



Woodland Grange Primary

NEWSLETTER: November 2025

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Frosty days

Welcome to our November newsletter. The temperature has certainly dropped in recent days, winter is here!

It was lovely to welcome so many family members in for decorations day again this year. The results look amazing and school is now looking very festive indeed. With practises for performances and concerts well under way, children learning lines and lyrics for songs, it is clear that the end of term is not far away. We are looking forward to sharing the results with you over the coming weeks.

Parking

Thank you for your support with parking outside of school. Please remember:

- **NEVER** stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school
- **NEVER** park over or block pavements or residents driveways
- **ALWAYS** switch off your engine when you are waiting outside of school

The car park at the Grange Farm pub car park can be used as a 'park and stride' location. It's only a 3 minute walk to school, and won't impact on local residents. It also means everyone gets some fresh air and exercise on the way to school.

Email in any pictures of poor parking (to the office) and we will continue to add them to our newsletters.



Children in Need 2025

A HUGE thank you to everyone that supported this year's Children in Need appeal. It is a feature of our school that every November we think about children across the UK who are not as lucky as us. Children that don't have the basics at home, children that are young carers or children that are living with

disability or impairment.

So far, this year's school total is **£429**. Every penny will go to support projects across the UK, providing support to millions of families. Our **W** or **G** day was a great success and there were lots of creative costumes from the children and the staff.

Thank you!

Attendance

As we move into December, it is a chance to reflect on our attendance figures for the autumn term. Currently, we have a whole school attendance figure of 97.85% which is brilliant. As you can see from the table some year groups have a figure that is higher. We will continue to monitor attendance every month. We know there are lots of winter bugs going around at the moment, but also recognise that poor attendance at school can make a difference in the attainment and progress that your child may make as they travel through our school.

FOWG News



Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Hallowe'en discos in October. They were a great success and raised lots of money for school (check amount raised).

The next planned FOWG event is going to be a **Winter Fair** on **15th December**. There will be games and stalls, entertainments, refreshments (and a special visitor too!) Look out for further details including getting your tickets. Don't forget to keep up to date with your FOWG reps, including dates of future meetings.

Sporting Headlines

It has been a busy month for sport at school. We sent a group of children to have a go at wheelchair basketball at Kibworth Mead. It was a wonderful opportunity and everyone had a brilliant time.

Well done to our girls table tennis team. They took part in the area finals at Knighton table tennis club. They did incredibly, narrowly finishing third. This means we are the third best team in the whole county, amazing! Their team spirit and attitude was also exemplary.

In football, we were narrowly knocked out of the Rice Bowl trophy for 2025, but the team are looking ahead to future matches.

Finally, well done to Aadi who was a mascot for West Ham's match against Burnley, amazing!

Attendance by year group (to end of October 2025)

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| EYFS: | 96.2% |
| Year 1: | 97.94% |
| Year 2: | 97.76% |
| Year 3: | 98.29% |
| Year 4: | 98.54% |
| Year 5: | 98.37% |
| Year 6: | 97.52% |

Nationally, the average attendance (to date) is 95.42%. Currently, every year group at WG is above that figure.



Year 4 residential

These pictures show how much fun Year 4 had on their recent residential trip to Caythorpe Court. They had a go at some amazing activities, completing challenges and, most importantly, had a lot of fun!



Applying for a school place in 2026

A reminder to all parents about applying for a primary school for September 2026. The deadline to apply for a primary or first school place is 15 January 2026. Families should apply online, click [here](#) for a handy checklist. You can apply via Parent Portal at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions. Remember the following:

- List at least 3 and up to 5 schools including one in their catchment area, to give the best chance of securing a local place.
- Check their order of preferences carefully before submitting
- Press resubmit if any changes are made to the application
- Applications submitted after 15 January will be processed after those made on time, which may reduce the chance of receiving a preferred school place.

Parents can download the school application checklist from our website to help them stay organised and ensure all steps are completed before the deadline. For more information visit <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/apply-for-a-school-place/parent-portal-for-school-applications>.

Making a difference this Christmas

We are supporting the Oadby Food Bank Advent collection, please see the recent message on Class Dojo, along with the list of items that they are collecting. Food banks are an important part of our community and the support they offer to families is invaluable. Please drop off any items at the school office or add them to our collection box. **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 5th and 19th of December.**

Key Dates

4th December: Pupil immunisations

9th & 11th December: EYFS Nativity

17th December: Year 3 and 6 at St Peter's Church

19th December: End of term