Woodhouse Primary Academy

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The pathway to success

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This week's attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.7%	99.1%	96.4%	88%	96.5%	97.6%	93.9%
Whole School: 94.7%						

Well done to Year 1 for winning the attendance prize this week!

Please support us in helping your child achieve 100% attendance.
If they are in school, ready to learn, they are on the pathway to success.



Sample our new school meals



School meals provide a convenient way of providing a delicious, healthy and nutritious meal to children every school day. Where a child is eligible for free school meals, this represents a saving to parents of approximately £600 per child per school year.

In September, we moved away from the external catering provider and brought our school meals service in-house. Food is now prepared and managed directly by our own school catering team and the meals are getting the thumbs up from pupils! We encourage all children to opt for a school meal. As well as being delicious, they support healthy eating. We will be hosting a parent/carer tasting session very soon, where you can come along and sample the menu!

Thank you!

To parents and carers who were able to join us for our Harvest Festival this week.

Please support our foodbank appeal by donating tins and non-perishable food items. In addition, our fabulous family hamper will be won by one lucky family in a prize draw on the last day of term!

Celebrating our school values

Each week we celebrate one of our school values. The *Star of the Week* from each class is the pupil who has demonstrated that value most consistently.

This week we celebrated the value of **Communication**.
Congratulations to our *Stars of the Week*: we are very proud of you all!

Y1 – Saskia M
Y2 – Leon-Denis N
Y3 – Bridget S
Y4 – Leon W
Y5 – Betty-Ann M
Y6 – Willow B



Please sign up on Arbor for this term's extra-curricular activities.

After school clubs run from 3.30pm – 4pm. Parents/Carers are responsible for your child's journey home.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir (Y4-6) Lunch Time	Book Club (Y6) Lunch Time	Art Club (Y5-6) After School	Rugby & Sports Skills (Y1-3) After School	Football (Y4-6) After School
Craft Club (Y1-6) After School		School Leaders (Y3-6) After School	Dance (Y4-6) After School	

PE Days – please make sure children bring their PE Kit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1, Y2	Y3, Y4	Y5, Y6	Y1, Y2	Y3, Y5, Y4 Y6 Swim

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Spotlight on Year 2!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm Miss Butler, and I'm delighted to be the new Year 2 class teacher here at Woodhouse! As I'm new to the school, I wanted to say how warmly I've been welcomed by the children, staff and families. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming year.

In Year 2 so far…

The children have settled in beautifully and are working hard every day. We began the year by creating "All About Me" posters, learning our class routines and agreeing our class charter. Each day we practise being "ready to learn" so that we can all be successful.

In English, we've been enjoying *Look Up!* by Nathan Bryon and will soon write a diary entry from the point of view of the main character, Rocket.

In Maths, we've been exploring place value using lots of hands-on resources, including Numicon, base 10, part-whole models and ten frames.

We've also been busy learning across the wider curriculum: investigating how animals are classified in Science, recapping primary and secondary colours in Art, finding out what technology is in Computing, using atlases and globes to find the continents and oceans in Geography, and developing our ball skills outdoors in P.E.

Where will our learning take us?

We have a very exciting year ahead! In English, we'll be reading a wonderful range of books, including *The Great Fire of London*, *The Dragon Machine*, *My Name is Not Refugee*, *The Last Wolf* and *Grandad's Secret Giant*, with a focus on handwriting, spelling and adding more detail to our writing.

In Maths, we'll be working with numbers up to 100, exploring shape and money, and learning our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.

In Science, we'll move on to Materials, Habitats and Plant Life Cycles.

Don't forget…

- In Year 2, P.E. days are Monday and Thursday, so please make sure your child brings their P.E. kit.
- Spelling homework goes home on Mondays to practise daily, with a test in school on Friday.
- Please send your child's homework folder in on Fridays.

Thank you for such a warm welcome. Please do say hello at drop-off or pick-up, as I'd love to meet you!

Warmest wishes,

Miss Butler
Year 2 Class Teacher

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