



Woodland Grange Primary

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**Learn from yesterday,
Live for today,
Look to tomorrow.**

Charles M Schulz

Welcome back!

Welcome to a brand new school year at Woodland Grange. Everyone at school hopes you had a fantastic summer break and were able to spend some quality family time together. A new school year means many things; getting to know new classmates and adults, getting to grips with a new curriculum and new expectations. It can also be a restart, a chance to show everyone what you want to achieve over the coming weeks. Mrs Brown mentioned in our first assembly that it is an opportunity to 'be the best version of yourself'. Really, we can't ask for more than that - *so let's get started!*



FRIENDS OF WOODLAND GRANGE are selling pre-loved uniform.

Purchasing options and donating items can be arranged throughout the year, by contacting us on fowguniform@gmail.com.

Donations to the school reception or to pre-school will not be accepted.



Reading is good for you

Have you completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year? There is still time to visit the library and get started. If you have finished the challenge, why not bring your certificate into school? We would love to share them in our Friday Celebration Assemblies! This year, the theme is 'Read to the beat'. More info can be found [here](#).

reduce, reuse, donate



WANTED...

Items with the school logo:

- ✓ School cardigans/ jumpers
- ✓ PE t-shirts
- ✓ PE jumpers
- ✓ Book bags

Items must be
~ clean
~ in good, reusable condition
(no holes, paint/pen marks etc)
~ size label attached
~ nametags removed

WELCOME

We would like to say 'Hello' to a new member of our lunchtime team. Mrs Smith has started with us this term and will be supporting the children during their lunchtimes.



We would also like to say a BIG HELLO to everyone that has joined Woodland Grange at the start of term. From new starters in preschool and EYFS, to older children that have started, we know that adults and children will help you to settle in.

Staffing for 2026/27

Preschool: Mrs Turner

Foundation Stage: Mrs Johnson & Mrs Brennan

Year 1: Mrs Hibbard & Mrs Chadwick/Mrs Sabir

Year 2: Mrs Pearce/Mr Parker & Miss Rose/Mrs Matthews

Year 3: Miss Smith & Ms Livsey-Barnes

Year 4: Miss Bedding & Mrs Santy/Mrs Bowe

Year 5: Mrs Gray & Miss Holland

Year 6: Miss Scott & Mr Healey

Families might notice 2 name changes from the staffing list that was included in the July newsletter. Mrs Barrs will be returning to Miss Bedding in Year 4.

In Year 5, Miss Smyton will now be known as Mrs Gray following her marriage earlier this year.

Mr Parker will be teaching in Mrs Pearce's class on a Friday in Year 2.



Over the summer, we have had a plaque installed on Mrs Hunter's bench. A fitting tribute to an amazing lady and important member of our WG family.



The Friends of Woodland Grange

The Friends of Woodland Grange are our voluntary parents group. They give up their time to organise events that raise crucial funds for school. The money they raise will help every child at Woodland Grange. If you would like to get involved this year, or want to find out more about what FOWG does, they would love to hear from you. Every year group has a Whatsapp rep or you can come to the office and they will pass on your details. Thank you.



Helping hands

Families may have noticed that our school has had a bit of a facelift over the summer break. We were supported again by a group of volunteers from Santander. Coordinated by Mr Juneja, they painted fences and tidied up shrubs and bushes across the school site. Thank you for your hard work, the school looks fantastic and is ready for a new year.



Clean Air Champions
2025-26



Have you spotted **Woody** and **Alice** on your way into school? Our elephant and fox have been returned to their homes next to the path on the way into school. Make sure you say 'Hello' next time you see them.



Green Flag Award

We would like to say a huge well done to Mrs Matthews, Miss Holland and our Eco Council who have just been awarded a Green Flag Award (with distinction) from Eco-Schools.

The programme seeks to support schools and colleges who want to tackle environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity and plastic pollution. It helps to empower children and young people to make a difference to their school, local community and beyond.

Everyone is proud of the hard work that the adults and children have put in to achieve this award. It has taken most of last year, with lots of projects and initiatives across the year. This work has been evidenced and assessed by Eco-Schools with the brilliant result coming in the summer break. This will be followed by a certificate and plaque.

We look forward to more work on these issues in the upcoming year. What will the Eco Council do next?



No fumes thank you

In June (before the summer break) our Eco Council took part in a science investigation, all to do with air pollution around our school site.

We worked with 'Clean Air Champions' part of by Asthma+ Lung UK, to monitor the air quality along the Beaufort Way side of school. They chose locations to place collection tubes, which stayed in place for 4 weeks. These were then sent off at the end of term, analysed with the results being returned to school during the holidays.

As you can see the readings were between 5 and 6 micrograms of Nitrogen Dioxide, which is well below the average for Oadby and Wigston (18 micrograms). This means our air quality is better than the average. This is due in part to car engines being switched off when parked outside of school.

However, the World Health Organization state that there is 'no safe level of air pollution to breathe in. No level of pollution is safe for our lungs'. Collectively we want these results to be lower in the future and will be thinking of ways in which we can reduce the figures.

Location	Nitrogen Dioxide
School sign	5.48 µg/m ³
Fence near main gate	5.23 µg/m ³
Fence near EYFS gate	6.23 µg/m ³
Fence near main gate (car park)	5.44 µg/m ³
Fence near mud kitchen	5.29 µg/m ³

Oadby Food Bank

This year we will be continuing to support our local food bank. Our collection box is located near the main entrance. They will accept donations of dried or tinned goods, rice or pasta, packets of breakfast cereals or jars of sauces. **The next collection dates are 11th and 25th September.**

Key Dates

24th September: Parents' evening
28th September: Parents' evening
30th September: Parents' evening
12th October: Year 6 residential