



Woodland Grange Primary

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Welcome to our March Newsletter, the final one of the Spring term. This is an opportunity to look back over another busy term at Woodland Grange. There have been some lovely comments following our mid-year reports and parents' evening meetings. We can see the progress that the children have made and the effort that they have put in (with your support) is making a huge difference as they travel through the school.

One example of this would be our recent Stay and Read sessions. Seeing so many parents and carers come into school to share a book was a lovely sight. Supporting your child with their reading is the most important thing you can do. The impact in all areas of school is huge.



We hope that you have a wonderful Easter Break, see you on Monday 13th April.

Open for business

On World Book Day, Woodland Grange officially opened their new school library. This has been a much-loved project, starting with funds from FOWG to not only set up the space but to fund newer titles for our shelves; quotations for furniture and installation from **Peters**; all stock taken, labelled and shelved by numerous members of staff; an audit with **Kibworth Books** who helped to organise and replace stock. Reading Ambassadors were appointed (showing enthusiasm and dedication to the role). Miss Smith has also worked incredibly hard; sorting titles, people, logistics and the library systems ready for the go live.

It's such a lovely space which children are already enjoying using, borrowing books and reading together – a real space to nurture a love of reading, knowledge and fun!

We were able to open this officially on Thursday and were really pleased to be joined by Craig Brown, the Oak Director of Education, Mrs Merriman, our Curriculum Governor, Kirsty from Kibworth Book Shop and our Reading Ambassadors.



Our proud Reading Ambassadors at the grand opening of our new school library.

Happy retirement

It is always a sad time when we have to say goodbye to a member of the staff team. When that staff member has worked at Woodland Grange for 21 years, it is especially hard. Mrs Hoult has supported children at our school since 2005 and has taken the decision to retire from school at the end of term. She has been an important member of the staff team, supporting many children in the classroom. Her caring nature and endless patience has made sure that every child has the very best care whilst they are with us and we know the children she has worked with over the years will join with us in wishing her a happy retirement. She is looking forward to sunny days on the south coast to enjoy with her family. *Thank you Mrs Hoult, for everything you have done, we will miss you.*



Helping to save the planet

Did you know that Uniformly (our pre-loved uniform store) made £161.50 and saved over 80 items from land fill during 2025. This is an amazing achievement and we will continue to promote and endorse this at school.

Thank you to Mrs Kassam for working so tirelessly on behalf of school.

FOWG update

We would like to thank FOWG for their continued hard work and commitment raising money for our school.

Look out for more events planned for the summer term, including a **BIG** event planned for Saturday 4th July.

Keep in touch with your year group FOWG rep. for updates.



Don't forget you can still make a donation to the **Woodland Walkers Challenge**. Click [here](#) to make a donation online.



Pedal ready!

We were delighted to welcome Chris and Jo into school to do Bikeability training with some of our Year 5 pupils. Being able to ride a bike safely on the road is an important skill and the children did an amazing job. They listened to (and followed) the instructors every word and learnt a lot about how to look after their bikes as well as ride them safely on public roads. The majority of children completed Level 1 and 2 of the Bikeability course.

We hope to invite the instructors back next year, when they will be able to train a new set of children and possibly offer a Level 3 course to our current Year 5s (who will have moved up to Year 6). Well done to everyone and thank you to Leicester-shire County Council for organising the training.



This Spring term has seen pupils taking their initial piano gradings in school. They have shown skill, determination and focus in preparing for this exam. Well done to: Annie, Leighton, Dylan and Imran for their achievements. Thank you to Mrs Boddison who has provided excellent support as their piano teacher in school and Mrs Bowe who leads music at Woodland Grange.

Well done to our boys football team who recently played 2 matches against local schools. They won 3-1 against Langmoor and narrowly losing 5-3 against Brockshill primary.

Thank you to all the children that took part in the recent tag rugby festival organised at Vipers, swimming gala at Leicester Grammar and the netball competition. There will be lots more sporting opportunities in the summer term.

Thank you to everyone that supported **Comic Relief** in school this year. The 'Wonky wardrobe' day went well and the children had a lot of fun raising money for a good cause. Thank you to everyone in Owl's Hoot for their fantastic bake sale. **You can still donate via Arbor.** Every penny you donate will support schemes in the UK and across the world. We will add our total to the next newsletter.

Please remember that we cannot have any 'smart devices' in school. If your child is bringing a mobile phone to school (Y5 and 6 only) they must not use it on the school site and hand it to a member of staff as soon as they come into school. Children will be asked to remove any other device (e.g. smart watch) and have it handed back at the end of the day.



A local resident took this picture (above) of a car that was clearly blocking their driveway for nearly an hour.



Parking at Woodland Grange

We will continue to monitor parking on the roads around our school site. Please be mindful of residents who still need to access their properties at drop off and pick up times. School regularly receives emails from concerned locals who have had their driveways blocked or access to their homes made impossible by irresponsible parking. Please remember that you can still park at the Grange Farm pub car park and walk through to school in just a few minutes. Please also remember the following:

- NEVER stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school
- NEVER park over or block pavements or residents driveways
- ALWAYS switch off your engine when you are waiting outside of school



Keeping it healthy

A reminder to send in healthy snacks at breaktime, please. Fresh fruit or veg is ideal. Cheese and crackers is also fine. No crisps, chocolate or sweets. The children are also only allowed water in their bottles. No juice please.



Oadby Food Bank

We will continue to support Oadby food bank after the Easter holidays. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. Families can donate dried or tinned goods, rice or pasta, packets of breakfast cereals or jars of sauces. Everything is gratefully received and will support families in our local area. Thank you.

Key Dates

13th April: Start of term

