



Wood Ley Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Families,

As autumn arrives, we are looking forward to celebrating one of our favourite school traditions – our **Open-Air Harvest Festival on Tuesday 13th October**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, celebrate the season of harvest and reflect on the importance of kindness, generosity and helping others. We warmly invite parents, carers and families to join us for our outdoor celebrations, **weather permitting**. This year, our harvest donations will be given to **Stowmarket Food Bank**, helping to support local families and individuals in need. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity – together, we can make a real difference in our local community.

Harvest Celebration Times
Tuesday 13th October

KS1: 9:00–9:20am

KS2: 9:30–10:00am

Everyone is warmly welcome! We look forward to celebrating with you.



Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our autumn Parents' Evenings on **Tuesday 13th October, 4:00–6:40pm**, and **Wednesday 21st October, 3:40–6:00pm**. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss how they have settled into their new year group and share their progress and next steps in learning. We greatly value the partnership between home and school and recognise how important it is to work together to help every child flourish. We look forward to seeing you and sharing the wonderful learning taking place across Wood Ley!

News and Events



Year 6 Explore Cambridge!

Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the beautiful city of Cambridge. With plenty of walking and sightseeing, the children had the opportunity to discover some of the city's famous landmarks and experience its rich history and culture. A particular highlight was our visit to the mosque, which provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about different faiths and traditions, building on their learning in school. **We were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour,**

enthusiasm and positive attitudes throughout the entire day. They represented Wood Ley beautifully, demonstrating our school values of respect, kindness and cooperation. It was a memorable day filled with learning, discovery and new experiences. Well done, Year 6

Forest Schools Adventures in Key Stage 1

Our Key Stage 1 children have been having a wonderful time exploring and learning in our Forest School area! From building fantastic dens and hunting for minibeasts to discovering local wildlife and creating beautiful artwork inspired by nature, the children have been busy enjoying everything the outdoors has to offer. These exciting experiences provide valuable opportunities to develop teamwork, creativity, problem-solving skills and resilience, whilst encouraging curiosity and a love of the natural world. It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm, imagination and confidence grow as they explore, investigate and learn together. **What wonderful little explorers we have at Wood Ley!**



Year 5 Step Back in Time – Ancient Egyptian Day!

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic time travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt for a fun-filled day of hands-on learning! The children immersed themselves in the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians, bringing their history lessons to life through exciting activities and experiences. **One of the highlights of the day was the**

mummification activity, which certainly created lots of excitement, laughter and memorable moments! It was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.

Star of the Week



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

Hazel: Rose, James, Ezekiel

Juniper: Oliver, Tate, Nyla-Grace,

Acer: Poppy, Dexter

Cedar: Violet, Oliver

Poplar: Archie, Tommy, Caleb

Maple: Merewyn, Evie, Robyn

Beech Noah, Freya, Mila,

Elm: Alisha, Indiana, Finely

Cherry: Sofia, Benson, Roman

Oak: Phoebe, Buddy, 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 September are:

Ada, Feya, Ceiyán, Mia-rose, Thia, Harley, Bradley, James, Harley

**SEND Drop-In Thursday 26th November
2.30pm**

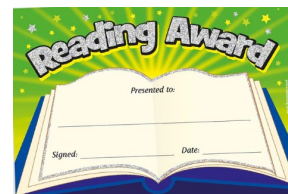
Mrs Spinks is looking forward to meeting parents at the next SEND drop-in session on Thursday 24th September. If your child is on the SEND register and you have an issue you would like to raise with Mrs Spinks, please email her to arrange an appointment for the day.

School Council We are pleased to see our newly appointed school council will be meeting this week to start their term of office. The children were elected by the pupils in their class to represent them and share pupil voice.



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.

Hazel: Mason, Florence, Ellice

Juniper: Ceiyán, Hermione, Aiyla

Acer: Liam, Freya

Cedar: Reggie, Charlie

Poplar: Louisa, Rere, Hasan

Maple: Jack, Henry, Erin

Beech Penny, Joshua, Rocco

Elm: Harry, Teagan, Neha

Cherry: Harley, Hettie-Mae, Reve

Oak: Carter, Lucy, Alfred

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

Hazel: Thomas, Furkan

Juniper: Ceiyán Ceiyán, Ceiyán

Acer:, Toby, Olivia

Cedar: Charlotte, Reggie

Poplar: Lucas, Lucas, Lucas

Maple: Jack, Jack

Beech: Dareon, Dareon

Diary Dates & Term Dates

October

Friday 2nd – Y6 Trip to Cambridge

Monday 5th – Stowmarket food Bank Assembly / Staff led clubs week 3 or 4

Tuesday 6th – Elm Class forest School

Wednesday 7th— Y5 Swimming / Guitar Lessons / Oak Class forest Schools / GVP sports clubs for KS2
3:20—4:20pm / Girls football Training Y6

Thursday 8th— Cherry Class forest Schools / GVP sports club for KS1 3:20—4:20 pm

Monday 12th—Oak Class Forest Schools / Staff led clubs week 4 of 4

Tuesday 13th—Open air Harvest Celebration KS1 9-9:20 KS2 9:30—10:00 / Elm class forest School /
Y6 girls Football Tournament SHS / Parents' Evening 4-6:40pm

Wednesday 14th—Y5 Swimming / Guitar lessons / school SMSC day / Open Event Tours for reception
September 2027 intake / KS2 GVP sports club 3:20—4:20pm

Thursday 15th—LKS2 Flatford Mills Trip / Cherry Class Forest Schools / KS1 GVP Sports club 3:20—
4:20

Tuesday 20th—Elm Class Forest Schools / Nearly New Sale PTA 3—3:30pm

Wednesday 21st—Y5 Swimming / Oak Class Forest Schools / KS2 GVP sports club 3:20—4:20pm /
Parents' Evening 3:40—6:20pm

Thursday 22nd – Cherry Class Forest Schools / KS1 GVP Sports club 3:20—4:20

Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October HALF TERM

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