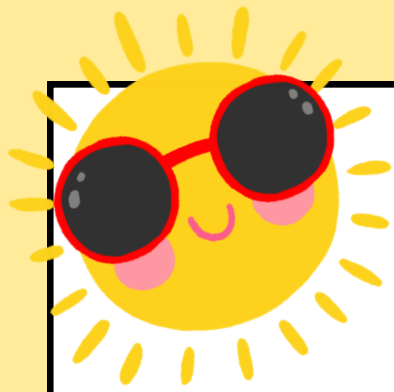




JULY Newsletter

Message from our Executive Headteacher

This year has been a wonderful reflection of the values that sit at the heart of Woodend Farm School. Our values of Kindness, Belonging, Believing, Achieving, Respect, Accountability, Trust, Honesty, Forgiveness, Teamwork, Growth and Empowerment are more than just words; they are evident in the way our pupils support one another, the relationships our staff build each day, and the culture that makes Woodend such a special place to learn and grow.

We are immensely proud to have achieved the Values Ambassador Quality Mark this year. This recognition reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our entire school community. It is a testament to the culture we have built together and acknowledges the way our values are lived every day by pupils, staff, families and governors.

As our school continues to grow and develop, we are excited about the future. We are especially proud of the amazing pupils who will be moving from our Witham site to our Baddow site. They have shown tremendous progress, resilience and determination, and we know they will embrace this next chapter with confidence. Watching them grow has been a privilege, and we look forward to seeing all they will achieve in the years ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful year at Woodend Farm School. Together, we have continued to build a community where every child feels valued, supported and empowered to succeed.

Have a wonderful summer break. Take time to rest, enjoy precious moments with family and friends, and celebrate all that has been achieved this year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of growth, learning and opportunity.

Mrs G Quantrill



Message from our Pastoral Team

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, families and staff for making this such a positive and successful year.

Our pupils have shown incredible enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and determination throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and embrace the many opportunities that school life has offered. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved.

This half term has been particularly special as we celebrate our secondary transition group and recognise their hard work and achievements. Throughout the transition programme, they have shown great courage and resilience as they prepared for the exciting move to secondary school. We have loved seeing their confidence grow as they embraced new experiences, met new people, and prepared for this important next chapter in their educational journey.

Starting secondary school can be both exciting and a little daunting, but our pupils have approached every challenge with maturity, determination, and positivity. They should be incredibly proud of themselves; we certainly are!

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership with the school plays a vital role in helping our children thrive. We are especially grateful for the way you have supported and upheld our school values, helping us create a nurturing, respectful and positive learning community.

Thank you for supporting the many events and experiences that have enriched school life this year, including World Book Day, Sports Day, performances, fundraising activities, educational visits and the many opportunities that make our school such a special place. Your encouragement, attendance and involvement have made a real difference to our children's experiences and achievements.

As we reflect on the year with pride, we also look forward with excitement to the opportunities ahead. For now, we hope all of our families enjoy a happy, safe and restful summer break. We encourage everyone to take this time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy some well-deserved fun over the holidays.

From everyone in the Pastoral Team, thank you for an amazing year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 3rd September, ready for a new academic year full of opportunities, and we can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures.

Have a wonderful summer, we are so proud of you all!



Key Dates

Wed 3rd Sep: FIRST DAY BACK

Fri 24th Oct: LAST DAY OF TERM

Tue 4th Nov: RETURN TO SCHOOL

Fri 19th Dec: LAST DAY OF TERM

Values Ambassador Quality Mark

We are incredibly proud to share that Woodend Farm School has been awarded the Values-based Education Quality Mark by the International Values-based Education Trust (IVET). This prestigious accreditation recognises our commitment to placing values at the heart of everything we do and is a significant achievement for our entire school community.

The assessor spent a full day in school speaking with staff, governors, parents and pupils and observing life across the school. What was particularly special was the recognition that our values are not simply displayed on posters or taught in lessons; they are genuinely lived each day through our relationships, our curriculum and the way we care for one another.

The report highlighted the strength of our core values of Kindness, Belonging, Believing and Achieving, alongside the wider values of Respect, Accountability, Trust, Honesty, Forgiveness, Teamwork, Growth and Empowerment. It recognised the positive impact these values have on helping our pupils feel safe, develop positive relationships, regulate their emotions and thrive both personally and academically.

The assessor described Woodend Farm School as a school with a "huge heart" and praised the outstanding relationships between pupils and staff, the compassionate leadership across the school and the authentic way our values shape everyday practice. He concluded that Woodend Farm School "richly deserves the Values Quality Mark."

This award belongs to everyone. It reflects the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, the commitment of our governors and, most importantly, the incredible young people who demonstrate our values every single day. We are especially grateful to Miss Page, our Values Lead, whose passion and leadership were recognised throughout the assessment process.

As we celebrate this achievement, we know that it is not an endpoint but part of our continuing journey. We remain committed to ensuring that every child who joins Woodend Farm School experiences a community where they feel they belong, where they believe in themselves, and where they are empowered to achieve their full potential.

Congratulations to our entire Woodend Farm School family on this remarkable achievement.



Role Model of the Month



Addison is a fantastic role model who consistently demonstrates kindness, respect, and friendship towards everyone around him. He is a caring and supportive friend who always looks out for others and helps to create a positive environment in the classroom.

Addison works extremely hard in all areas of his learning and puts maximum effort into every single lesson, always striving to do his very best.

As a valued member of the School Council, he takes his responsibilities seriously and leads by example. His positive attitude, determination, and excellent behavior make him an exemplary role model for his peers.

PE this Half Term

This half term in PE, the students have been taking on extreme challenges that test all of the skills they have learnt this year. They have been able to recall many different skills including agility, balance and co-ordination.

Teamwork has been very evident this half term, especially as the pupils took part in our annual Sports Day last week. They represented their house teams and worked together to complete sporting activities.

Even the staff modelled teamwork when taking on the parents in a penalty shootout. It's been a very successful year in PE all over the school, from lunch time club to PE to Sports Day, roll on next year!



School Council

Our School Council has done a fantastic job this term, meeting every week to share ideas, discuss ways to improve our school, and represent the views of their classmates. Throughout the term, our school council members have shown great maturity and responsibility, listening carefully to others, contributing thoughtful suggestions, and working together to make a positive difference within our school community.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our School Council members for their enthusiasm, commitment, and teamwork. Their willingness to take on this important role and be the voice of their peers has been invaluable. Whether gathering ideas from their classes, taking part in discussions, or helping to make decisions, they have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and been wonderful role models for others.

We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year and grateful for the time and effort they have dedicated to the School Council. Their contributions have helped make our school an even better place for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming our new School Council members in September and are excited to see the ideas and projects they will bring to the role. Well done and thank you once again to all of our outgoing School Councillors for their hard work and dedication.



House Champions



Congratulations to **Loyalty** House – Our House Champions this Half Term!

We are delighted to announce that Loyalty House has been crowned House Champions for this half term.

This achievement is a result of the hard work, determination and positive attitude shown by students throughout the half term. By consistently earning house points through their effort, behaviour and commitment to school life, Loyalty House secured their place at the top of the leader board.

Their success was further strengthened by an outstanding performance during Sports Day, where students demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. Whether competing in events, supporting their teammates or challenging themselves to do their very best, Loyalty House showed what can be achieved when everyone works together towards a common goal.

In our provision, we celebrate not only success but also the perseverance, growth and positive relationships that help students reach their goals. Loyalty House have embodied these values throughout the half term and should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished.

Thrive

This half term has provided a wonderful opportunity to strengthen relationships with our pupils through a wide variety of engaging and meaningful Thrive activities. Our Thrive approach remains centred on understanding how each young person is feeling in the moment, helping them to recognise, regulate and communicate their emotions, while supporting their overall wellbeing.

Through a range of experiences, from active sporting sessions to creative and reflective activities, pupils have been encouraged to explore their thoughts, feelings and strengths in ways that feel comfortable and meaningful to them. These opportunities have allowed us to meet pupils where they are, celebrating their individuality while providing the support they need to thrive.

A key focus throughout the half term has been ensuring that every pupil feels heard, valued and understood. By creating safe, nurturing environments and investing time in positive interactions, we have continued to build trust, develop resilience and strengthen the relationships that are so important to their success, both in and out of the classroom.

As we approach the summer holidays, it has been incredibly rewarding to see the progress pupils have made in their confidence, engagement and emotional development. This half term has been a particularly successful way to conclude the academic year, with pupils embracing opportunities, building positive connections and finishing on a positive note, as they head into a well-earned summer break.

Forest School & Expressive Arts

This week in Forest School, learners have enjoyed spending time outdoors, building positive relationships while exploring the ecology and biodiversity of our site. Through practical activities and the Seek app, they have developed their knowledge of local plants and wildlife, as well as learning about safe foraging, personal safety, fire safety, and sustainability. A highlight of the week was preparing and cooking homemade naan breads over the campfire, alongside mindfulness activities that supported wellbeing, emotional regulation, and a positive connection with nature.

In Expressive Arts, learners have continued to explore their creativity through sensory art activities using natural, recycled, and man-made materials. They have also enjoyed musical activities, creating rhythms through drumming and developing their understanding of musical notes and symbols. It has been a fantastic creative journey, and we are incredibly proud of the learners' enthusiasm, creativity, and achievements, which are proudly displayed on our showcase boards.



Ash Class

What a fantastic final term we have had in Ash Class!

We explored space through messy experiments, songs to help us recall the solar system, and developed our love of fractions through planets and stars. The children thoroughly enjoyed completing their Astronaut Training Programme, with trips out including crabbing adventures and Ninja Warrior, which was an absolute blast!

We were also incredibly proud of the children who represented Ash Class through School Council and those who received our Role Model of the Month awards. Alongside this, we learned about personal bubbles, boundaries and how to manage these respectfully, helping us build a kind and supportive classroom.

As the year comes to a close, we have enjoyed celebrating our children who are now ready to fly the Ash Class nest at our leavers' celebration. A huge thank you to all our wonderful children for their enthusiasm and hard work, and to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We are so proud of everything they have achieved.



Beech Class

Beech Class have been incredibly busy over the last few weeks and have been enjoying lots of exciting learning linked to our Space topic! In Literacy, the children have been using their imaginations to write fantastic space stories, as well as letters to and from space. In Maths, we have been practising our counting and measuring skills using space-themed objects and exploring the vast distances between the planets. The children have also produced some wonderful creative artwork in Expressive Arts, creating colourful and imaginative pictures inspired by space.

Alongside our topic work, we have been enthusiastically cheering on England and learning about the Men's World Cup and why countries come together to compete in international tournaments. The children have enjoyed designing and making their own football shirts and have had great fun completing World Cup-themed word searches and activities. We have loved supporting our country and celebrating the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity and engagement across all areas of learning!



Maple Class

Maple Class has had a fantastic term as Space Explorers! In Maths, learners have been counting and comparing rockets, while developing their understanding of more, less and equal. They have enjoyed exploring the story *Where Is My Rocket?*, using their imagination through role-play and creating their own versions of the story.

Across the curriculum, learners have developed their understanding of puberty, safe touch, technology, independence, decision-making and problem-solving. They have also enjoyed sensory communication activities, creating an end-of-year slideshow, and proudly demonstrating skills they can now complete independently.

In Expressive Arts, learners have embraced their creativity by becoming dancers, actors and artists, producing wonderful space-themed performances and artwork. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, progress and hard work shown by everyone in Maple Class this term.



Oak Class

Oak Class has had a fantastic month filled with learning, creativity and adventure. As part of their Space and Planets topic, the pupils have explored the solar system, learned about different planets, and designed their own 3D rockets.

In English, they have been writing information texts and autobiographies, while in Maths they have been developing their estimating and measuring skills through practical activities.

A highlight of the month was our visit to Ninja Warrior, where the pupils showed excellent determination, resilience and teamwork while tackling a range of exciting challenges. They have also enjoyed Forest School, taking part in campfire cooking, bug hunting and den building, developing their communication and problem-solving skills outdoors.

The month ended with Sports Day, where the pupils proudly demonstrated the skills they have developed in PE, showing great enthusiasm, perseverance and sportsmanship.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils in Oak Class for their hard work, positive attitudes and willingness to embrace every opportunity. Well done, Oak Class, on another fantastic half term!



Willow Class

What a fantastic end to an amazing year! This half term, the pupils have enjoyed learning about space and the solar system, producing some wonderful writing inspired by their topic work. We also celebrated their achievements with a special trip to see Toy Story 5, which was a fantastic way to mark the end of the year.

In PE, the pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning fencing, showing great enthusiasm, focus and sportsmanship as they developed new skills.

We are incredibly proud of how much the pupils have grown academically, socially and emotionally this year. They have consistently demonstrated resilience, kindness and maturity, while building wonderful friendships and representing the school brilliantly in the community.

It has been a joy to watch their confidence flourish. We are so proud of all they have achieved and wish them a happy, safe and well-deserved summer break as they prepare for their next adventure.



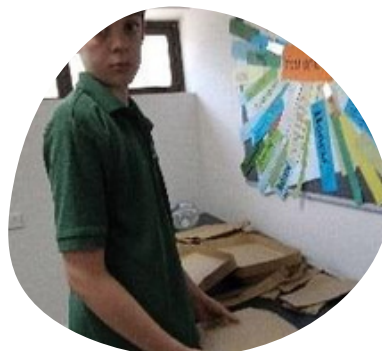
Cedar Class

Cedar Class has enjoyed a busy and exciting few weeks, taking part in a wide range of learning opportunities. In Maths, learners explored coordinates and graphs, while Cooking sessions helped develop measuring and teamwork skills as they made cookies and yoghurt loaf.

The class enjoyed bug hunts and nature activities in Forest School, as well as hockey and obstacle courses in PE. In Literacy, learners developed their comprehension skills, while Values and Learning for Life sessions focused on respect, accountability and emotional wellbeing.

Learners also expressed their creativity through drumming, art and design activities, showing excellent imagination and problem-solving skills throughout.

It has been a fantastic few weeks, and we are very proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork shown by everyone in Cedar Class.



Pine Class

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, Pine Class has much to celebrate. This final half term has been filled with exciting activities, memorable learning experiences, and fantastic achievements. The pupils have particularly enjoyed developing their cooking skills, creating delicious treats such as homemade banana bread, while demonstrating excellent teamwork, careful measuring, and growing independence.

In the classroom, pupils have enthusiastically explored patterns, using their creativity and mathematical thinking to identify, extend, and create a range of designs and sequences. We have also been incredibly proud of their engagement in physical activities. From learning new skills in hockey to improving their dribbling, passing, and shooting in basketball, they have shown determination, sportsmanship, and excellent teamwork throughout.

As Pine Class prepares to move on to their new classes after the summer holidays, we would like to congratulate every pupil on their hard work, resilience, and progress this year. They should be very proud of all they have achieved, and we wish them every success as they begin their next exciting chapter in September. We know they will carry their confidence, enthusiasm, and love of learning with them on their continued school journey.



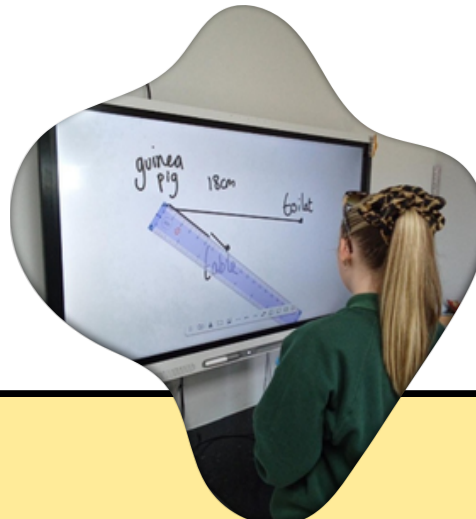
Sycamore Class

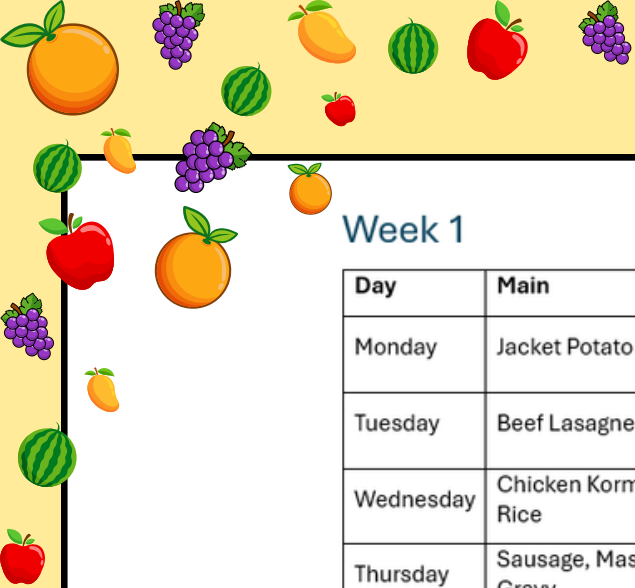
Sycamore have been doing amazing work lately, showing so much courage as they engage in more lessons and push themselves further every day. The pupils have created stunning art pieces filled with glitter, gems and every colour of the rainbow, and their creativity has truly shone through.

In Maths, pupils have looked more deeply at bar charts and coordinates, even moving coordinates using worded instructions, showing brilliant focus and understanding.

They have also been expressing themselves through different types of music, enjoying the chance to explore rhythm and sound while building confidence.

Throughout the day, the pupils have continued to interact beautifully with other pupils across the school, forming positive relationships and showing kindness wherever they go.





Menu



Week 1

Day	Main	Sides	Alternative
Monday	Jacket Potato	Beans cheese or tuna	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Tuesday	Beef Lasagne	Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Wednesday	Chicken Korma & Rice	Naan Bread	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Thursday	Sausage, Mash & Gravy	Peas, Carrots	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Friday	Battered Fish Fillet	Chips, Baked Beans, Garden Peas	Fresh Fruit/Veg

Week 2

Day	Main	Sides	Alternative
Monday	Tuna Pasta	Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Tuesday	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Rice, Salad	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Wednesday	Cottage pie	Broccoli, Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Thursday	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	Vegetables	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Friday	Chicken Nuggets	Chips, Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit/Veg

Week 3

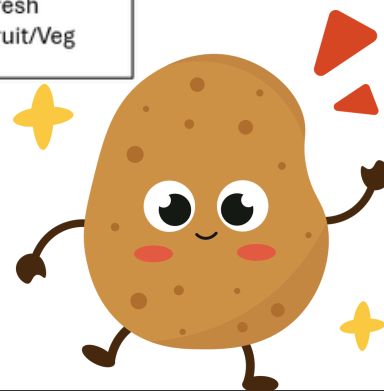
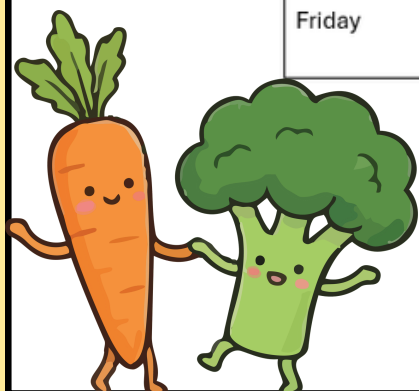
Day	Main	Sides	Alternative
Monday	Pitta Pizzas	Cheese/Pepperoni	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Tuesday	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Pasta, Garlic Bread	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Wednesday	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables	Fresh Fruit/Veg
Thursday	Homemade Beef Burger in a Bun	Wedges, Salad, Sweetcorn	Fresh Fruit/veg
Friday	Chicken Nuggets	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit/Veg

Daily Jacket Potato Option

- Cheese
- Tuna Mayonnaise
- Baked Beans

Daily Option

- Filled Wrap or Sandwich
- Piece of Fruit
- Water or Juice





Woodend Farm school
Kindness comes in many forms

Woodend Farm School Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2025-2026

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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025	75 days
	Half Term 27 October – 31 October	
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026	55 days
	Half Term 16 February – 20 February	
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026	65 days
	Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday – 4 May	
		195 days

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

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Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 Half Term 26 October – 30 October	74 days
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 Half Term 15 February – 19 February	54 days
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May	67 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.