Wood Ley Community Primary School

Newsletter

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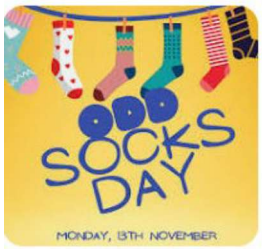
Dear Families—Welcome Back,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together as families. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and we are looking forward to another busy and exciting half-term filled with learning, celebrations and festive activities as we head towards Christmas.

With Bonfire Night approaching on **Thursday 5th November**, I would also like to remind families to take extra care when enjoying fireworks and bonfire celebrations. Please ensure children are supervised, keep a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires, and remember that sparklers can become extremely hot. We also encourage everyone to be mindful of pets and wildlife, as loud fireworks can be particularly frightening for animals. Whether you are attending an organised display or celebrating at home, we hope you have a wonderful and safe Bonfire Night!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to all that November has in store!

Odd Sock Day—Monday 16th November



Each year we celebrate Odd Sock Day to celebrate differences and promote the message of acceptance and anti bullying. By wearing odd socks people are encouraged to take pride in their individuality and respect the uniqueness of others. Children are welcome to wear odd socks to school . They can be as bright and colourful as you wish.



A huge **thank you** to all our families for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival collection in support of **Stowmarket Food-bank**. Your kindness and generosity will help make a real difference to local families in need. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together to support such a worthwhile cause and putting our school values of kindness and empathy into action.

News and Events



Poppy Appeal – Remembering Together

We are delighted to be welcoming a representative from the **Royal British Legion** to lead a special assembly, helping the children understand the significance of wearing a poppy and why we come together to remember those who have served and sacrificed so much. From **Monday 2nd November**, our older pupils will be helping to support the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and a selection of poppy-related items in school each day. If your child would like to make a donation or purchase an item, please send them in with some money. This is a lovely opportunity for our children to show kindness, respect and gratitude whilst supporting such a worthwhile cause. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Football Fever – Come On, Wood Ley!

Get ready for some football excitement! On **Tuesday 10th November, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm**, our boys' football team will be heading to **Stowupland High School** to take part in a football tournament. We are looking forward to seeing our young footballers demonstrate their skills, teamwork, determination and sportsmanship as they represent Wood Ley. Most importantly, it is a fantastic opportunity to have fun, build confidence and enjoy some friendly competition with other schools. We know the boys will give it their all and make us proud, whatever the result. **Good luck, Team Wood Ley – we're cheering you on!**

A Fond Farewell to Mrs Samson

After many years of dedicated service at Wood Ley, we are saying a very fond farewell to our wonderful Mrs Samson. Throughout her time with us, she has supported, encouraged and cared for so many children, making a real difference to their school lives. Her kindness, patience and commitment have been greatly appreciated by children, families and colleagues alike. We would like to say a huge **thank you** for everything she has given to our school community over the years. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness and success as she begins her next chapter. **Good luck, Mrs Samson, and thank you for everything!**

Star of the Week



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

Hazel: Shindara, Taylor
Juniper: Ceiyan, Georgia
Acer: Toby, Ruby, TJ
Cedar: Hallie, Robyn, Jasper
Poplar: Erez, Evie, Lucas
Maple: Logan, Henry, Ava-Rose
Beech Laila, Remi, Sophia
Elm: Theo, Evie, Herbie
Cherry: Zayden, Henry, Freddie
Oak: Kaiden, Ava, Eliza-Mae

Pupil of the Week

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

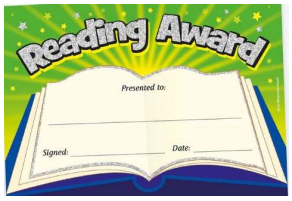
James, Harley, Ceiyan, Hettie-Mae Betty, Freya, Alfie, Esma

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.



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: Ellice, Clara

Juniper: Evie, Dora

Acer: Bella, Zachary, Liam

Cedar: Xander, Jasper, Millie, Oliver

Poplar: Maya, Evie, Joshua, Sophia

Maple: Dexter, Ava-Rose, Isaac

Beech Rebecca, Harrison, Freddie , Amelia

Elm: Meera, Beatrix, Rosie

Cherry: Rose, Harper, Isla
Oak: Jessica, Ella, Rosie

TimesTables 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: Taylor, Shindara, olivia

Juniper: Ceiyan, Ceiyan, Ceiyan

Acer:, Dexter, Meghan, Toby, Olivia

Cedar: Charlotte , Charlotte, Oliver, Xander

Poplar: Lucas, Hasan, Hasan, Hasan

Maple: Jack, Isaac, Jack

Beech: Dareon, Dareon, Mila, Lewie

Diary Dates & Term Dates

-November

Tuesday 3rd—Flu vaccination catch up. / Y6 Boys football training for tournament / Poppies on sale

Wednesday 4th—Year 5 swimming / Guitar Lessons / GVP Sports Club KS2

Thursday 5th—GVP Sports Club KS1

Monday 9th— British Legion Poppy Appeal Assembly / Singing Club 3:20 -4:10

Tuesday 10th—Boys football tournament 1pm-3pm Stowupland High School

Wednesday 11th—Y5 swimming / GVP Sports Club KS2

Thursday 12th—GVP Sports Club KS1

Friday 13th—Christmas Card returned to school PTA

Monday 16th—Odd Sock day / Singing Club / open event for reception September 2027 intake

Wednesday 18th—Y5 swimming / school nursing Height and Weight Y6 / GVP Sports Club KS2

Thursday 19th—GVP Sports Club KS1

Monday 23rd—Singing club

Wednesday 25th— Y5 swimming / GVP Sports Club KS2

Thursday 26th—SEND Drop in / GVP Sports Club KS1

Monday 30th—Singing Club

December

Wednesday 2nd— Y5 Swimming / open Event reception Sept 2027 intake event

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