# Woodland Grange Primary

## Newsletter: October 2026

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**Remember: Stay up to date with everything that's happening with Class Dojo**

**Keep on moving...**

Welcome to a very 'active' school newsletter. October is our 'Active Travel' month, where we join forces with our local school sports partnership (LSLSSP) to promote walking, scooting or cycling to school. It has been great to see how many families have left the car at home to come to school in an active way. We have also seen a huge turn pit for the Oadby and Wigston schools cross country race (just before half term) with over 30 children taking part! Well done to everyone that ran, you are amazing . Finally, our Year 4 and 6 pupils have just had their residential trips (Year 4 have just returned). There will have been plenty of physical challenges on these visits and have made lifelong memories. More information on the Year 6 trip can be found in this newsletter.

**A warm welcome!**

We are delighted to have some new members joining our staff team. Mrs Smith and Mrs Shaukat from our lunch staff, will be working in Foundaton stage and Owl's Hoot respectively. We are welcoming back Mrs Talpur, who families might remember working at school a few years ago. She will be working in Preschool. Finally, Mrs Gambrell and Ms Szilagy will be starting with us, supporting in Year 5.

Everyone at school would like to wish Mrs Pearce and Mrs Hayles good luck as they begin their maternity leave. We hope things go smoothly and will keep you posted on their new arrivals.





School staff have spoken to parents about their parking. These cars had virtually blocked the road to any other traffic.



**Parking at Woodland Grange**

With Active Travel month during October, there has never been a better time to leave the car at home! Thank you to everyone that parks with care and consideration every time they are dropping off and picking up at school. Please remember the following:

- Do not park on the Yellow zigzags outside of school
- Do not block residents' driveways
- do not park on pavements, it can obstruct pedestrians
- Do not park close to road junctions

**All things FOWG**

We are looking for some new faces to join our voluntary parents association. Our outgoing committe will be stepping down from their roles, having given their time and energy for many years to raise funds for our school. The money they have helped to raise has benefitted every child. Everyone at school would like to say a massive thank you and an even bigger well done for everything they have done for the school. They will remain part of FOWG, and are keen to support the new team.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 11th November at 6pm**. During this meeting we will ask for nominations for the new committee and would encourage anyone to attend and find out more about the work that FOWG do. Thank you to everyone that supported the spooky Hallowe'en dress up day. We will look forward to other events later in the term.



**Governor Spotlight:** Hi, I'm Toni Merriman co-opted governor affiliated to Year 6. I am chair of the Curriculum and Standards Committee but also have an interest in Wellbeing and the Arts. My background has been in education from early years through to adults but predominantly in Primary and I have also worked outside of the teaching profession in Sales and Marketing. I am now retired and following my passion for jewellery design. I have four beautiful children and two amazing grandchildren.

# CONDOVER 2026

We could not send out our October newsletter without mentioning the wonderful trip to Condover, enjoyed by our Year 6 pupils. They had an amazing time, completed lots of challenges and enjoyed every moment. Thank you to all the staff that made the trip possible. We think the smiles on these photos say it all...























We also need to thank all the staff and children that had a fun week back at school. They completed some Victorian themed activities including art and cooking. The week finished with a tea party and a special Royal visitor. Thank you to all the staff that supported the children during their special week.



HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR 'RUN PUDSEY' CHILDREN IN NEED SPONSOR FORM YET? INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT HOME ALREADY, SO YOU WILL KNOW ALL THE DETAILS - DON'T FORGET TO RAISE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN! THANK YOU



**Oadby Food Bank**

School will continue to support the local food bank with donations of tinned and dried food. They do a brilliant job supporting families in our local community and i the run up to Christmas, this will be more important than ever. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. **Collection dates are 6th and 20th November.**

**Lifelong Learning**

We are proud of the achievements of everyone at WGPS and that includes our amazing staff. Recently many of them have been working through NPQs which have now been completed. Well done to Mrs Brennan and Mrs Johnson who have done the leading teaching. Mr Healey who achieved the Steplab leading coaching qualification and Mrs Ward has finished her level 3 in early years education.

## Key Dates

5th November: Y4 Diwali assembly

6th November: School photographs

13th November: Children in Need