



# Woodland Grange Primary

## NEWSLETTER: February 2026

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**Welcome to our February newsletter, rounding up another busy month at Woodland Grange.**

Firstly, as we enter the month of Ramadan, we extend our warmest wishes to all our students, families, and staff who are observing. As we welcome the new Lunar year, we hope that families celebrating have a happy, healthy and successful twelve months.

Both of these occasions remind us that this is time for reflection, compassion and gratitude for all that we have and hope to be in the coming months. An important message for everyone to remember.

We are in the middle of our Spring parent's evening appointments and we hope that you have found them useful and constructive. These follow our mid-year reports, which will give you an indication of the progress that your children will have made during the current academic year. It is important to congratulate them on the hard work they have put in, as well as look ahead to what they can achieve with the remaining weeks and months.

Sporting Headlines

We have had a lot of competitions taking place during the Spring term. Well done to everyone that has represented our school, you have been amazing.

We sent a team to the Oadby and Wigston basketball competition. There was a mixed KS2 team who played well in all their matches, with a great team spirit.

We had a Year 6 and Year 4 team take part in dodgeball tournaments. They came away with a 'Spirit of the Games' award; given to schools who display positive attributes in competitions (see below).



In gymnastics we had teams from across KS2 entering the different levels of the competition. We had some third place finishers and a wonderful time was had by all the gymnasts.

Finally, we have 6 pupils taking part in the Leics Schools Cross Country finals at Rutland Water on Saturday 28th February. We hope you have a great time and enjoy the race!

**A fresh, new look**

Families will no doubt have spotted the new school vehicle gates and fencing, following the damage earlier in the year. These look very smart, especially the new look outer gates. It also means that our site has returned to it's former glory.

We are also getting our fox repaired (as we write) and we hope to have it installed as soon as it is fixed.

We are also hoping to get Woody (our LOROS elephant) added to the same spot, so the fox will have a new friend! Our Eco Council are also going to make the entrance even more beautiful by planting up some Spring flowers and native bluebells. We think they will look wonderful.



**Taking a BIG step...**



An intrepid group of school staff will shortly be taking on a challenge for a very good cause. They will be completing a 16 mile hike across the 3 peaks of Leicestershire: Bardon Hill, Old John Tower, and Beacon Hill. The walk has been organised by Elite Adventures and they are looking forward to completing this tough adventure! They will be joining other teams, raising money for **Leicester Hospital Charities: Ward 27**, for the incredible work they have done supporting a wonderful little girl at our school who is fighting Leukaemia.

The team have set up a fundraising page for their challenge, which you can access [here](#).

We wish them good luck and will keep you updated on their progress before the challenge in May.

All about FOWG



The Friends of Woodland Grange are our voluntary parent's group. They organise events to raise funds for our school. Money that will benefit every child that comes to Woodland Grange. Thank you to everyone that took part in 'Wear what you love day' on Friday. The children looked amazing and enjoyed coming to school in their favourite clothes. Keep up to date with your WhatsApp reps for details of the next meeting.



# TACKLING THE SCREENDEMIC

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Woodland Grange Primary School

Dr Sanjiv Nichani OBE: Senior  
Consultant Paediatrician & author of  
'Movement is medicine'

Families may have already signed up, but we want to remind everyone that we are organising a Screendemic event at school. Details are on the flyer (see left) and you can sign up online [here](#). We are welcoming back Dr Nichani to share his thoughts on extended screen time and social media as well as talk about the importance of physical exercise. Please share the link with families in other schools, we want to encourage everyone to attend.



Well done to a group of our pupils who got involved in the Midland Langar Seva Society, a non-profit charity that help families in the UK and across the World. The children collected food items for our local community. Doing their part to support those facing hardship and poverty. Everyone at school is incredibly proud of their hard work. What a wonderful way to support those in need. Thank you to all the families involved.

### Move it March

Next month sees the return of 'Move it March'. The aim of the project (organised by LSLSSP, our school sports partnership) is to encourage children and young people to become more physically active, working towards at least 60 minutes of exercise every day. Children can log their physical activity on their tracker, anything in or out of school counts. We want as many children to get to Platinum (1000 minutes) during the month. Staff can also join in the fun. Come on WG, GO FOR IT!



### Parking at Woodland Grange

We take parking outside our school very seriously and will continue to tackle irresponsible parking whenever we see it. We understand that drop offs and pick ups can be tricky, however parking at the Grange Farm pub car park and walking through will add no extra time (once you have found a space) and is better for your health and the environment. Please remember the following points:

- **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

**School staff will continue to monitor parking outside and issue 'parking reminder tickets'.**

We would like to remind parents and carers that all children should have a pair of plimsolls in school to wear as their indoor shoes. With the extended wet weather, the classrooms have become muddy with children wearing outdoor shoes inside. We want to keep them as clean as possible and plimsolls can help with this, thank you.



### Mobile phones in school

A reminder that the only pupils allowed to bring a mobile phone to school are Year 5 or 6. The device cannot be used on the school site and must hand in their phone to staff as soon as they come into school. They will get their device back at the end of the day and it must not be used until they have left the school site.

### The gift of a book

A reminder if your child has a Birthday coming this term, you can donate a book to the class as a gift for everyone to share. Staff will not be able to accept sweets or chocolate as gifts for the class.



### Oadby Food Bank

Thank you for your kind donations to the Oadby Food Bank. They provide an important service to support families who are struggling to provide some of the basics for their families. Our collection box is located near the main entrance and donations of dried/tinned goods, rice/pasta, breakfast cereals or jars of sauces will all be gratefully received. No fresh food please. **The next collection date is 13th March.**

### Key Dates

- 2/3: Class photos
- 4/3: Parents evening
- 5/3: World Book Day
- 20/3: Comic Relief
- 27/3: End of term