



# Woodland Grange Primary

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### 'It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.'

*Sonny Green*

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026, a brand new year full of positivity, promise and expectation. Mrs Brown shared the London New Year fireworks display in our first assembly at the start of term. She read Sonny Green's poem 'This is what England means to me' with its message of unity and acceptance for other cultures, faiths and countries.

We are already gearing up for another busy term. Trips are being planned, clubs have begun and we are looking ahead to all the exciting opportunities on offer. Here's to a positive start to 2026!



#### A new arrival

Everyone at Woodland Grange would like to say 'Congratulations' to Mr and Mrs Evans on the safe arrival of their baby daughter. Mr Evans has just returned to school from his paternity leave and everyone is doing really well. They paid a visit to school earlier this week and there were lots of cuddles from staff.



#### FOWG news



We are looking forward to another busy term for our voluntary parents association, The Friends of Woodland Grange. Keep up to date with your year group Whats app rep. and come along to the next meeting on 29th January. We recognise that time and energy is required to organise whole school fundraising events. Every penny that is raised at these events goes to benefit every child at Woodland Grange.

#### Reading for pleasure

It was lovely to see so many family members coming into school for our first Stay and Read session earlier in January. We want to encourage every child at Woodland Grange to have a lifelong love of reading. We also know the important part that we play as adult role models in this. If we love reading, the children will naturally pick up that enjoyment.

If you were unable to visit us on the first session, there are others planned later in the term. The dates are:

- **5th March (as part of World Book Day)**
- **20th March**



#### Farewell

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Patel, one of our lunchtime staff who retired at the end of the autumn term. She has worked at the school for 11 years, supporting all the children during their lunchtimes. We hope she enjoys her time away from school. She will be joining her husband who also finished work recently. Good luck Mrs Patel, we shall miss you.



#### Welcome

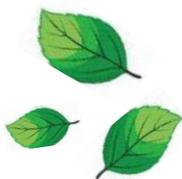
We would like to welcome a new member of our staff team. Mr Bramley will be helping to look after our school site, supporting Mr Juneja for part of the week. We hope he enjoys his time with us and gets to know staff, pupils and families over the coming months.





## New look EYFS outdoor space

Families may have spotted our updated EYFS playground on their in or out of school. The children have been enjoying their new outdoor space, complete with new surface, wooden equipment and new resources. It looks amazing and we would like to thank **FAWNS** for working on the project.



### A visit to the Palace

Year 6 were lucky enough to visit the Palace of Westminster recently. They had a guided tour around the Palace and visited both the House of Lords and Commons. They learnt about the important job that our Government does and got to see behind the scenes as decisions are debated and judgements made.

It was a full day with a very early start but it was an enjoyable day and the children learnt a lot about how our country is run. We hope to set this trip up again next year for our current Year 5s.



Enjoying the sunshine on the banks of the Thames.



### Parking at Woodland Grange

We will continue to tackle irresponsible parking on the roads around our school. We know when the weather is bad everyone wants to park as close to school as possible, 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 have also received an email from a local resident saying that children are walking over their garden, plants and flowers. If your child walks to and from school on their own please remind them to walk with care and respect.*

### **Oadby Food Bank: Collection dates are 13th and 27th of February.**

**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 [fowgw.uniformly@gmail.com](mailto:fowgw.uniformly@gmail.com).  
Donations to the school reception or to pre-school will not be accepted.

**reduce, reuse, donate** 

### **Oadby Food Bank**

We will continue to support our local food bank at school. 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.

### Key Dates

- 4/2: Governors meeting
- 13/2: Mid-Year reports home
- 16/2: Half term
- 24/2: Parents evening
- 26/2: Parents evening
- 4/3: Parents evening