



Woodland Grange Primary

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Out and about

There have been lots of school trips and visits in recent weeks, with year groups making the most of these final weeks of the school year. School trips are a key part of our provision at Woodland Grange. They offer the children an opportunity to build memories that will outlast many other aspects of school life. As adults we still remember a trip to see... They can bring learning to life and promote confidence and independence.

It always makes us feel proud when we get positive feedback from the general public, when the children are out of school. Year 5 have been out of school twice during June. One trip to the RSC at Stratford and a separate visit to a local Synagogue and Mosque. The school received very positive feedback about the behaviour of your children on both of these occasions. Year 6 went to Twinlakes theme park for the day (an end of year treat). The school adults had lovely comments passed back from other visiting families. Year 2 went to Attenborough Arboretum as part of their science topic too. The children had a brilliant time learning about different natural habitats.

We hope you feel just as proud of your children when they are out and about as we do. Here's to more trips in 2025-26!



Sporting headlines

Well done to our cricket teams that played in an inter-school competition at Countesthorpe Cricket club. We had a separate boys and girls team (made up from Year 5 and 6 pupils) who competed against other Leicestershire Schools. Congratulations to the girls team who were overall winners and got the chance to play in the finals at Grace road.

In tennis we had a fantastic KS2 team that made it to the area finals. The team competed against other schools and played some fantastic matches.

Congratulations to everyone that represented the school at the area athletics event at the Saffron Lane stadium. The children competed in running, throwing and jumping events. There was a brilliant team spirit and everyone supported their classmates really well.

In football our boys team ran out a convincing win against Langmoor 6-0. The girls played a match, losing narrowly 1-0 against Brocks Hill.

Well done to all the girls that went to the football festival at Wigston Academy. There were 47 girls that went along to the event, an incredible number. They had some skills sessions and drills before playing some mini matches. We look forward to many of them continuing with their football journey, making up our girl's teams of the future. Finally, thank you to all the pupils that attended a KS1 multi skills event at Gartree. Lots of fun was had by all, trying out different activities.

Parking

Thank you to all parents who have parked with care and consideration throughout this academic year. We understand that it can get very busy outside school at key times, but will continue to challenge families that are not remembering the following points:

- **Do not park on the yellow zig zags outside of school**
- **Do not 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**

Please remember: You can park in the **Grange Farm pub car park** and walk through to school. It's a 3 minute walk and means everyone can get some exercise on the way to/from school.

Rule 250 of the Highway code states that 'cars park at least 10 metres (32 feet) away from any junction, close to the kerb and facing in the direction of the traffic flow.'



FOWG News

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to say thank you to everyone that has helped with FOWG. The Friends have organised many events during the academic year, helping to raise money that will benefit every child at Woodland Grange. Their final meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday 3rd July, starting at 2pm in the staffroom. FOWG would love to see you there.



We can now share with families that Woody the Woodland Grange elephant will be getting used to a new (temporary) home in Highcross Shopping Centre over the summer holidays. The elephant was decorated by staff and pupils as part of the Stomp around Leicester event, organised by Loros.

We can't wait to see him in his new surroundings and hope that he gets lots of visitors over the summer break. Why not take a selfie when you visit and send it into school? We will make a display of your photos in school, ready for the new school year. More information can be found [here](#), on the official website.

Summer reading challenge

Have you heard about this year's summer reading challenge? Each year Leicestershire libraries encourage children to continue their reading over the summer holidays. The challenge could not be simpler, all the information can be found [here](#). Sign up online or at the library (it's free) then choose some books to read. Earn rewards as you finish each book and claim your certificate once you complete the challenge. Last year the scheme reached close to 700,000 children across the UK, this year we want even more children to sign up and complete the challenge.

We are very lucky to have a brilliant library on our doorstep. We know lots of the children are already members and it would be amazing to get a few more over the summer break. So, sign up for the scheme today; get reading and earning those rewards. You can bring in your certificate after the holidays and share it in assembly too!



Our victorious house captains with the Sports day trophy.



Keeping it sporty, keeping it fun!

We hope everyone enjoyed supporting the children at Sport day this year. Well done to the **Rabbits**, who came out as our overall house winners. It was incredibly hot over the 2 days, but that didn't put off the children from having a brilliant time (or families coming to cheer everyone on). Year 5 and 6 pupils were amazing helpers for the KS1 and EYFS events. Encouraging and helpful, they were perfect role models for the younger children. There were lots of wonderful events and a great team spirit shone through each event. Sports day is all about having fun with your peer group. Having the confidence to try something new and the resilience to try again if you are not successful the first time. Cheering on your team and not being disappointed is most important. *Thank you to any family members that took part in the parent's races. In such hot conditions, it was a brave decision!*



Let there be music!

We know that families will agree with us when we say that the recent musical showcase performance in school was absolutely amazing! Listening to over **45** children perform pieces on the guitar, piano or violin was beautiful. From children that have been playing for a few years to children that have just started, everyone did a brilliant job and we were proud of every child that took part. The choir also performed a few songs during the performance which was also lovely to listen to.

A special thank you to Mrs Bowe and Mrs Fisher for organising the event and to all of our music teachers for providing these opportunities for our pupils.

A reminder that any unclaimed school uniform/lost property will be donated to charity or disposed of at the end of term. If you have any missing items, please check cloakrooms or the lost property boxes near the Year 2 steps. Thank you.



THANKYOU

We would like to thank all staff who have helped to support or run a club this year. School clubs form an important part of our extra curricular offer and without the commitment from staff, they simply would not be possible. There is a wide range of clubs, open to children across the school and this is only possible because of the amazing staff (and volunteers). Thank you!

Oadby Food Bank

We will continue to support Oadby food bank after the summer break. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. Donations of dried/tinned goods, bags of rice, pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces are welcome, no fresh food please. **Oadby 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 4th and 18th July.**

Diary dates

1st July	Teddy bears picnic
4th July	Reports home
9th July	End of term