

Woodend Farm School

Newsletter
September 2024

A message from Mrs Overland

Welcome back to all our families for the new academic year. We have an exciting year ahead planned taking the school forwards to fully embed thrive across the whole school.

This will mean that our curriculum has been reshaped to incorporate the thrive strands into all our lessons and ensures that our learning matches our children's emotional needs throughout their day at school. We have also recently purchased our own school mini-bus to enable us to take our pupils on more visits in the local community.

This will enable us to meet their personal development goals and provide opportunities to learn about being safe beyond the school gates. In this edition of the newsletter you will meet the new members of our staffing team for this year and find out about some of the learning our pupils have started on.

CALENDAR DATES:

October Half term- 28th October -
1st November

Halloween- 31st October

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MEDIA PAGES WHERE
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Meet our new staff members!



Mrs Whall



Miss Millership



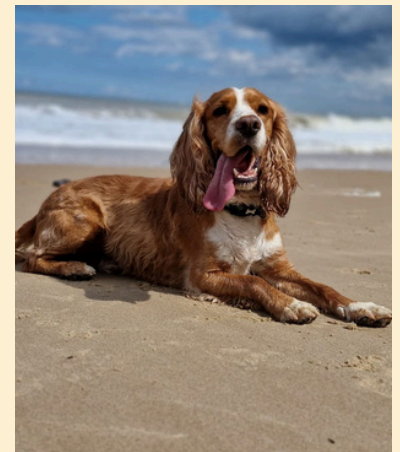
Mrs Wheeler



Mrs Dolby



Mr Bond



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WOW



Thrive and School Council



Woodend Farm school
Kindness comes in many forms

A message from Mrs Murphy

Hello everyone, hope you are all doing well, in school council today students were talking about how school can best support students and what school could do to help the other students more.

Regan and CJ were discussing this together as part of our school council and has some interesting opinions and suggestions. Regan stated when asked what would help the other students in the school, "we should get some plushie teddies", and CJ agreed and added "more outdoor games". The boys were also talking amongst each other about best supporting students and Regan said, "we are a special school, and what makes us so special are the teachers because they teach us and help us and look after us."
Mrs Murphy.



A message from Miss Anthony

As we settle into our new classes, the children have been having lots of fun during Thrive right time. We have been developing skills, exploring sensory play, working together and cooperating with each other as we do so!

The children are showing great progress towards their targets already. As we move through the term we have more exciting experiments and team building activities planned.
Miss Anthony.



A message from Miss Kinsville.

The children are settling well into school after the summer holidays.

The website to order uniform additional to what you have is sportgb.co.uk. The tab is not yet complete with uniform details, but they are happy for you to email them your requests. The children may have told you that we have provided PE kits for the children. These will be kept at school, and all have their names on.

Please can all uniform be named, we have already had some uniform go missing.

Attendance – We are proud that at Woodend Farm our attendance is high but can I just remind all parents and carers that it is important that children attend wherever possible and appointments are made outside of the school day.

A new set of forms were sent out prior to the holiday to ensure all of our records were up to date. We have had only a few of these return. We are happy for these to be sent out again either by email or home with the children if needed.

We have lots of exciting events coming up, look out for these on our normal platforms. If you have an idea of things you would like to see us do at Woodend Farm, we would be love to hear them.

As always, I thank you for all the support you give us at school.

Miss Kinsville.

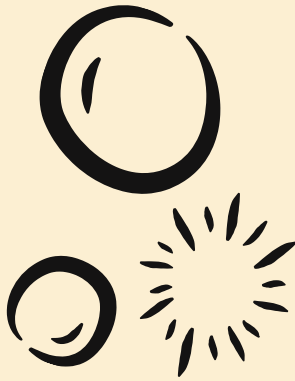
A reminder for parents/carers.

As the weather starts to change and we head into the colder months please do not forget to send your child in with coats/hats/gloves and jumpers.

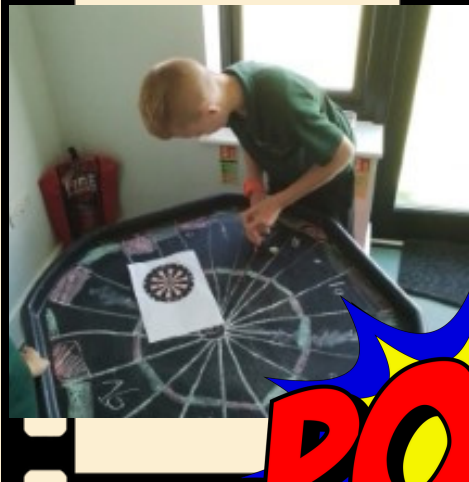




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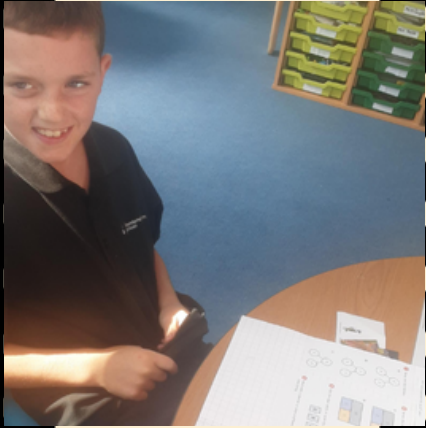


Since coming back, Oak class have been learning all about the human body and how we change over time – we have learnt lots of interesting facts! In creative, our focus has been body art. We looked at a wide variety of face painting designs and techniques and then applied this to ourselves – we have tried to paint the adult's faces too! In Maths, we have been learning place value of 3 digit numbers and demonstrating our fantastic mathematical skills in each lesson. What a whirlwind!



POW!





Ash Class have been focussing on becoming more independent with life skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed a 'Get Dressed' race against staff. We have also been doing creative Arts – making Elmer and Mosaic Art using recycled goods.



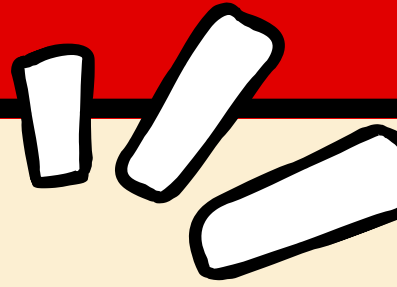
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Wow!
What a fantastic start to the new school year in Beech class.
We have already been ... drawing around our bodies and labelling our body parts, and finding out about our 5 senses.
Artists - creating Elmer and Wilbur using pens, paper and milk cartons. Mathematicians - sorting objects, counting to 10 and saying 1 more and 1 less. Athletes in P.E - decorating a pirate ship with PE equipment walking carefully across the bridge to the ship.
As well as lots of structured learning time and social activities to get to know our 2 newest members of the class and we even found 2 real life mermaids in the garden!

KAPOW!!





This month in Willow we have had a great start to the year - making our own collages using different materials and themes in creative and are investigating computer networks and how files are shared between devices. They've been really collaborative and helped each other understand the concepts in every lesson!

