



WOODSTONE NEWS

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Thank You



I would like to start my final Newsletter by saying a HUGE thank you to all our parents and carers for the support, trust, and encouragement you have given me throughout my time at Woodstone. Working in education is a privilege, but it is also a responsibility that can sometimes feel challenging. Knowing that I have had the backing of our families has been a constant source of strength and reassurance.

Woodstone is a very special school, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have been part of this wonderful community for the past 20 years. During that time, I have seen the school grow, develop, and embrace change, while never losing sight of the values that make it such a caring and nurturing place. It has been an honour to work alongside children, families, and colleagues and to play a part in the school's continuing journey.

As I prepare to move on to the next chapter of my life and look forward to my retirement, I do so with a mix of excitement, gratitude, and reflection. There is much that I will miss, but above all, I will miss the children. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, kindness, and sense of fun have brought immense joy to every day, and it has been an honour to watch them learn, grow, and flourish.

The role of Headteacher has changed considerably over the years and has become increasingly complex. More than ever, schools thrive when strong partnerships exist between home and school. I have been fortunate to work with families who care deeply about their children's education and who have supported the school in so many ways.

Parents and carers play a vital role in the life of any school. The encouragement you give your children, your involvement in school life, and your willingness to work alongside us have made a significant contribution to the positive and successful school we enjoy today. Together, we have helped create opportunities that enable children to achieve their best and develop into confident, caring, and resilient young people.

As Woodstone looks to the future, I wish the entire school community every success. I hope you will continue to offer the same support, trust, and partnership to Mr Harley as you have so generously shown me over the years. Your ongoing involvement and commitment will remain a key factor in the school's continued strength and success.

Thank you once again for everything you have done—for your children, for the school, and for me personally. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Headteacher of Woodstone, and I will leave with many treasured memories and deep appreciation for the wonderful community that has been such an important part of my life. **THANK YOU**

And now a personal thank you...

Often, when a Headteacher moves on, a school experiences a period of change, and Woodstone is no exception as we say goodbye to several valued members of staff.

I have worked alongside Lynne Kennedy and Julie Sleath for twenty years, and both have been wholeheartedly dedicated to making Woodstone the best school it can be. Parents whose children have been taught by Lynne will know how popular she was. Calm, consistent and highly knowledgeable, she has made a lasting impact on countless children and will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike.

Julie, our Midday Manager, has ensured the highest standards of care and provision at lunchtime. Whether encouraging children to eat their vegetables, dealing with spillages or administering first aid, nothing was ever too much trouble. Her dedication, experience and willingness to help others have been invaluable, and she too will be greatly missed.

Also leaving Woodstone after many years of outstanding service are Tony Medlycott, Lynn Medlycott, Emma Platts and Chelsea Copley. Tony is known and loved by all the children. While he carries out countless jobs around the school—so many that he will be almost impossible to replace—it is the genuine interest he takes in every child that truly sets him apart.

Lynn has been an integral member of the Woodstone team for several years, supporting many aspects of school life and, most importantly, helping to care for one of our pupils, who is now moving on to secondary school.

Emma has been a familiar and respected presence at lunchtime for over 11 years. Being a Midday Supervisor is not always easy; it means working outdoors in all weathers and helping children resolve disagreements. However, we always knew the children were in safe hands with Emma. Her fair, firm and consistent approach earned the respect of both children and colleagues alike. Chelsea Copley has also been a valued member of the Woodstone team as a Teaching Assistant. She was always one of the first people to arrive each morning, consistently demonstrating her commitment and dedication to the children she supported. Chelsea approached her role with care, patience and kindness, building positive relationships with pupils and helping them to grow in confidence and achieve their best. Together, these staff members have made an enormous contribution to Woodstone and have helped shape the caring, supportive community we are today. We thank them for their dedication and service and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF '26

It was once again a pleasure to present a number of awards at the Year 6 Leaver's Play and Presentation evening on Monday 6th July. **Every** child was presented with a beautiful dictionary with a personalised name plate in the front which the children will be able to treasure for a number of years. I still have mine from primary school!

The first was a Special Achievement Award voted for by the Year 6 children themselves. They vote for someone in their class who has been a good friend, been kind, loyal, helpful and is generally popular with their peers. The winner of the girl's shield was **FLEUR MARSDEN** and the boy's was won by **LIAM MUGGLESTONE**.

The second set of shields were Citizenship Awards. These are given to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown great kindness around school, helped with a variety of jobs in a responsible way supported the younger children, shown good manners and generally set a good example to others - basically acted as a good citizen! The winner of the boy's shield was **OLIVER MILLS** and the girl's trophy was won by **MACIE TRACEY**.

The third set of prestigious shields handed out at the evening were won by **FLEUR MARSDEN** and **DOUGLAS WARD**. These awards are voted for by **all** the staff who work in school. The shields are given to children who have consistently worked hard, been impeccably behaved, made good progress, represented the school in a mature and sensible manner, set a good example to others and generally been a top student whatever their ability.

We also gave out shields for academic achievement. These were given to the children who made really good progress, from whatever their starting point, during Year 6. The winners were:

Reading — **LIBBY WALLBANK**

Writing — **ANAMAE MACKENZIE**

Mathematics — **MOLLIE LAWSON**

Science — **BEATRIX SELLERS**

The next shield was an award for an element or elements of the creative arts. We pride ourselves on the Art, Music, Drama, Writing opportunities we offer the children here at Woodstone. The winner of this prestigious trophy was **EMMA TOLTON** who is well known throughout school for her artistic skills, her piano playing and her incredible creative writing ability.

We also hand out two Sporting Achievement shields. The boy's trophy was shared by **MONTY OAKDEN AND OLIVER MILLS** and the girl's was won by **ESMEE SMITH AND EVELYN HAWES**. These children have not only taken part in many sports events during their seven years at Woodstone, but also shown determination, turned up week in week out for practices, helped and encouraged younger children and often given up their own time at weekends to take part in sporting activities, shown great sportsmanship.

Finally, we introduced a new award this year which has been donated by Mr Mullins. This award is called the 'Never Give Up' award and recognises children who have shown particular perseverance, resilience and determination. The winner of this new award was **ADAM HARRAD**.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO SECOND-ARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

A huge number of families are also leaving us after many years of having children at Woodstone. We would like to say a sad and a fond farewell to the families of the following children:

Lowen Ottey, Katie Patrick, Monty Oakden, Liam Mugglestone, Charlie Martin, Amelie Gardner, Anamae Mackenzie, Libby Wallbank, Douglas Ward, Blake Cecil, Lottie Ferguson, Evelyn Hawes, Nathan Haruna, Mollie Lawson, Macie Tracey, Stanley Roberts, Esmee Smith, Toby Straw and Adam Harrad.

Thank you for your fantastic support over the time your children were at Woodstone.

WOW! ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to these children who achieved an amazing 100% attendance!!!!

In Reception - Poppy, Matilda

In Year 1 - Jacob

In Year 2 - Isla, George, Izabella

In Year 3 - Penelope, Ayla, Charlie

In Year 4 - Evan

In Year 5 - Rose, Mason F

In Year 6 - Fleur, Oliver, Emma, Libby, Douglas

In Ash - Ernie



These children all received a certificate and a £5 Waterstones book voucher. Read page 4 to see all our fantastic children who achieved 99% attendance or better.

WE JUST FELL AT THE FINAL HURDLE!

On Tuesday afternoon, in blistering heat, seven warriors from Year 4 and 5 took on the might of Ibstock Juniors in the football Rose Bowl Cup Final. The final was held on the hot AstroTurf at Coalville Town—after going 1-0 down we managed to equalise through a Frankie Foster goal (Frankie had hit the bar minutes earlier). This took the game to extra time and by the second period of extra time our seven boys (we had no subs) were visibly tiring. This resulted in Ibstock scoring with virtually the last kick of the game. Miss Armston, Mr Mullins and all the parents who watched were really proud of how Woodstone's superstars battled. There was definitely no shame in defeat! Well done boys!

Teddy

Charlie

Arthur

Alfie

Joseph

Frankie

Thomas



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS!



We had a great Sports Day last week! Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the children. We had some fantastic racing, balancing and hurdling and some very competitive running from some parents too! Congratulations to our winning team from KS1, the white team, and our KS2 winners, the blue team!

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING CAR WASH

Our Year 6 children held a successful fundraising car wash last week to raise funds for their Drayton Manor trip. It was a hot afternoon and the children worked really hard to scrub, buff and shine 30 cars and raised £150! Thank you to all the car owners who supported this event!



ALLERGIES

With the introduction of Benedict's Law next academic year, the way we manage allergies in school is changing. Parents of children with allergies already known to school should have received an email. We would be grateful if you could read and respond to this as soon as possible to ensure we are able to support your child moving forward. If your child has a food allergy, please contact Mrs. Gamble who will send you a form to fill in to ensure our new catering providers are able to cater for your child.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK SUCCESS!

We are thrilled to announce that we have once again achieved a Gold School Games Mark 2025/26 for PE and Sport! The School Games Mark rewards schools for their commitment to competition across their school and in the community. Our application looked at areas including participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone, particularly Miss Armston, has been rewarded again this year. We are extremely proud of our PE and extra-curricular sport and the children that represent us at sporting competitions and events. Some of our highlights this year have included Excel, Develop & Inspire events and Competitions, Saffron Lane (including 4 finals and 2 medals!), The Tony Moore Girls' Football Semi-Final, the Rose Bowl Boys' Football Final, Cross Country events, our Colour Rush, swimming for every year group, competitive sports days and a successful Young Leaders programme. We are therefore delighted to have been recognised for our success.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are working hard to fulfil school uniform orders before the summer break and ensure these are delivered to you. We will contact you when orders placed over the summer holiday are ready to collect.

DON'T FORGET THE CHILDREN START BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24th AUGUST. Remember the register is taken at 8:55am. Thank you.



**Woodstone Community
Primary School**

Woody's Summer Holiday Club

Come along to our Woody's Summer Holiday Club and enjoy
fun activities, games and crafts

Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July
Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August

All sessions run 8.30am - 4.00pm at Woodstone School
£25 per child per day

Open to all children who attend Woodstone Primary School
(including children currently in Year 6)

Bring your own packed lunch - all snacks and drinks will be
provided

Full timetable of activities coming soon!

Our holiday clubs will
be popular so book
early via Arbor



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVED 99% + ATTENDANCE

(This equates to two or less days off school in the whole academic year)

Well done to all these children. You should all be very proud of your attendance this year.

RECEPTION: Zayn, Gio, Oliver

YEAR 1: Ella, Hedy, Ivy, Elsie P, Elliot, Harry

YEAR 2: Rory, Robyn, Penelope

YEAR 3: Albie, Boudica, Delilah, Joshua, Benedict

YEAR 4: Arley, Willow, Harry, Zach, Lottie, Joseph W

YEAR 5: Jessie, Solomon, Masemani, Ons, Thomas, Amelie, Elfie, Estee, Charlie

YEAR 6: Blake, Lottie, Beatrix, Toby

ASH: Oliver

