

How to contact the school

Just a quick reminder of the ways you can communicate with the school:

- ✓ Speak to the class teacher or learning support assistant at the start and end of the school day
- ✓ Email the office at enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk
- ✓ Leave a message on Arbor
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Mx Humphreys, Mrs Aldred or Miss Jermy in the office between 8.30am and 4pm.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available. Our number is 01493 665314.

Attendance

At Woodlands Primary Academy we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling.

Our whole school attendance target this year is 95.5%. For the week ending Friday 10 February, the whole school's attendance was 93.1%

The highest class in Reception and KS1 was RD with 93.1%; they will be joined by Pearl the teddy in their class for the week.

The highest classes in KS2 were 3L and 4WS with 94.6% and they will be joined by Geoff the giraffe!

School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 27th February will be **Week 2 of the new menu.**



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24 February 2023

Welcome back to children and parents after the half term break; we are looking forward to a busy half term jam-packed with exciting learning opportunities. It is so very important that children do not miss a minute of their learning and children arriving at school on time every day supports that.

Even though the weather is a little brighter as Spring starts, please remember to continue to send you children in with a coat to wear outside as sometimes it can still feel a little cold at playtimes.

Next week is Book Week - a highlight at Woodlands. We are looking forward to the different activities planned all around this year's focus of saving our planet; this will support the children in understanding that books can contain messages that we can learn from. Personally, I am also looking forward to seeing all of the fabulous outfits that children will be wearing on Thursday for the character dress up day.

Sports News

Congratulations to our brilliant American Football teams, who competed in the first ever Norfolk competition. Our Bengals team won 2 and lost 2, our Jets team won all 4 games. We will now go to a regional finals in Peterborough in May to continue to test ourselves! They have picked up the sport very quickly and can even run plays by themselves when needed.



Congratulations also to our U11 Boys for winning their league match against Hillside 2-0. They put in a great team display, working together and passing the ball from back to front for the entire game. The positivity and teamwork was wonderful to see - well done!

Good luck to our U11 Girls for their Premier League event in Luton next Tuesday! They will be playing for Norwich City FC against other football league clubs at a very high standard. It will be a great experience for them all!

General Communication

If you have any worries or concerns about your child, your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. You can catch them at the door, or you can send them a message on Dojo. If this does not resolve your issue, please speak to the office so we can pass your concern on to a member of Senior Leadership Team.

Please ensure you are all signed up to Arbor, as this is the main way the office will communicate with you. Please report absences via Arbor or by leaving a voice message on the answer phone. Many thanks.

SEND update

Our Sensory Room has now been painted a lovely, calming shade of green. We're putting the finishing touches on it and then will be unveiling it!

Thanks to those that came to our most recent Support Empower Network cafe. We had Mrs Foster from Hillside Specialist Resource Base speaking. She shared this fantastic padlet which can help you supporting your child with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (such as: ADHD, anxiety, anger, attachment, etc.)

<https://padlet.com/caitlinfradley3/semh-school-padlet-epss-norfolk-zdi68qfwr9bjoy>

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Tokens will appear in the Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, EDP and Norwich Evening News. We have a collection box at the school office.

Books Books Books!

Our school library has had a makeover and is starting to look like a warm and welcoming place to visit 🍀 To improve even further we would like to purchase some new books for the children to read 📖

This is where we need your help! We will be holding a sponsored read next week and will be sending home a sponsor for so that the children can begin to collect sponsors. We would like the children to aim to read for a certain amount of time, or read a certain number of pages, or a certain number of books.

Please return sponsor forms and money to school by Friday 10th March.

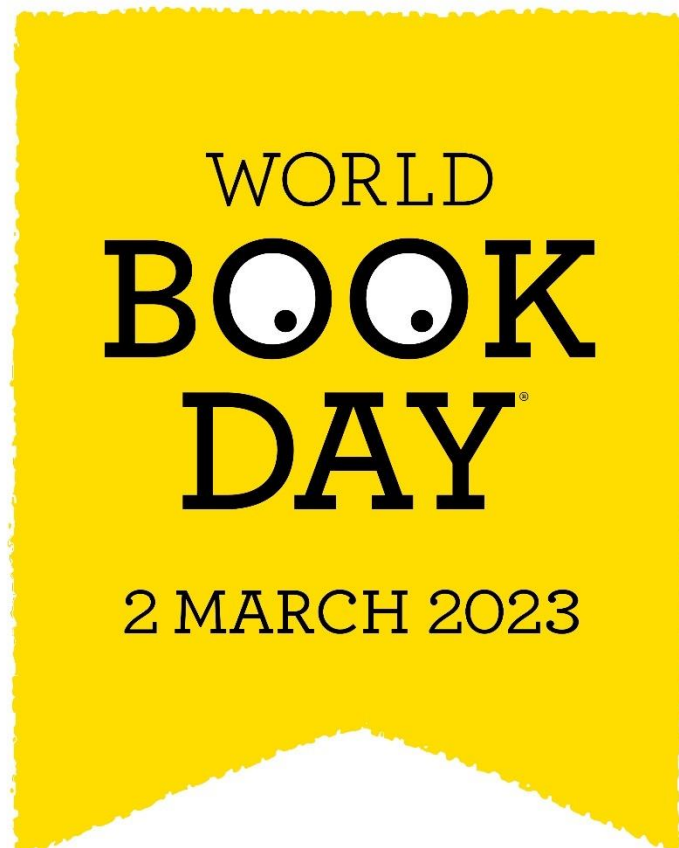
I'm sure that together we can get the children excited about reading and raise lots of money in the process 😊

Thank you for your support!

Next week is book week and we will be off timetable taking part in lots of fun, book related activities! We will be looking at books that deliver messages, and the general message we will be exploring is the need to save our planet 🌍

🦊 Thursday 2nd March will be a dress up day, as organised by the PTA. Children may come into school wearing a book themed outfit for a donation of £1. Staff will collect the money that morning.

📖 The PTA are also holding a book sale that will take place during school hours on Friday 3rd March. All books will be sold at 20p each, please send your child in with some money if they'd like to take part.



Community News

We are supporting Lydia Eva Court with their Easter Collection. Any contributions can be brought into the office.

LYDIA EVA'S EGGCELLENT EASTER WISH

Not all our residents are lucky enough to have family or Friends. So why not make their Easter just a little bit special with an Easter gift.

All you have to do is!



Buy an Easter gift of your choice whether that be an Easter egg/chocolate, toiletries, blanket etc attaching a little Easter wish.



Pop it into us at Lydia Eva Court or bring it into the school for us to collect in time for Easter.

It's as easy as that!!

Let's put some smiles on faces this Easter.



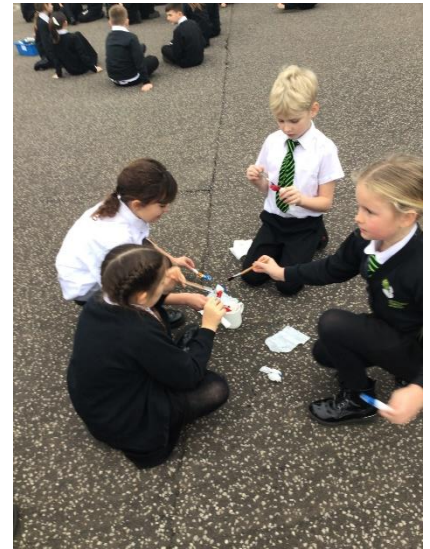
What's been happening in school...

In year 1, the children played a game of snakes and ladders for Number Day. Once they had had a turn, they discussed the important parts of a board game. The children then went off and designed their own game. Once this was complete, they took it in turns to play their game with their friends.

In the afternoon they took a trip to the woods. In the woods they collected sticks and leaves. They then created numbers, the sticks were worth ten and the leaves were worth one. They had a super Number Day!



To start off their new unit on print making and textiles, Year 4 explored the process of tie-dying. They looked at the different methods of twisting and scrunching up fabric and its effect, and then had a go themselves. It was messy but great fun!



Reception have been reading The Little Red Hen in Drawing Club. They decided to bake some bread just like the little red hen! The children mixed the ingredients together, kneaded the dough, and shaped it into small balls to make bread rolls. Once they had been in the oven, the children independently cut their rolls and spread on their topping of choice. They were delicious!



Dates for your diary

More details will follow for future events will follow in due course

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| Tuesday 28 February | Year 6 Basketball Competition |
| Tuesday 28 February | Girls Regional Football Finals |
| Wednesday 1 March | U11 Boys v Peterhouse |
| Thursday 2 March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 2 March | Year 4 Girls Rugby Competition |
| Friday 3 March | U11 Boys v St Marys |
| Tuesday 7 March | U11 Girls League and Cup Match at Peterhouse |
| Wednesday 8 March | Years 3 & 4 Girls Barclays Football Competition |
| Thursday 9 March | U11 Girls v Cliff Park |
| Monday 13 March | Years 3 & 4 Boys NCFC Football Competition |
| Tuesday 14 March | Years 5 & 6 Rugby Competition |
| Wednesday 15 March | Young Carers Action Day |
| Thursday 16 March | U11 Boys v Northgate |
| Friday 17 March | Red Nose Day |
| Wednesday 22 March | Years 5 & 6 Girls Football South East Finals |
| Tuesday 28 March | Years 3-6 Boys Football Competition |
| Wednesday 29 March | Reception Story Café 1.45-3.00 |
| Friday 31 March | Last Day of Spring Term |
| Monday 17 April | Start of Summer Term - children return to school |



Become a Mini Medic!

Date: 17th April 2023 Book a place at: <https://events.eastnorfolk.ac.uk/>

Time: 4pm-5pm

Venue: East Norfolk Sixth Form College

This fantastic session is a great way to learn basic first aid. It is a first aid course aimed at children between the ages of 7 and 11. Parents are welcome to stay and learn with their children.

Course Content:

What is First Aid?

DR ABC

CPR

Recovery Position



This session is £6 which includes a Mini Medics First Aid book and certificate