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Getting active

There is a bit of a theme to this month's newsletter, summing up another busy month at school. There have been trips; Year 2 visited the Think Tank in Birmingham and Year 1 went to Irchester Country Park. Year 3 will visit New Walk Museum after half term. We are also gearing up for our Sports Days next month and organising the final sports competitions of the academic year. Finally, we have to mention the swimming pool that has visited during May. The children have had a fantastic time and have told us they wish it could stay for the entire year! We would also like to thank the brilliant swim teachers for their support. We can't wait to invite them back in the future.

Moving on

Families will know that we are saying a very sad goodbye to Mr Evans. We will miss him after the half term break and we know that he will also miss everyone connected with Woodland Grange. His impact at school has been huge and it is difficult to sum up in a few short sentences the difference he has made to children at this school. He started as a visiting sports coach more than 12 years ago, quickly establishing himself as a key member of staff. When an opportunity came up for a school Sports Coach, he jumped at it and the rest, as they say is history. Throughout his time at WG, he has always put the children first. Organising competitions, running holiday clubs and teaching PE to every year group.



Thinking outside the box...

Well done to all the children in Year 5 and 6 that took part in the Primary Maths Challenge for 2026. This annual competition is designed to demonstrate abilities in applying maths skills to solve puzzles and problems. There were lots of children that achieved Bronze and Silver, with a special mention to 3 pupils that got the Gold standard.



He has also supported staff in the classroom and always gone where there is a need (including several residential). Mr Evans will be starting a new chapter as a children's pastor and we know he will be amazing in this new role. Goodbye and Good luck Mr Evans.



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All things FOWG

Thank you to everyone that brought in an item for the jar tombola stall today (22/5). There were a wide variety of items contained in each jar and we are sure someone will want to win one at the Summer Festival.

A reminder that it will take place on Saturday 4th July. FOWG still need a lot of volunteers to make the day extra special. Please get in touch and pledge your support. The more volunteers we get, the better.

The new look **FOWG** logo. Please support them at the upcoming summer event.



Remember: The Friends of Woodland Grange Summer Festival is on 4th July

These boots were made for walking

Our intrepid Woodland Walkers will be taking on the Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge this weekend. Everyone at school wishes them lots of luck to complete the **16 mile trek** across stunning Leicestershire countryside. They are raising money for Leicester Hospital Charities: Ward 27. They have been supporting a pupil (and her amazing family) in our preschool this year, who is receiving treatment for Leukemia.

So far they have raised over £3,000, an amazing total. Thank you to everyone that has donated. You can click [here](#) if you would like to contribute. Remember every penny will go to support the vital work at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Well done to: Miss Motiwaras, Mrs Ward, Mrs Howard, Mrs Brown, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Johnson and Mr Parker.



All things green

We were lucky enough to welcome into school Becky and Polly from the National Education Nature Park recently. They worked with pupils in Year 3 to carry out a tree survey and look for micro-habitats in the wildlife area.

Becky said that the children were impeccably behaved and demonstrated a good knowledge and enthusiasm of the natural world. The children also enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot about encouraging biodiversity on our school site.



Woodland Grange girls football team, Champions of Oadby...

Well done to our girls football team, who have become Champions of Oadby, after a 1-1 draw with Launde. The girls have done an amazing job and will now play the Wigston Champions in June. Good luck girls!

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**

An amazing gift

One of our pupils is raising money for The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides wigs for children that have lost their hair due to illness. She will be donating her own hair as well as raising money for this wonderful charity. If you would like to help, please visit her fundraising page [here](#).



Sports Days are happening next month

FS: 18th June at 1.45pm
KS1: 17th June at 1.45pm
KS2: 18th June at 9.30am

Oadby Food Bank

Thank you to everyone that has made a donation to Oadby Food Bank. 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 (not fresh food). Everything is gratefully received and will support families in our local area.

The next collection dates are: 5th and 19th June.

Key Dates

5th June: Year 3 trip to New Walk
8th June: Year 4 Ukelele Concert
19th June: Year 6 trip to Twinlakes