



Woodend Farm school
Kindness comes in many forms

Woodend Farm School's Newsletter

November 2025 Edition



Headteacher's Update

We've had an exciting few weeks since returning from the half-term break! Pupils across the school are thriving and fully engaging in their learning. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and curiosity in every classroom.

Our recent school trips have been a great success, with visits to Jimmy's Farm and Oliver's Nursery, providing fantastic hands-on experiences.

Many classes have also been enjoying Forest School sessions and swimming lessons, which continue to build confidence and resilience.

We've introduced a new House Points system, and it's already making a positive impact. Pupils are demonstrating our school values brilliantly, and the sense of teamwork and pride is stronger than ever. Congratulations to our House Captains - Michael, Kai, Ted, and Freddie - for leading your teams so well!

On Remembrance Day, the whole school observed a two-minute silence to honour service men and women, past and present. It was a truly proud moment as pupils chose to stand rather than sit, showing deep respect and understanding of the significance of the day.

Thank you to all pupils, staff, and families for your continued support. We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities in the weeks ahead!



A Message From Our Pastoral Lead

The children have had a wonderful start to the new term, embracing the many adventures and experiences that have come their way. With the festive season approaching, there are plenty more exciting opportunities ahead!

PE Kits Reminder

Please ensure that children attend school in their PE kits on the designated days. This helps them fully enjoy their lessons and participate with ease. If you are unsure of your child's PE day, kindly check with their class teacher.

Student Leadership

Our school council representatives and newly appointed house captains are already making a fantastic impact. They are working hard as a team, upholding our core values, and encouraging their peers to earn house points. We are so proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

Attendance Matters

Attendance continues to be a vital part of supporting every child's education. In line with new Department for Education legislation, absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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Term Dates

Autumn Half Term 2: 4 Nov 2025 to 19 Dec 2025

Non Pupil Day: 5th January 2026

Spring Half Term 1: 6 Jan 2026 to 13 Feb 2026 Spring

Half Term 2: 23 Feb 2026 to 27th Mar 2026

Non Pupil Day: 15th April 2026

Summer Half Term 1: 14 Apr 2026 to 22 May 2026

Summer Half Term 2: 1 Jun 2026 to 20 Jul 2026

Events

12th December: Christmas Jumper Day

19th December: Class Party

Role Model of the Month



We are thrilled to announce that William Wotton has been chosen as our Role Model of the Month!

William has worked incredibly hard to set a positive example for our younger students. He consistently demonstrates how to act with respect and kindness in our school community.

William is always the first to lend a helping hand—whether to fellow students or teachers—and he never hesitates to put others before himself.

We are so proud of how far William has come and of the caring, thoughtful person he continues to be. Keep being amazing, William!

Ash Class

In Maths, the children have loved gathering data from nature, they've worked hard to transfer this information into bar charts, tally charts, and pictograms, and it's been fantastic to hear them confidently using mathematical vocabulary like "more than," "less than," and "equal to."

In Literacy, we've been retelling the story Billy's Windy Day—about a little hedgehog whose home blew away! The children used signs, symbols, and actions to bring the story to life, making it fun and memorable.

We also enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Gruffalo Trail, where we explored safe and unsafe places, helping us learn important skills for staying safe in our community.

This term, our assemblies have focused on three exciting themes: Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need, House Points Scheme.

Finally, our visit to Jimmy's Farm was amazing! It linked perfectly to our Humanities work, as we explored the natural habitat of polar bears and learned more about different continents.

What a fantastic term of learning and adventure!



Willow class

This month has been full of incredible experiences for our learners!

In Maths, we've been focusing on the weather—recording data on rainfall, temperature, and windspeed. Using this information, the children have created bar charts, line graphs, pictograms, and data booklets, developing their skills in data handling and interpretation.

Through our thematic approach, our journey around the world has taken us across all seven continents, exploring deserts, rainforests, and polar regions. Next, we're excited to learn about the significant explorers who ventured into these fascinating places.

Mrs Forkings was also very proud of the children for supporting her in her assembly about Guy Fawkes. They acted out the story brilliantly and showed great confidence and teamwork.

We are now looking forward to lots of Christmas themed learning!



Beech class

Beech Class have been cooking up a storm this week! Our young chefs made delicious pizzas while practising their cutting skills and then created chocolate cornflake cakes to perfect their scooping skills. They learned the importance of hygiene and teamwork by cleaning up together and washing and drying everything beautifully.

In Beech Class, we believe learning happens everywhere, not just at a table!

Our little explorers are busy discovering their interests through play, making choices, and using their amazing imaginations.

Through play, children experience the true magic of learning: they develop language, social skills, and curiosity while connecting ideas across all areas of life. Every giggle, every choice, and every imaginative moment is helping them grow into confident, curious learners. We are so proud of their amazing progress!



Oak class

Maths in Action!

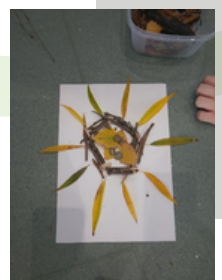
This week, our class explored data handling in a fun and practical way. We collected everyone's favourite fast-food restaurant and created a giant bar graph on the classroom floor using Multilink cubes!

Exploring Environmental Art

This week, our learners have been inspired by the work of environmental artists, focusing on Andy Holdsworth. They explored how natural materials can be used creatively to make art. Solly enthusiastically collected items from outside and, back in the classroom, independently designed and created his own beautiful piece using the nature objects he had gathered.

Designing Worm Hotels!

Our young scientists had an exciting hands-on lesson this week as they became worm hotel designers! Pupils worked together to create their own wormeries, digging and collecting soil samples to examine texture and identify the best type of soil for a cosy worm habitat.



PE Achievements

This month classes have been focusing on developing and extending their knowledge around expressive movements. Some of these movements include jumping, hopping, skipping and specific arm movements. The students have been becoming more comfortable with these movements as well as being able to name them. We have had some PE indoors however that doesn't stop our students from achieving all of the lesson objectives. PE has had a very high level of engagement throughout this month despite the cold weather. We can't wait for the Christmas PE fun to begin!

Thrive



Celebrating Positive Behaviour and Student Achievements

I am incredibly proud of our students for embracing the values we hold in our school and reflecting them through their behaviour both inside and outside the classroom. Their commitment to kindness, respect, and responsibility truly shines.

School Council Highlights

Our School Council has been working hard to promote our school values. They have designed and displayed posters around the school to remind everyone values. They also listened to their peers and successfully organized a whole-school Pyjama Day in support of Children in Need, which was a fantastic success!

Looking ahead, the council will be planning exciting Christmas activities and exploring ways to improve learning from the students' perspective. Their dedication and creativity make me so proud.

The council also played an important role in welcoming our new House Captains, helping them settle into their responsibilities. The recent assembly was a wonderful celebration that made everyone feel included and valued.

Thrive Sessions and Community Engagement

Thrive sessions continue to support our students' emotional and social development. Some students have even been participating in community outings, such as shopping trips, to build social and life skills. These experiences are invaluable in preparing them for life beyond school.

Thank you to all our students and staff for making these achievements possible. Together, we are creating a positive, supportive, and thriving school environment.





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

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Non pupil day

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
	<i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026	55 days
	<i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026	65 days
	<i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	195 days