



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ April 2025

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## Sunny days

Welcome to the start of the summer term, we hope you had a wonderful, restful Easter holiday and are ready to go for the final term of the school year.

There has definitely been a change in the weather since we returned to school. We hope there are many more sunny days ahead. The summer term is always a busy time at school.

There are trips and visits, sports days and summer fundraisers. Children will also get the chance to meet new teachers and at the very end of term we will say goodbye to our current Year 6 pupils. Let's get the term started.

We are looking forward to welcoming Spark Arts festival into school. This local arts festival runs every year and we have had theatre, dance and music events visit school for many years. The performances are always amazing and the children get to experience a live show, something which is both different and new.

Year 1 are looking forward to visiting Irchester Country Park in the coming weeks. Year 5 will be visiting the Parade in Oadby and looking at our local library.

We also wish Year 6 good luck with their end of Key Stage assessments, which will begin on Monday 12th May. We know how much effort they have put in to get themselves ready. Thank you to families for helping to support this work at home.

## 'Buzzing' with excitement

Families will have noticed changes to our school grounds during April.

A willing group of volunteers, including school staff and parents have created a brilliant bee garden next to the outdoor classroom. They worked very hard to turn this patch of dry earth into, what we hope will be, a haven for insects and minibeasts.

The group dug out the bee design, added a border of reclaimed bricks (kindly donated by a parent) and planted each section with bee friendly plants.

The results look amazing and will attract insects over the coming months as the plants become established.

Thank you to everyone that took part and Mrs Matthews and Miss Holland for coordinating this project.

We will be adding a special bench (in memory of Mrs Hunter) in the near future to make this area a quiet place to sit and chat.



The next area that we want to work on, is the raised planting beds next to the wild-life area. At the moment they are in a state of disrepair and we hope to clear the area, reseed it with grass, add benches and smaller planters to make it into a usable space for everyone to enjoy. We will keep you updated on our progress!



## Parking at Woodland Grange

With the current change in the weather (and looking ahead to a sunny summer term) there has never been a better time to use the Grange Farm pub car park as a 'park and stride' location. It is a 3 minute walk through the estate to school and means there are less cars parked outside school. Please remember to always park with care and courtesy. Remember not to block residents driveways or access to school.



## All things FOWG

Well done to Year 3 for raising the most for the FOWG £20.25 sponsored challenge, this year.

The children enjoyed their extra play time before the Easter holidays.

Keep up to date with your year group FOWG rep for dates of the next meeting and details of planned fund raisers this term.

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**Current trends** – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

**Understanding the Risks** – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

**What can you do?** – suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

**Further Support** – signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
7TH MAY  
2025  
4PM – 4.45PM**



Knowsley  
City Learning Centres

Families are invited to an online safety meeting, organised by Knowsley CLC. Put the date in your diary and we will email the link to join the meeting one week before the event.





We are very excited to share news of our elephant, which will become part of the 'Stomp around Leicester' later this summer. This project has been jointly organised by Loros and Wild in Art as a way to raise funds for this local charity. As families will know, we have been raising money for Loros throughout this academic year and we wanted to get involved.



We are unable to include a picture of the complete elephant, as they will all be unveiled at the launch event.

The trail will begin in July and we will notify families where our WG elephant can be found (ready for you to grab a selfie).

We included as many of the children's designs as we could, using the theme of memories of school (elephants never forget).

Thank you to Miss Griffiths, Miss Rose, Mrs Brennan and Mr Parker for working hard to bring the design to life.



Pupils had fun joining in the painting of our baby elephant.

### VE Day: 80 year Anniversary

We could not let our April Newsletter go out without acknowledging the 80 year commemoration of Victory in Europe Day. On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister, Winston Churchill made the historic announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had ended, after Germany's surrender the day before.

Everyone was happy that the war in Europe had ended, there were celebrations and street parties across the UK. At school we will be remembering this moment in history with assemblies and work completed in classes. The children will learn about what life was like at the end of the Second World War and how things have changed over the last 80 years.

There is a special, school lunch planned (information will be sent separately about this). You may be planning your own street party or celebration. There may be members of your family who were involved in the conflict too. Email a picture to school and let us know.

Our school Eco Council have set a challenge over the Easter break. They want families to collect 50 bags of litter from the local area. Send in a photo of you on your litter pick. Together we can make our local area clean and tidy!



We were delighted to welcome in a small group of parents to see our 1:1 pupil iPads in action, recently. They had a tour of the school and visited classes to see first-hand how the children are using their devices.

The group was very complimentary of the way we are integrating the iPads into our school day. They liked seeing work in books alongside iPad activities. There were clear, quick transitions between parts of the lesson, leading to increased learning time. Children were using the devices to support their learning and every child had the same opportunity to be successful in the lesson. We will look to set up more so these sessions during the term, gathering thoughts and views which we will present at the end of term in our Frontiers update. We will also include a Frontiers section in our curriculum evenings in the autumn term.

### Diary dates

- 5th May** Bank Holiday
- 8th May** VE Day 80 year anniversary
- 12th May** KS2 SATS week