

Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Families,
As we welcome the month of April, we hope that all of our children and families enjoy a restful, joyful, and exciting Easter break. This is a special time to



relax, recharge, and make lovely memories together. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the summer term, which promises to be full of learning, growth, and many exciting opportunities for our school community.

Ofsted Report

We hope you enjoyed reading the Ofsted report sent home recently. We are incredibly proud to share the positive outcomes from our recent Ofsted inspection, which recognised the strong standard of education at Wood Ley. Inspectors highlighted the calm, inclusive and welcoming environment we have created, where pupils feel safe, valued and ready to learn. They praised our pupils' excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning, alongside the strong relationships between staff and children. It was particularly pleasing to see recognition of our commitment to inclusion and the wide range of opportunities that support pupils' personal development. This report reflects the dedication of our whole school community, and we are very grateful for the continued support of our families.

Reminder Summer Term Starts on Tuesday 14th April 2026

As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, we hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable break, taking time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming all children back to



school on **Tuesday 14th April**, ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and achievement.

Star of the Week



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

Hazel: Charlie, Bella, Alex

Juniper: Chloe, Henry, Michael

Acer: Clara, Harry, Archer

Cedar: William, Aiyla, Evie

Poplar: Olivia, Toby, Lili

Maple: Millie, Lacey, Robyn

Beech: Florence, Dakota, Oliver

Elm: Freya, Remi, Amelia

Cherry: Nola, Isaac, Hettie-Mae

Oak: Mia-Rose, Herbie, Daisy

Pupil of the Week

Each week, we celebrate our *Pupils of the Week*, children who have aimed high, worked hard, and consistently demonstrated outstanding effort. These pupils have earned the highest number of Dojo points across their key stage, reflecting their commitment to learning, positive attitudes, and determination to do their very best. Well done to all our winners in March

Dakota, Joshua, Esme, Louis, Vinnie, Faith, Michael, Mila, Ana

SEND Drop in Thursday 30th April @2:30

Mrs Spinks, our SENDCo, is here to support children and families and works closely with parents to help every child succeed. She looks forward to meeting parents at the next SEND drop-in session. If your child is on the SEND register and you have any questions, concerns, or issues you would like to discuss, please email Mrs Spinks in advance to arrange an appointment during the drop-in. This will ensure she has time to give your concerns the attention they deserve.

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: Joshua, Kyla-Mae, Kyla-Mae

Juniper: Matilda, Jasmine, Jasmine

Acer: Olivia, Harry, Olivia

Cedar: Florence, Ceiyon, Florence

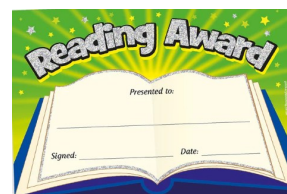
Poplar: Dexter, Toby, Zackary

Maple: Charlotte, Charlotte, Alexxis

Beech: Rere, Rere, Lucas

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: Alex, Joshua, William

Juniper: Henry, Bradley, Lawrence

Acer: Zachary, Archer, Harriett

Cedar: William, Ceiyon, Oliver

Poplar: Liam, Lillian, Ava

Maple: Remy, Mari, Alexxis

Beech: Archie, Evie, Paisley

Elm: Vinnie, Kairo, Noah

Cherry: Levi, Evie, Sophia

Oak: Theo, Grace, Meera

Golden Ticket Winners

The Golden Ticket Winners in March were awarded the ticket for demonstrating our school value of COOPERATION



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Recycling Assembly

The recent recycling assembly was an engaging and thought-provoking experience for the children and staff, who explored what really happens to our food waste once it leaves our homes and school. They were particularly fascinated to learn how food waste can be transformed into energy, helping to power homes and reduce environmental impact. The session also introduced the new recycling and food waste bins, with clear explanations of how they will be used in school and why they are so important. Children left the assembly feeling informed and motivated, with a growing sense of responsibility for looking after the environment and making sustainable choices in their everyday lives. Just in time for the delivery of our new bins!

UKS2 Sporting Events

Year 6 have recently represented the school brilliantly in a series of sporting events, showing both determination and excellent teamwork. A particular highlight was the **gymnastics** competition, where the team delivered an impressive and well-executed routine, earning them a fantastic 3rd place finish. Their commitment, focus and confidence were evident throughout, and they performed with great pride and composure. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the positive way they represented the school.

Year 6 have also achieved fantastic success in **swimming**, demonstrating great skill, determination and team spirit. Competing against seven local schools, the team delivered an outstanding performance to secure 1st place, a wonderful achievement. They then progressed to the next round, where they competed against additional schools from across the Bury area and went on to achieve an impressive 2nd place overall. Their dedication and resilience throughout the competition have been exceptional, and we are extremely proud of their success and the way they represented the school.

Blue Peter Winner



We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of one of our pupils, who demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication in his guitar performance. His skill, confidence and musicality truly set him apart, earning him a very special recognition – a Blue Peter badge. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to his hard work and passion for music. We are incredibly proud of his success and look forward to seeing his talents continue to flourish.

Y6 SATS Group

To support our Year 6 pupils in preparation for their SATs, we will be running a dedicated SATs group designed to build confidence and strengthen key skills through focused, high-quality revision. These sessions will take place on Wednesday from 3:20–4:20pm, starting on Wednesday 15th April, and will provide a supportive environment where children can consolidate their learning and feel fully prepared. Following the first session, there will also be a drop-in opportunity for parents, offering helpful guidance and practical advice on how best to support their child at home. This is a valuable opportunity for both pupils and families to feel confident and well-prepared ahead of the upcoming assessments.

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Mental Health Support Team - Workshop for Parents

We are pleased to invite parents to an upcoming Mental Health Support Team workshop taking place on **Thursday 7th May from 9-11am**. This informal session will provide a welcoming space to enjoy refreshments while learning more about children's anxiety and the mental health challenges they may face. The workshop will explore how childhood has changed in recent years and why anxiety levels are increasing, alongside practical strategies to support children in a positive and engaging way. Parents will gain a deeper understanding of avoidance behaviours, the long-term impact of anxiety, and even reflect on their own experiences, with opportunities to ask questions and take away useful ideas. It promises to be an insightful and valuable session for anyone looking to better support their child's wellbeing



PTA



The recent PTA fundraising event, "Golden Ticket," was a wonderful success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Excitement filled the school as pupils eagerly searched for their class golden tickets hidden inside chocolate treats, adding a real sense of fun and anticipation to the day. The lucky winners were delighted to receive a special Easter bag for their class, making the event even more memorable. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents for their continued support, which helped us raise an impressive **£475.38** towards PTA funds. Even more importantly, the children have been inspired to share

thoughtful ideas with school counsellors about creating a mindfulness and quiet area for use at playtimes, showing how this event has not only been enjoyable but has also contributed to supporting wellbeing across the school.

Y5 Stone Age Workshop

Year 5 are looking forward to an exciting Stone Age workshop led by Portals to the Past, where they will have the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in history. Through hands-on activities and engaging storytelling, the children will explore what life was like during the Stone Age, bringing their learning to life in a memorable and interactive way.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

Last Day of Term—Friday 27th March 2026

April

Monday 13th—PD day children not in school

Tuesday 14th—First day of term for children / Beech Class Forest Schools AM

Wednesday 15th—Police Van visiting Foundation / Guitar Lessons / Y5 First Aid Lesson / Y6 Sats Group 3:20—4:20 / Y6 Sats meeting for parents 4:20

Thursday 16th—Y5 DT project at the Food Museum in Stowmarket

Friday 17th—Poplar Class Forest Schools

Monday 20th—Recycling assembly 2

Tuesday 21st—Y5 Stone Age Workshop / Beech Class Forest Schools AM / Maple Class Forest Schools PM / National Dental Programme YR and Y1

Wednesday 22nd—Guitar Lessons / SATS Session 2

Friday 24th—Forest School Session

Tuesday 28th—Beech Class Forest Schools AM / Maple Class Forest Schools

Wednesday 29th—Guitar Lessons / Sats Session 3

Thursday 30th - SEND Drop in

May

Friday 1st - Poplar Class Forest Schools / Suffolk young Carers Group 2pm

Monday 4th—Early May Bank Holiday—school is closed

School Term Dates: 2025 to 2026

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 13th April 2026

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