



# Woodland Grange Primary

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### Sunny Days

Welcome back to a brand new term at Woodland Grange. We hope that you have had a brilliant Easter holiday and managed to spend some quality family time together. It has been lovely to see all the children returning to school; full of enthusiasm and excitement for the upcoming term.

We are already gearing up for a busy final term before the Summer holidays. Year 2 have shared their family assembly on Vaisakhi and are looking forward to their trip to the Think Tank in Birmingham in May. Year 1 will be visiting Irchester Country Park very soon and other year groups will be planning trips and experiences too.

*It's going to be another, very exciting term.*



### Sporting Headlines

Well done to our girl's football team who played in 2 matches recently. They beat Brocks Hill 5-0 and also played against Brookside, whom they beat 8-0. Amazing results and a brilliant team spirit, well done girls. The boys were also in action and played a match against Brookside. They also won their match 2-1. In other sporting news, we entered a team into a para athletics event at Saffron Lane stadium. The children had a great time and tried out different events. Thank you to all the adults that supported the children during the event. Finally, we sent a group of Year 4 and 5 pupils to a hockey festival and a Year 4 team to a multi sports event during April. Both groups had a brilliant time and had the opportunity to try out new skills and experiences.

### Sports day dates and times

We are gearing up for our Sports days, later in the summer term. Please be aware that these days and times may change if the weather forecast is not good!

**FS - 18<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm**

**KS1 - 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1.45pm**

**KS2 - 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**



Everyone at Woodland Grange would like to wish Mrs Panchmatia a very happy retirement. She is leaving us at the end of May and has worked at school since July 2000. In that time she has helped and supported many hundreds of children at lunchtimes, making sure they are cared for and looked after. We hope that you enjoy your time away from school, thank you for everything.

### Funny for money.

Thank you to everyone that supported our **Comic Relief** appeal this year. Staff at Owl's Hoot organised a Bake Sale and everyone had a lot of fun raising money for this important charity.

Together, we raised over £200.

Every penny will go to support projects in the UK and around the World.



### **FOWG news**

The Friends of Woodland Grange are gearing up for a very busy term.

In July, they will be organising their **BIG** fundraiser for the year. The FOWG Festival will be on Saturday 4th July. Put the date in your diaries now! They will need lots of help to organise and run the event, so check in with your year group FOWG rep and offer your support. Look out for more information coming very soon.

**FOWG  
Summer  
Festival  
4th July**

### Parking at school

We would like to say thank you to everyone that remembers to park with care and consideration outside school. We know that drop off and pick up times can be hectic, but there is no excuse for blocking access or causing other drivers and pedestrians extra stress. Please be mindful of residents who still need to access their properties and pedestrians who need to access the pavements around school. Remember: you can park at the Grange Farm pub car park and walk through the estate in a few minutes. We would encourage families to park further away, now the weather is improving. Please also remember the following:

- **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**



Our amazing **Eco-Council** helped to plant some hedges around the school site. These were donated by the Woodland Trust to all OAK schools. In the future, they will grow and become a haven for wildlife and provide quiet spaces on our grounds.



### Diving in

We are looking forward to starting our swimming sessions during May. The pool has now been delivered and set up at school by Elite Swimming. It will take a few days to fill and get up to temperature. The pool will then be prepared for the children to use. The first sessions are due to start straight after the Bank Holiday weekend, very exciting!

We would also like to say thank you to everyone that has paid for their child's swimming sessions already. In some year groups we have currently only received around 50% payments. We have organised the pool to be onsite, to allow every child the chance to improve their swimming, but this can only happen if families pay for their sessions. We have listened and responded to feedback from parents who said that payments were expensive in previous years. By opening this up to more children, it helps to keep the cost per child down, making it cheaper overall.

**Please log into your Arbor app and make sure you have paid for your child to take part, thank you.**

### Birthday books

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. Please do not send in sweets or chocolates as staff will not be able to accept them. Thank you.



### Staying safe online

Each year we ask pupils across WG to complete an online safety survey. Here is a snapshot of some of their answers. We will publish the full results on our website.

**85% of KS2 pupils watch content on Youtube**

**62% of KS2 pupils spend up to 2 hours online every day**

**36% of KS1 pupils use a smart phone to go online**

**62% of KS2 pupils said they do not use Social Media**

**44% of KS2 pupils said they play games with a higher PEGI rating than their age**

### Oadby Food Bank

We will continue to support Oadby food bank after the Easter holidays. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. Families can donate dried or tinned goods, rice or pasta, packets of breakfast cereals or jars of sauces. Everything is gratefully received and will support families in our local area. Thank you.

**The next collection dates are: 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

### Key Dates

4<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday  
5<sup>th</sup> May: Swimming starts  
6<sup>th</sup> May: School Governor's meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATS week  
25<sup>th</sup> May: Half term

