



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back, everyone, and a very Happy New Year! We hope you and your families enjoyed a joyful, restful, and exciting Christmas holiday filled with special moments. We are looking forward to see the children return to school with big smiles, happy stories, and plenty of energy as we begin a brand-new term.

Thank You for Your Support

A huge thank you to all our families for your incredible support of our winter fundraising events. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and time have truly made a difference.

We were delighted that the **KS1 Wriggly Nativity** raised an impressive **£200**, while our **Enterprise event** was a fantastic success, raising almost **£1,000**. In addition, the **class Christmas hampers** brought in over **£800**. Together, these events raised an amazing **£2,000 for our PTA fund**. This money will go directly towards enriching school life for all our children, supporting resources, activities, and experiences that make a real difference.

Adding Extra Sparkle to Christmas

Thanks to the fantastic support from our families and PTA, we were able to add some extra sparkle to our Christmas celebrations this year and create truly memorable experiences for the children.



The children were thoroughly entertained by the **hilarious pantomime *Dick Whittington***, full of laughter, music, and plenty of audience participation. Our older pupils also loved taking part in the high-energy **UV dodgeball**, which was a huge hit and a brilliant way to end the term with fun and teamwork.

Every class received a special **Christmas class gift**, and the excitement continued as the children visited **Santa in his grotto**, where each child received a small present to take home. The smiles, laughter, and festive cheer throughout school made it a Christmas to remember.

Star of the Week



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

Hazel: Amelie, Julian

Juniper: Rosie, Joel

Acer: Zachary, Mia

Cedar: Leighton, Oliver

Poplar: Ruby

Maple: Rosie

Beech: Rere

Elm: Vinnie, Rocco

Cherry: Elsie, Evie

Oak: Rosie, Harry



Pupil of the Week

We are delighted to share the pupils who have achieved the most dojo points across the school each week in December are:

SEND Drop In Thursday 29th January at 2:30

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



Golden Ticket Winners:

Well done to the following children for demonstrating our school value of Resilience.

Lucy, Reggie, Rebecca, Bea, Gracie, Louisa, Hallie, Charlie, Kyla Mae, Matilda, Archer, Florence.

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: William

Juniper: Jasmine

Acer: Hermione

Cedar : Ceiyon

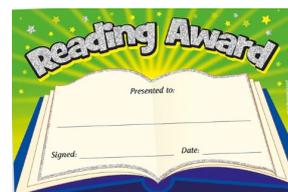
Poplar: Toby

Maple: Jack

Beech Hasan

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 Matilda, Bella

Juniper , Joel, Milana

Acer: Rose, Harry

Cedar: Dora, Nathaniel

Poplar: Meghan

Maple: Enzo

Beech: Poppy

Elm: Harley, Lewis

Cherry: Class, Ava

Oak : Finley, Evelyn

News

Governing Body News

The Governing Body plays a vital role in the life of our school and works closely with school leaders to ensure the very best outcomes for all children. In a maintained primary school, governors help to set the school's strategic direction, support and challenge leadership, and ensure that decisions are made in the best interests of pupils.

Governors give their time generously, working behind the scenes to monitor school performance, support safeguarding and wellbeing, oversee finances, and ensure the school meets its statutory responsibilities. Their role is not day-to-day management, but providing clear oversight, guidance, and accountability. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work, commitment, and support our governors provide. Their dedication and partnership with the school help create a strong, safe, and successful learning environment for every child.

School Sporting Events

Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Tournament

Our Year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic time at the dodgeball tournament held at **Stowmarket Leisure Centre** and represented the school brilliantly throughout the event. The children were magnificent from start to finish, playing with skill, determination, and confidence. They showed outstanding sportsmanship at all times, shaking hands with their opponents and demonstrating respect both on and off the court. Winning all of their games was a tremendous achievement, but even more impressive was the positive attitude and teamwork they displayed throughout the tournament.

Some of our Year 6 pupils also had a busy and exciting day representing the school at a dodgeball tournament, where they showed great commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, giving their best effort and supporting one another throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school — a wonderful example of both sporting excellence and excellent character.

Next sporting event—**Year 6 Athletics Competition**— **13th January 2026**

Christmas Tree Festival

Our children had a truly magical experience when they sang at the Christmas Tree Festival in **St Peter and St Mary Church**. Their singing sounded absolutely wonderful and filled the church with festive cheer, creating a very special atmosphere for everyone who attended.

The children's behaviour was excellent throughout, and they represented the school with pride, respect, and confidence. It was a joy to see them performing so beautifully in such a special setting. Adding to the excitement, we were able to spot our own school's decorations proudly displayed on the Christmas trees around the church — a lovely moment that made the experience even more meaningful. A huge thank you to Mrs Potter, Mrs Oliver and Mrs Shannon for preparing the children so well.

Fund Raising News



Some of the
lucky Class
Hamper
Winners



PTA News

Working Together: The Role of the PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) plays a key role in bringing our school community together. Made up of parents, carers, and staff, the PTA works in partnership with the school to support learning and wellbeing through a wide range of events and activities. These events not only raise valuable funds, but also create opportunities for families to connect, celebrate, and feel part of our school community.

By working collaboratively with the school, the PTA helps to enrich school life and provide memorable experiences for the children. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and commitment shown by everyone involved, and for the strong sense of partnership and community that the PTA helps to foster.

Spring Events :

Pre loved clothes sale to be held each term throughout the school year, you will be able to buy branded school uniform, Fancy dress items (ready for World Book Day) and Pudsey Bear items. Items will start from 50p so a really great way to introduce sustainability at affordable cost. All money will go towards projects and events for the children to enjoy.

Please remember to donate any items of clothing that is getting too small from the above items to the school office.

First Sale Date :

Friday 13th February from 3PM in the school hall.

Next Event :

PTA Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar Event
Get ready for a **sweet surprise** at our next PTA fundraiser! We'll be selling **Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars**, and hidden inside some of the bars is a **special winning ticket**... will you be the lucky one?

Find a **Golden Ticket** and you could win a **fantastic Easter gift!** It's a fun, exciting way for the children to take part, with the thrill of discovering whether their chocolate bar is a winner.

Every chocolate bar sold helps support our school through the PTA, so by joining in you're helping to create even more memorable experiences for our children.

Wood Ley School
PTA AND FRIENDS
Parent / Guardian

PRE LOVED CLOTHES INITIATIVE!

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!

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.

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

January

5th January—PD Day—no children in school.

6th January—Children back in school

7th January—Y5 Swimming / Band Academy Guitar Lessons

13th January—Y6 Athletics Competition Stowmarket High School

14th January—Y5 Swimming / Band Academy Guitar Lessons

21st January—Y5 Swimming / Band Academy Guitar Lessons

28th January— Y5 Swimming / Band Academy Guitar Lessons

29th January—SEND drop in

30th January - PTA School Uniform Sale. From 3pm

Further dates to follow in calendar dates

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