



# Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 17th April 2026

## Staff Leaving

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Pink has decided that this is the right time for her to step away from her role here at Woodcroft. After much reflection, she feels ready for a new chapter, and we fully support her decision.

Mrs Pink has contributed greatly during her 25 years with us in various roles, particularly in her current role where she spends many hours supporting our families and her commitment to the school community has been truly appreciated.

We will ensure there is an opportunity to thank her properly as we approach her departure date of 22nd July but please feel free to pass on your thanks as and when you see her.

I will inform you as soon as an Attendance & Safeguarding Officer has been appointed.

Please join me in thanking Mrs Pink for her dedication and hard work. We wish her nothing but the very best for the future.

Kind regards,

Mr Fanning

## Woodcroft Primary School has arrived at Tesco!!

Each time you shop instore at Tesco, please ask for a blue token and pop it in the box supporting Woodcroft.

The more tokens we get could see us win £1500 so please tell your family, friends and neighbour's!!! We have until 26th April, every blue token helps!!

Here is a list of the stores taking part in our area:

- Tesco Express Emsworth
- **Havant Extra Store**
- Hayling Island Express
- Lavender Road Waterlooville Express
- **Lovedean Express**
- Southbourne Express
- Tempest Road Cowplain Express
- Waterlooville Express



Thank you for your support.

## Leave of Absence Requests

We have seen an increase in Leave of Absence requests compared with last year and would like to remind families of the Government guidance on term-time holidays. Please see the poster below for further information.

**PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING**

**1 FIRST OFFENCE**  
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

**2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

**3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**  
The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education'.

**10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD**  
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## Year 6 Bikeability

From July 10th - 13th Year 6 will be taking part in a Bikeability course run by Hampshire County Council. These practical sessions will be held at school and are to ensure that children are riding safely on roads.

Please could you complete the following consent form using the link below by 22nd May so that your child can take part - <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ivy-occur-fax>

## Dates to remember!

- \* Tuesday 21st April - Year R, 1 & 2 Movie Night
- \* Friday 24th April - Year 3 Swimming
- \* Monday 27th April - Year 2 QE Country Park Trip
- \* Friday 1st May - Year 3 Swimming
- \* Thursday 7th May - Inset Day
- \* Friday 8th May - Year 3 Swimming
- \* Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs
- \* Friday 15th May - Year 3 Swimming
- \* Friday 22nd May - Inset Day



## Inset days 2026

Thursday 7th May

Friday 22nd May

Friday 26th June



Sponsors of  
Munchie & Maisie the guinea  
pigs

Please ensure your child has no nut products in their lunch box, this includes all chocolate spreads



This is really important as we have children with severe nut allergies in school.



# Safeguarding Information for Parents & Carers

## Online Safety

Our main safeguarding topic for this half term is Online Safety. At school we teach children about how to keep safe online and we monitor their use of technology in school.

At home, parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time on line and help to keep them safe. The following social media platforms have a minimum age of 13:

Facebook, Whatsapp, You Tube, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X (formerly Twitter), Pinterest.

Below is some Online Safety Top tips to keep your children safe at online.

## Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.



- Chat to them about what they like to do online**

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'

  - Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
  - They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
  - Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.
- Talk about who they are in contact with online**

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

  - Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
  - Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
  - Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Help manage what they see and do online**

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

  - Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
  - App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
  - Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.
- Remember it's ok to ask for help!**

Remember you don't have to be an online safety expert – that's our job! We're here to help, with resources and advice to help support you and your child.

If your child asks you a question you don't know the answer to, or speaks to you about a negative experience they had online, here are some of things you could do:

  - Visit the NSPCC online safety hub: [nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](https://nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)
  - Call the NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5000** to speak to an advisor
  - Ask another parent
  - Speak to your child's teacher
  - If your child needs more support, they can contact Childline: [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

**Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.**



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# Stars of the Week!



Year R Hedgehogs

**Lola-Belle**

Year 1 Owls

**Dexter**

Year 2 Lizards

**Jack**

Year 3 Dolphins

**Emily**

Year 4 Lions

**Brayden**

Year 5 Pandas

**Matthew**

Year 6 Gorillas

**Ellie**



# Headteacher awards!



Coco	Seb	Ray
Ivy	Mollie	Oliver
Dylan	Ropa	Kai
Lola-Belle	Naomi	Freddie
Annabel	Isabel	Harry
Remi	Edgar	Lilly
Cody	Molly-Josie	
Levi	Mayson	
Ehab	Aiza	
Evie	Florence	
Paisley	Toby	
Dexter	Austin	

# Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winners

**Mason**



# Well done to this weeks attendance winners



**Lions**  
**94.8%**



They get to have Magnum the attendance alpaca in class this week!