



Woodland Grange Primary

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Please be aware of our new start time. School will begin at 8.45am

Welcome back

We hope that all our families have had a wonderful Summer holiday. Although it does seem an increasingly distant memory, we hope you managed to find time to enjoy time with the family and also time to relax. It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school. New teachers, expectations, classmates and different classrooms are all challenges that any child faces at the start of a new year. We know our children are amazing and this has been evident in the smooth transition back into the school routine. They take change in their stride and look forward to the positive opportunities that school can offer. Clubs have now started (as ever, a huge array of different things on offer), trips are being arranged and curriculum evening dates have been set. The Friends have also set dates for their Autumn events and teachers are busy planning the many exciting things that will be happening in classrooms over the coming months.

The new school year brings challenge and a bit of the unknown, but it also brings excitement and opportunity. Make sure you grab it with both hands!



The Solihull Approach: NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have partnered with the Solihull Approach to offer free online courses. These have been put together by psychologists and healthcare professionals to support families in understanding your child's feelings. The courses are not about teaching you how to be a parent; instead they will give you a framework for understanding what might be going on and space to think about how you want to respond. There are a range of courses for different aged children and the courses are available in different languages. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Congratulations to our new, recently elected School Council.

Staffing 2023-24

Head Teacher:	Mrs Brown
Deputy Head Teacher:	Mr Parker
Preschool:	Mrs Turner
Foundation Stage:	Mrs Pearce/Mrs Sabir & Mrs Johnson
Year 1:	Mrs Hibbard & Mrs Brennan
Year 2:	Mrs Chadwick/Mrs Sabir & Mrs Matthews
Year 3:	Miss Holland & Mrs Buchanan
Year 4:	Miss Smyton & Mr Healey
Year 5:	Miss Smith & Miss Griffiths
Year 6:	Mrs Barrs & Miss Scott

Mrs Santy and Mrs Bowe will continue at school before starting their maternity leave during the Autumn term.

Pupil Voice

At Woodland Grange we strongly believe that our pupils have an important part to play in how our school is run. We offer opportunities in many different ways, including our school council.

Year 6 pupils wrote speeches, explaining why they thought they would make a good school councillor. These were followed by elections and results. There will be a second school council (to enable the children to have another opportunity) later in the year.

Friends Of Woodland Grange



Thank you to our volunteers that attended the recent AGM for the Friends of Woodland Grange. For any new families joining Woodland Grange, FoWG are our parents association. Throughout the year they organise events that raise funds which are used by the school. In the past they have raised money for new technology in school (laptops, iPads and interactive screens in classrooms). They have provided money for

new books (sets of class readers) and even supported us with ingredients and resources for cooking in school.

This year the school will put FoWG money towards a brand new school library (hopefully happening very soon). The role in school is voluntary, and they commit time and energy to organise events such as discos, food sales (samosas and doughnuts to name two!) There are cultural events and their biggest fundraiser at the end of the school year; Fun Day!


Without their dedication and commitment, school would not benefit from the money they raise. If you would like to get involved with FoWG, find out more by visiting the school office, look on the school website or contact your year group, FoWG, WhatsApp rep.

We have set the dates for our Curriculum Evenings. They are always the first opportunity parents and carers have to visit their child's new year group. We would urge families to attend, even if they have been before. There may be new information or changes in your child's new year group (even if you have older siblings) and it is also a chance to ask general questions and meet the teachers.

The dates are:

- Monday 25th September— Year 1 and Year 6 at 6pm
- Tuesday 26th September— Year 3 and Year 5 at 6pm
- Wednesday 27th September— Year 2 at 5pm and Foundation Stage at 6pm
- Thursday 28th September— Year 4 at 6pm

Although most meetings will begin at 6pm, we have staggered Year 2 and FS to avoid clashes for siblings.



Everyone at school would like to send their congratulations to Mrs Fisher and Mr Healey on the safe arrival of their 'bundles of joy' during the Summer break. We will keep everyone updated on other staff who have begun (or will soon begin) their maternity leave.



Parking at Woodland Grange

This year we will continue to remind our parents and carers about safe and respectful parking outside of school. Please remember:

- **Do not block road junctions, residents driveways or bus stops**
- **Do not stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school**
- **Leave enough room on pavements for any pedestrians, pushchairs, prams or scooters to pass**
- **Switch off your engine whilst you are waiting to collect your children**

The **Friends of Woodland Grange** will continue to partner with **Uniformerly** this year. They will offer excellent quality, pre-loved uniform at a fraction of the price of new items. Last year was a great success with lots of very positive feedback from families. Details of the scheme are set out below and we hope families will see the financial and environmental benefits it can offer.



WANTED...


- ✓ School cardigans/jumpers
- ✓ School polo shirts / blouses
- ✓ School skirts / dresses
- ✓ School trousers
- ✓ PE t-shirts
- ✓ PE jumpers
- ✓ Book bags
- ✓ Coats
- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Waterproofs
- ✓ School boots / shoes in good condition

Items need to be
~ clean
~ in good condition
~ size tags still on
~ no names
and can be with or without school logo

reduce, reuse, donate 

FOWG are now selling pre-loved uniform.
Items will be available for sale at most FOWG events.
Private viewings and donating items can be arranged by contacting us on fowg.uniformerly@gmail.com or contacting your [WhatsApp rep.](#)
Drop-offs to the school reception will not be accepted.

Ready, Set, Read!
Don't forget to let your class teacher know if you have completed the Summer Reading Challenge. You can print off your certificate and share it in assembly too. The challenge finishes on **September 20th**.



Recycling
We want to make WGPS a truly green school! You can drop off and recycle the following items:

- Pens, highlighters and empty correction fluid containers
- Inkjet cartridges (sorry, no laser or photo copier toner refills)

We are collecting on behalf of **COG Youth Services**, based in Leicester. There are collection boxes in the school reception area.

Diary dates:
Remember: Key dates can be found on the school website calendar (search under 'News & Events')

09/10: Year 6 residential
16/10: Half term