage community spirit as well as funds for the school for projects for all the children to enjoy. Together, we can make a real difference!

Diary Dates & Term Dates

December

Monday 1st—Christmas postbox opens / Wood Ley has talent for Y1 and Y2

Tuesday 2nd— Maple class forest School / Wood Ley has talent for Y3 and Y4 / Foundation Tours for September 2026 intake / Christmas Tree Festival for Choir / Y6 Dodgeball competition

Wednesday 3rd - Y5 Swimming / Guitar Lessons / GVP Dance Club

Thursday 4th—Beech class Forest School / GVP Ball Games Club KS1 / KS2 Christmas Treat

Friday 5th - Y3 and Y4 visit United Reformed Nativity Event / non School Uniform (aid of class hamper raffle)

Monday 8th—Wood Ley has talent for Y5 and Y6

Tuesday 9th—KS1 Christmas Production 2pm / Y3 and Y4 Dodgeball Tournament

Wednesday 10th—Foundation Christmas Workshop 9:00 / Y5 Swimming / Guitar lessons / GVP Dance Club / KS1 Christmas Production 6pm

Thursday 11th - KS1 Ball Games Club / KS2 Carols by Candlelight 6pm

Friday 12th—Non School Uniform Day (in aid of Class hamper raffle) Christmas Enterprise Event

Monday 15th—Last day for Christmas postbox at school

Thursday 18th -School party lunch / non school uniform / KS1 and foundation party / Christmas raffle draw

Friday 19th—Last day of term / non school uniform / KS2 Christmas Party

School Term Dates: 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term

Monday 1st September 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

(Half term - Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025)

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

(Half term – Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026)

Summer Term

Monday 13th April 2026 – Monday 20th July 2026

(Half term – Monday 25th May 2026 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29th May 2026)

-pupil days or 'PD' days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026