

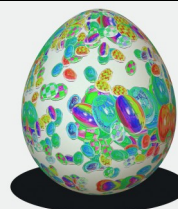
WOODSTONE NEWS

April 2025

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We hope you have a lovely Easter break and if you are working over the holiday, you at least get to enjoy the Bank Holidays!

We break up at 3:15pm this Friday (11th April) and return to school bright and early on Monday 28th April.



ATTENDANCE

Our overall attendance at Woodstone for this term is 96.2%

Our overall attendance for the whole year (so far) is 96.1% (94.5%)

It is important to remember that we have 175 non-school days so we need to remind you that holidays/family days/shopping days/visits should be taken during these days not the 190 days the children should be in school.

By the end of the academic year if a child only attends:

90% this equates to 19 school days missed! 85% equates to 28.5 school days missed! 80% equates 38 school days missed!

HOLIDAY DATES

Term dates/holiday dates for this academic year, 2025-2026 AND 2026-2027 can now be found on our website and are attached to the back of this newsletter.

Please use our website rather than the Leicestershire County Council website as dates can slightly differ.

MARATHON NOT A SPRINT

Over the Easter holiday both Mrs Leaney and Miss Robinson are running the Manchester Marathon. Over 26 miles of pain and torment BUT all in a good cause! Miss Robinson is running for SENSE—a charity dedicated to children with complex disabilities and Mrs Leaney is running for Tommy's which is a still birth charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliverleaney>

https://justgiving.com/page/holly-robinson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

NAMING CLOTHING/PE KIT

Could we please put out a plea to please remember to name school uniform. If you are writing it in with a pen please check regularly to ensure it hasn't washed off.

Thank you.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

We had a great night last Friday celebrating our annual chocolate bingo event.

Over 90 children and parents attended and early estimates show that we raised almost £400. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Woodstone's Got Talent

We had a fantastic night on Thursday celebrating the amazing talent of some of our children at our Woodstone's Got Talent evening. The audience were treated to performances from 28 of our Key Stage 2 children who played instruments, sang, danced and performed cheerleading and gymnastics routines to name but a few. We were really proud of all the children who took part and performed in front of an audience of 90 people - not an easy thing to do! A big thank you to Leo in Year 6 who hosted the evening alongside Mr Mullins.

Royal Mail Dog Awareness

We have recently been contacted by Royal Mail who are raising awareness of the increased risk of dog attacks in postmen and women over the school holidays. There are a number of things you can do to prevent attacks and reduce injuries— there is more information on the last page of our newsletter



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

We enjoyed a lovely lunch with our Year 6 Mums to help celebrate Mother's Day on 6th March. They were treated to a delicious roast dinner as well as a guided tour of the school by some of their children. We asked for a few comments...

"lovely food and so nice to have lunch with my

three children—thank you so much"

"Lovely lunch, delicious food and well organised for Mother's Day. Last one with my Year 6 daughter and nice to have my younger child join us too".



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

At the last event of the season, held at Griffydam on Saturday 5th April, we had a fantastic team of 29 runners. We are so proud of the children who have represented Woodstone all year at events like this (in the rain, wind, snow and sunshine) We also had some brilliant team performances (take a look in particular at Year 5/6 girls AND boys, Year 3/4 boys and Year 1/2 boys.

Reception girls: Hedy (7)

Reception boys: Jacob(6), Don (10), Jake (12), Jack (20), Cillian (22)

Year 1/2 girls: Penelope (1), Ayla (4), Isla (7), Delilah (12), Boudica (13) Ava (15)

Year 1/2 boys: Oliver (2), Charlie in Y2 (5), Charlie in Y1 (6), Rory (14), Freddie (17), Benedict (18)

Year 3/4 boys: Joseph (1), Harry (4), Evan (12), Reuben (13), Alfie (23)

Year 3/4 girls: Kim (5), Willow (6), Penny (12), Lottie (14)

Year 5/6 boys: Leo (5), Monty (7)

A special mention to our winners Penelope and Joseph. Two great wins and lots of top ten places too. Quite a successful Saturday morning!

KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Monday 28th April - Return to school

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 6th May - School Photographs

Thursday 8th May - VE Day Street Party

Friday 9th May— Ash Class Open Morning

Monday 12th– Thursday 15th May - Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 13th May - Acorn Class trip to Ash End farm

Monday 19th May - Oak Class trip to Drayton Manor

Wednesday 21st May - Maple Class trip to Leicester Mosque

Thursday 5th & Friday 6th June— Maple residential to Sherwood Forest

Monday 9th June - Rowan class Phonics screening week

Wednesday 11th June - Area Athletics at Saffron Lane

Tuesday 17th June - Sports Day

Friday 20th June - PTA Colour Rush

Wednesday 2nd July - Pine trip to Creswell Crags

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July - Move up days

Tuesday 8th July - Oak class leavers' play and presentation night

Wednesday 9th July - Oak class leavers' disco

We wanted to share with you a very kind offer from one of our fabulous parents. Please read the message from Becca below and if you are able to donate please

follow this link <https://gofund.me/80e54597>

THANK YOU

Hi all I'm Becca.

Last year when I turned 40 I decided I wanted to do something to raise money for a cause close to my heart, so when my son's school opened up a new classroom for children who needed a bit of extra support in January this year I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to do some fundraising for them.

Unfortunately, like all school across the country, there is a lack of funding and opening up this new classroom has already stretched a very tight budget! However, as a parent of a child with Autism, I want to tell you how much of a godsend this class really is. Although he was doing ok in his old class thanks to the brilliant support from his teachers and other peers, my son was just beginning to struggle after moving up to Year 1 from Reception and keep up with some aspects of learning. Being in a class of 30 could be quite overwhelming and some days he really found it too much. In his new class, my son is absolutely thriving - we really do need more of these classes in schools all over as they really do benefit the children! Other parents have also said what a difference this class opening up has made on their child.



There are 12 pupils and 4 staff members which enables the children to have the extra support they need. My son functions better with routine which the new class gives him. He now knows all the days of the week and what activities he will be doing each day which helps both me and him to communicate about the day he's has. He has also been learning British Sign language and has come home teaching me! I am so proud of him and how hard he tries and I feel this class is one of the best things that could have happened for him - he seems very happy there.

I would like to be able to give a bit back by helping to raise funds for whatever the class need or chooses that will benefit all the children who attend there now and for the future. I have chosen to do a sponsored bike ride from Coalville to Skegness! I have talked my best friend Charlotte into joining me for company along the way. We are by no means professional cyclists - in fact, I don't think I've ridden a bike since my own school days until now! So, I am practicing as hard as I can and I am determined I will do this! We will be setting off at around 6am on the 23rd May. According to Google it will take 9 hours to get there cycling as is between 98- 102 miles, but I have a feeling it could take us a bit longer than that although we will definitely finish within one day! I'm very excited but also a bit nervous, however when I cross the finish line I know it will all be very worth it.

I would be very grateful for any donations big or small, towards our Ash class fundraiser. Thank you so much! Becca x

P.S. I will also set up a page on Facebook to follow our journey along the way if anyone wants to.



SPORTING SUCCESS

We are really proud of all these children who represented Woodstone at various sporting events over the past few weeks.

Top: Our Year 4 & 5 Rose Bowl Team

Centre: Year 6 Quicks Sticks Hockey Team 2024-25 (NWLSSP Runners Up)

Bottom: Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Team 2024-25 (NWLSSP Runners Up and 'Spirit of the Games award winners')

Well done to all of our fantastic teams!



We held another Character Building Morning this week, where all classes were once again mixed within their Key Stages. The children took part in engaging character-building activities with different teachers. It's been fantastic to see how well the children are grasping the character muscle vocabulary, and even more rewarding to watch them grow and strengthen these muscles together - Please see photos below.

The winners last month for the focus muscles 'self-control' and 'creativity' were
Oscar Cox and Blake Cecil.

This month's focus muscles are concentration and confidence - nominations in progress.





WOODSTONE SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM

Bank Holiday	Monday 25 th August 2025
School Opens	Tuesday 26 th August 2025
School Closes	Thursday 16 th October 2025
Mid-Term Break	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th October 2025
School Opens	Monday 27 th October 2025
School Closes	Friday 19 th December 2025

SPRING TERM

School Opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
School Closes	Friday 13 th February 2026
Mid-Term Break	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
School Opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
School Closes	Friday 27 th March 2026

SUMMER TERM

School Opens	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
School Closes	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May 2026
School Opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
School Closes	Thursday 9 th July 2026

INSET/TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

AUTUMN TERM	Wednesday 20 th August 2025 Thursday 21 st August 2025 Friday 17 th October 2025 Friday 28 th November 2025
SUMMER TERM	Friday 10 th July 2026
TOTAL	190 teaching days 5 teacher training days



WOODSTONE SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026 - 2027

AUTUMN TERM

School Opens	Monday 24 th August 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 31 st August 2026
School Closes	Friday 16 th October 2026
Mid-Term Break	Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd October 2026
School Opens	Monday 26 th October 2026
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2026

SPRING TERM

School Opens	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Closes	Friday 12 th February 2027
Mid-Term Break	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2027
School Opens	Monday 22 nd February 2027
School Closes	Friday 19 th March 2027

SUMMER TERM

School Opens	Monday 5 th April 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
School Closes	Friday 28 th May 2027
Mid-Term Break	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June 2027
School Opens	Monday 7 th June 2027
School Closes	Wednesday 7 th July 2027

INSET/TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

AUTUMN TERM	Thursday 20 th August 2026
	Friday 21 st August 2026
	Friday 27 th November 2026

2 further INSET/teacher training days will be taken during school holiday periods

TOTAL	190 teaching days
	5 INSET/teacher training days



Woodstone Community Primary School

Woody's Easter Holiday Club

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

Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th April

All sessions run 8.30am - 4.00pm at

Woodstone Primary School

£20 per child per day

Open to all children who attend

Woodstone Primary School

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

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
<i>Tues.</i>	Easter sewing Football	Easter egg hunt in the woods Dodgeball
<i>Wed.</i>	Easter baking	Rounders Easter crafts
<i>Thurs.</i>	Free play in the woods Tree climbing Crafts	Hama beads Obstacle games
<i>Fri.</i>	Easter crafts Non-stop cricket	Easter prize bingo Pompom Easter chicks and rabbits

Sports, craft, building activities, drawing
and free play will be available every day
as well as our timetabled activities listed



DID YOU KNOW?



2,206 posties were injured by dogs in the past year.

That's **42** attacks each week, with some suffering life changing injuries.

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT YOUR POSTIE

- Never open the door to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- Invest in a letter cage or external delivery point to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises your mail can be suspended



Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, *in any place* in England, Wales or Scotland.

For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

