



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our Wood Ley families. I hope you have enjoyed a happy and restful summer, and we extend a special welcome to the families joining our school community for the first time.



Our staff have been busy over the summer preparing classrooms and planning exciting learning opportunities to ensure the children have the very best start to the new academic year. We look forward to working in partnership with you to make this another happy, successful and memorable year at Wood Ley.

Welcome to Our Wood Ley Family

A very warm welcome to all of our new children, families and staff joining the Wood Ley community this September. We are delighted to welcome you to our school family.

At the end of the summer term, we said a heartfelt goodbye to three valued members of staff. Mrs Gould and Mrs Oliver retired after more than 25 years of dedicated service to Wood Ley, having supported and inspired generations of children and families. We thank them for their commitment and kindness and wish them every happiness in their well-earned retirement.

We also wished Mrs Price all the very best as she begins an exciting new career in nursing after ten wonderful years in our Foundation Stage. We know she will be greatly missed and thank her for everything she has contributed to Wood Ley over the past decade.

This September, we are delighted to welcome three new members of our support staff team: **Mrs Voice, Mrs Strachan and Miss McKenna**. We are thrilled to have them join the Wood Ley family and know they will make a wonderful contribution to our school community. We hope you will join us in giving them a very warm Wood Ley welcome.

News and Events



We are delighted to share that our beautiful new **Wood Ley Retreat** is now complete and ready for the children to enjoy. This special outdoor space has been created to provide a calm and welcoming place where children can **pause, breathe, talk and feel that they belong**. Whether spending a quiet moment reflecting, chatting with a friend or simply enjoying being outdoors, we hope the Retreat will become a much-loved part of school life.

This wonderful addition to our school would not have been possible without the incredible support of **our PTA and our families**. Funds raised through PTA events during the last academic year have enabled us to bring this project to life. We are enormously grateful to everyone who attended an event, volunteered their time, donated or supported our fundraising in any way. **Your generosity has created something very special for our children and a lasting legacy that will benefit them for many years to come.**

A huge thank you also goes to **Suffolk Landscapes and Construction Ltd** for taking our ideas and turning them into reality. Their care, craftsmanship and attention to detail have helped us create exactly the calm, natural and inviting space we had imagined.

We are absolutely delighted with **The Wood Ley Retreat** and cannot wait to see our children enjoying this wonderful new space.

News and Events

Exciting News! ☆

OUR NEWLY REFURBISHED

ICT SUITE

A modern space.
New technology.
Big opportunities. ♥

MODERN TECHNOLOGY

INSPIRE CREATIVITY

BUILD DIGITAL SKILLS

COLLABORATE & LEARN

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

♥ A huge thank you to our incredible school community for making this fantastic space possible! ☆

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We are excited to welcome the children back to our newly refurbished ICT Suite, which is now fully equipped and ready for learning. Over the summer, the room has been transformed into a modern, engaging learning environment where pupils can develop the digital skills that are so important for their future.

This fantastic project has been made possible thanks to the incredible efforts of our children, families and wider school community. The money raised through our sponsored Mini Marathon last academic year has been invested directly into this refurbishment, helping us to create a dedicated space that will benefit every child at Wood Ley.

The updated ICT Suite provides improved technology and a purposeful learning environment where children can access the computing curriculum, develop their creativity, strengthen their digital literacy and build confidence using technology across a range of subjects. It will also support staff in delivering high-quality teaching and ensure our pupils have access to the resources they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored, donated and supported the Mini Marathon. Your generosity has made a real difference, and we look forward to seeing the children enjoy and benefit from this fantastic new learning space for many years to come.



Headteacher's Award

The headteacher's awards were presented in the last few days of the summer term and we are pleased to share the children who demonstrated personal achievements and made super contributions to school life during **2025-2026**. We are extremely proud of you!

YR— Lucy

Y1 - Abel

Y2 - Joshua

Y3 - Caleb

Y4 - Xander

Y5 - Harriet

Y6 - Joshua H

Star of the Week

We are looking forward to seeing who will be awarded star of the week in our Friday assemblies this term..

**SEND Drop-In Thursday 24th September
at 2.30pm**

Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEND drop-in session on Thursday 24th September. If your child is on the SEND register and you have an issue you would like to raise with Mrs Spinks, please email her to arrange an appointment for the day.

Reading Awards

We are looking forward to finding out who will be awarded the reading certificate in our achievement assembly and discovering what they have shared on the class reading padlet.



TIMES TABLES 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



- ♥ Kindness
- 👉 Respect
- 🌱 Resilience
- ✂ Cooperation
- ★ Honesty
- 💛 Empathy

Each half term, we focus on one of our **Wood Ley School Values**, exploring what it means through assemblies and activities in class. At the end of the half term, each teacher nominates a child who has

really demonstrated that value in their everyday actions and choices. Our **Values Champions** receive a special **Golden Ticket**, which they can use to choose a book from our school book vending machine!

♥ Our Wood Ley Value this half term is **KINDNESS**



Meet Our Wood Ley Teams

Online Safety Team

Each year some of our **year 4** children put themselves forward to be part of the online safety team. They enjoy visiting classes to share online safety messages and tips as well as running competitions and providing useful information for families which is published in the monthly newsletters. We are looking forward to finding out who the new team will be.

Eco Warriors

We have always had very proactive Eco Warriors at school. They are volunteers from different year groups who enjoy learning about and getting involved with our environment. In the past they have been involved in litter picking projects, encouraging the school to dispose of their litter sensibly. They have been an active part of the Big Litter Pick event. They are the driving force behind many of our Eco and Green Flag awards.

Reading Buddies

We are waiting to find out who the **year 5** reading buddies will be this year, they enjoy supporting the children in foundation with their love of reading. The reading buddies give up some of their lunch break each week to share reading books and support the younger children.

Maths Buddies

Following the success of the reading buddies and the interest shown by our **year 5** pupils we are launching maths buddies again this year which will run in the same way as the reading buddies above. We are looking forward to seeing the impact this has on both the foundation children and year 5.

Peer Supporters

We are extremely grateful to our **year 6** pupils who put themselves forward to become peer supporters, following a training programme they help children across the school during lunch breaks. This varies from supporting someone to find their friends, helping children think of fun things to do, reminding children of our school rules and values and reporting any concerns to staff. This year the peer supporters will be helping to develop friendship areas in the school grounds.

Sports Leaders

We are delighted to have been awarded the gold award for school games last academic year, this was supported by our **year 6** sports leaders. The sports leaders undergo training which helps them to organise and run activities and games during lunchtime—helping to keep the children active.

Morning Buddies

We are keen to find out who our new **year 4** morning buddies are this year. They do a wonderful job helping the children into school each morning.

Diary Dates & Term Dates

September

Tuesday 1st – PD Day – children not in school

Wednesday 2nd—PD Day – children not in school

Thursday 3rd—Welcome back to school for the children / **new foundation** intake booked visit

Friday 4th—**New foundation Group A** visit 9:00—12:15 (stay for lunch) / **group B** 1:15–3:15

Monday 7th – **New foundation Group B** 9:00—12:15 (lunch) **Group A** 1:15—3:15

Tuesday 8th—**New foundation Group A** 8:40—3:20

Wednesday 9th—**New foundation Group B** 8:40—3:20 / **Year 5** swimming

Thursday 10th—**New foundation Group A** 8:40—3:20

Friday 11th – **New foundation Group B** 8:40—3:20

Monday 14th—**New foundation** all attend / Open Event for foundation Sept 2027

Wednesday 16th—**Y5** Swimming

Friday 18th—Flu vaccination whole school **YR–Y6**

Tuesday 22nd – **Kittle Photographs** – individual photographs / Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 23rd—**Y5** Swimming

Thursday 24th—**Y5** Residential visit

Friday 25th—**Y5** return from residential visit

Tuesday 29th—iRock assembly

Wednesday 30th—**Y5** swimming

School Term Dates: 2026 to 2027

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Friday 18th December 2026

(Half term - Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026)

Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

(Half term – Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027)

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2027 – Wednesday 21st July 2027

(Half term – Monday 31st May 2027 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 4th June 2027)

Non-pupil days or 'PD' days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Tuesday 5th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027