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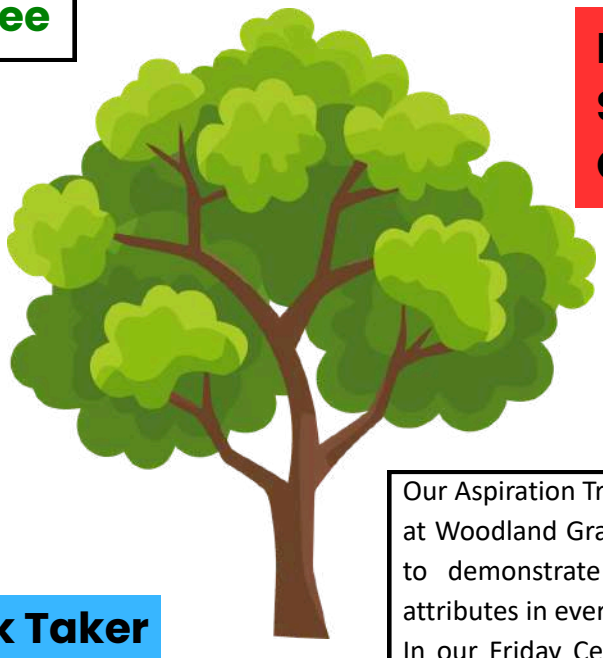
Remember: Stay up to date with everything that's happening with Class Dojo

Autumn days

Welcome to our September newsletter. With the autumn term now well underway, we have settled back into school life. Clubs are up and running, trips are being organised (Year 4 recently visited Bosworth battlefield) and your children are getting stuck into new challenges and opportunities. We have also just completed our first round of parents' evening appointments. A reminder of the importance of working together to support the development of your child as they move through our school. We hope you have found these meetings useful and feel better equipped to provide support at home.

We have also begun our round of family assemblies. Year groups have taken a festival from a different World Religion, showcased their work and shared information with families. We hope everyone recognises the importance of this at school. Tolerance of those that choose to follow a different Faith or Culture is something that we want every child to respect and understand. Year 1 families enjoyed our presentation about the Jewish Festival of Rosh Hashanah. Well done to all the children that took part and the staff for organising such a brilliant assembly.

Our Aspiration Tree



Creative

Physically Strong and Confident

Independent Thinker

Resilient

Respectful and Empathetic

Self Motivated, Engaged and Active

Risk Taker

Our Aspiration Tree is a very important part of life at Woodland Grange. We want every pupil to try to demonstrate each of these qualities and attributes in everything that they do at school.

In our Friday Celebration Assemblies, we award leaves and certifiactes to children that we feel are working hard on these skills, every second week.

Birthday books

A reminder that if your child is having a birthday this term, you can donate a 'Birthday book' for the class to enjoy. Teachers would be happy to make suggestons, if you are stuck for ideas. The book will not only be loved by the current class but for many years to come.

The Friends of Woodland Grange

We are looking forward to the **FOWG AGM** on **Wednesday 7th October at 6pm**. Come along if you would like to find out more about our volunteer parents group. We will continue to publicise events in our upcoming newsletters.

Governor Spotlight - Our School Governing Body plays a crucial part in the running of our school. They are a critical friend to Woodland Grange and we appreciate everything that they do. We will be featuring a 'Governor profile' in our newsletters over the coming months. This month, it is Mrs Sabat's turn:



Hi I am Mrs Sabat, I am the Chair of Governors at Woodland Grange Primary School. I have a background in finance and property development and have a longstanding relationship with Woodland Grange. It began when my son joined in 1999, and all four of my children have attended. I became a governor in 2012 to give back to a school that provided them with a strong foundation. I am passionate about supporting the school's leadership and helping every child to thrive. I take great pride in being a critical friend to the school and its community.



Thank you

We would like to thank Mrs Patel who is standing down from our school governing body. She was appointed in 2018 and in that time has moved to Co-Chair with Mrs Sabat. Mrs Patel was also involved in FOWG before that and has had a long association with school. She is starting a new voluntary role as governor in a local secondary school, and we wish her continued success. She has always been a supportive member of our school family, ensuring staff and pupils are valued.

LET'S GO ZERO 2030
Schools working together to be zero carbon

Sustainability at WG

At Woodland Grange we have been working hard to reduce our carbon footprint. Global climate change is a serious threat to everyone and anything we can do to reduce this has to be a priority. In summer 2025 our total carbon footprint was **349** tonnes of CO2, equal to **0.73** tonnes per pupil.

We have just had the results back for summer 2026 and the news is good. We now have a total of **259** tonnes of CO2, equal to **0.53** tonnes per pupil.

This is a great team effort and result, but we will continue to work hard to reduce it even further over the next 12 months.





Pupil voice

We are proud of the impact that our pupils have on the development of WG. There are many opportunities for children to get involved. Year 6 have set up a new School Council, who will be meeting with Miss Bedding. Miss Matthews and Miss Holland are busy setting a new Eco Council. Mr Parker is working with the Digital Leaders, Miss Scott is supporting our new Wellbeing Ambassadors and Miss Smith our Reading Ambassadors. Finally Mr Rehal is helping our Sports Ambassadors (supported by our local school sports partnership). Collectively, every child can be an 'agent of change' and help to shape the future of our school. Thank you to staff for establishing and working with each of these groups.

Parking at Woodland Grange

Thank you to everyone that parked with care and consideration at our recent parents' evenings. We know that increased traffic can cause issues with local residents and we will continue to set reminders on 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, pushchairs and prams

<u>Oadby Food Bank</u>

Thank you for your donations to Oadby food bank. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. You can donate dried or tinned goods, rice or pasta, packets of breakfast cereals or jars of sauces - no fresh food. **The next collection dates are 9th and 23rd October.**

READ to the BEAT

Have you completed the library service Summer Reading Challenge?

We would love to share your success in our assemblies. Bring in your certificate and we will share it with the school (or with your class, if you would prefer). Either way, reading is the most important thing you can do at school.

Key Dates

12th October: Year 6 residential
19th October: Half term
26th October: Teacher day
28th October: Year 4 residential

