



# Woodland Grange Primary

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### Welcome back!

It was lovely seeing smiling, eager faces as the children started back to school this week. We hope all our families had a lovely summer break and managed to spend some quality family time together. Starting back can seem a daunting prospect for some children. After a long summer holiday, it can take a few days (or weeks) to truly get 'back to school'. Helping them back into that routine is important and our amazing staff will do everything they can to make that transition as smooth as possible.

We would also like to give a HUGE welcome to any pupils that are new to our school. It is a feature of Woodland Grange that pupils make any new starters feel at home and make sure they feel part of our school from their very first day.

We will continue to send out our monthly newsletters this year. They are a great way to stay up to date with all things Woodland Grange.

### Classes for 2025-26

*A whole school view of every class at Woodland Grange for this academic year.*

<b>Headteacher:</b>	Mrs Brown
<b>Deputy Headteacher:</b>	Mr Parker
<b>Preschool:</b>	Mrs Turner
<b>Foundation Stage:</b>	Mrs Johnson & Mrs Brennan
<b>Year 1:</b>	Mrs Hibbard & Miss Rose/Mr Dandilo
<b>Year 2:</b>	Mrs Chadwick/Mrs Matthews & Mrs Pearce/Mr Parker
<b>Year 3:</b>	Miss Holland/Mr Parker & Miss Smith
<b>Year 4:</b>	Mr Healey & Mrs Santy/Mrs Bowe
<b>Year 5:</b>	Miss Griffiths & Miss Smyton
<b>Year 6:</b>	Mrs Barrs & Miss Scott



The **Friends of Woodland Grange** are our parents association. Each year they volunteer time and energy to organise events to raise money that will support every child at school.

A reminder that their AGM is happening on:

**10th September, 6.30pm in the staffroom.**

The meeting is open to all parents and carers, they would love to see you there!

We will continue to send out regular reminders about **parking at Woodland Grange**. We know it gets busy at drop off and pick up times, but by parking with care and consideration, you can play your part to make it a positive process for school families and local residents. Please remember :

- Do not stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school
- Do not park over or block residents driveways
- Do not park on the pavement. It blocks access for pedestrians, pushchairs or mobility scooters
- Switch off your engine when waiting to collect your children

**You can still use the Grange Farm pub car park to 'park and stride' to school. It only takes 3 minutes to walk to school, doesn't affect local residents and means you get fresh air and exercise on your way to school.**



### Online updates

Have you spotted our new look school website? It is still packed with all the information families will need, but has a new look with photos and videos and updated information. Year group pages are being updated as we type and will contain general information. This year we will begin to use 'Class Dojo' for more regular updates.



## New look lunches

There have been some delicious smells coming out of our school kitchen since the start of term. OAK Trust has partnered with Aspens to deliver our hot lunches this year and they are getting a BIG thumbs up from the children.

Menu information can be found on the school website and parents can sign up for their choice of meal on the Arbor app. There is a wide choice available (including a Halal meal on Wednesdays). Children are given a lolly stick with the correct colour of their meal choice, which they hand over when they get served in the hall.

A reminder to register the meal choice for your child in advance (including if they are having a packed lunch). The meal choices are:

-  **Red: The Main Event**
-  **Green: Meat Free Magic**
-  **Orange: Pasta Twirler**
-  **Yellow: Big Topping**
-  **Purple: Allergy Free**
-  **Blue: Halal (Wednesday only)**



Children will have more choice at lunchtimes including a Halal meal on a Wednesday.

Our new dinners are delicious and have received a thumbs up from pupils.



## Class Dojo

We will be starting to use Class Dojo this year. Families will be sent details of how to access their class, you will be able to login through the Arbor app. We hope this will improve communication as you will get to see learning in the classroom and get key updates about your child's class and year group. Very exciting!

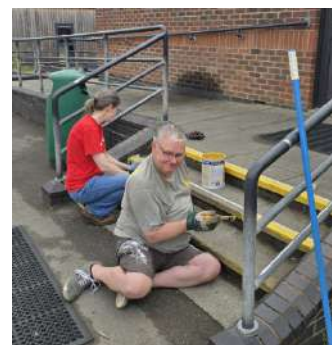
We would like to say goodbye to Mrs Karim, who has started a new job this term. She has worked at Woodland Grange for 3 years, and has been a valuable member of the our staff team. Good luck in your new role.

Thank you to all families for ensuring their child arrives on time for the start of the school day. It is very important to be on site for 8.45am, as lessons begin straight away and key learning time will be missed.



We were delighted to welcome a group of volunteers from Santander over the summer break. They supported Mr Juneja around the site, cleaning and clearing the outdoor space, painting steps and working on the school field. Their hard work was really appreciated.

Some pictures of our willing band of volunteers from Santander, helping Mr Juneja get the school site ready for the start of term.







## Birthday Books

We would like to remind families that we will **not** be able to give out sweets or chocolate for Birthday treats at school. Instead we would ask families to donate a book to the class. The books will be enjoyed by the class during the school year and future cohorts.



## UNIFORM DONATIONS WANTED

### Items with the school logo:

-  School cardigans/ jumpers
-  PE t-shirts
-  PE jumpers
-  Book bags



### Items need to be

- ~ clean
- ~ in good, reusable condition (no holes, paint/pen marks etc)
- ~ size label attached
- ~ nametags removed

Donating items & purchasing options can be arranged by contacting us on [fowg.uniformerly@gmail.com](mailto:fowg.uniformerly@gmail.com).  
Donations to the school reception or to pre-school will not be accepted.

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## Helping out

We will continue to support Oadby food bank this year. The collection box is located near the main entrance and they can accept dried/tinned goods, rice/pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces, no fresh food please. **The food bank is open on Fridays between 11.30 and 12.30. It is located at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church. The next collection dates will be 12th and 26th of September.**



Don't forget: You can still email in your 'elephant selfie' to school. If you're visiting High Cross, go and find Woody our **Loros** elephant!



## Key Dates

- 1/9:** Clubs start
- 8/9:** Full time start for EYFS children
- 10/9:** FOWG AGM
- 9/10:** Half term