

Woodlands' News



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Mrs D's Half-Term Round Up



As we reach the end of another half term, it is amazing to reflect on just how much has been packed into the last few weeks. From swimming lessons and sporting events to exciting visits and experiences, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination.

In classrooms, there has been a real buzz around learning. The introduction of Ready Steady Write has had a fantastic impact on our literacy lessons, and staff are delighted with the quality of writing being produced across the school. Alongside this, our Kinetic Letters handwriting programme is making a huge difference, with improvements in handwriting evident throughout the year groups.

We are also incredibly proud of how well our new Reception children have settled into life at Woodlands. They have quickly become valued members of our school family and have made a wonderful start to their learning journey.

This half term has also brought some exciting achievements, including the school winning its second national award - a fantastic recognition of the hard work and dedication of our pupils, staff and wider community.

As we look ahead, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Craven. While we are sad to see her leave Woodlands, we wish her every happiness and success in her new role. Thankfully, she won't be working too far away, and we know she will continue to make a difference to the lives of children.

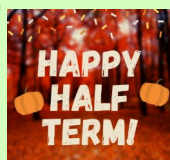
Next half term promises to be just as busy, with residential visits, performances, exciting events and, of course, lots more hard work and learning. Throughout everything we do, we continue to see our Woodlands DREAM values shining through: Determination, Resilience, Equity, Aspiration and Meaningful Relationships.

A huge thank you must also go to our amazing, resilient and totally fabulous staff team.

Their commitment, positivity and willingness to go above and beyond for our children every single day is what makes Woodlands such a special place. I am incredibly grateful for everything they do.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the half term. We wish everyone a wonderful, restful break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3rd November for another exciting half term of learning, achievement and opportunity.

Have a fantastic half term, and we'll see you on Tuesday 3rd November! ❤️ 🍂 ✨



Woodies' Early Learners

Where? Woodlands Primary School Eco-Lodge

When? 8:45-10:15, every Tuesday, during Term Time

Who? Under 5s and their parents or carers

Please join us each week, for lots of fun-filled



Upcoming Events

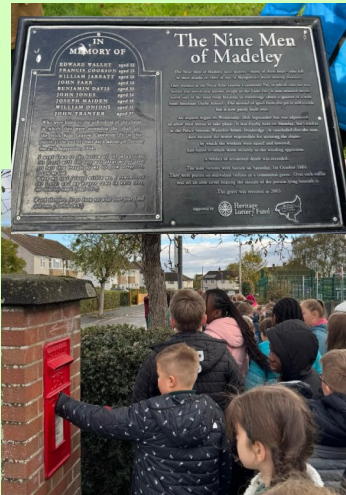
Fri 23rd Oct	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Mon 2nd Nov	PD Day
Tues 3rd Nov	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thurs 5th Nov	Book Fair in School
Mon 9th Nov	EYFS Maths Stay & Learn
Mon 9th Nov	Year 3 and 4 Swimming Begins
Tues 10th Nov	EYFS Maths Stay & Learn
Weds 11th Nov	Madeley Remembrance Service
Friday 13th Nov	Children in Need
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day

Year 5's 'Men of Madeley' Local Walk

Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating walk around Madeley, exploring the local area and making links to their Industrial Revolution topic and the story of the Nine Men of Madeley. They visited the pit banks, explored historic buildings including the church and Old Vicarage, and learned about window tax and local mining history.

A highlight of the visit was seeing the grave of the Nine Men of Madeley, helping to bring their classroom learning to life. The children were a credit to the school, showing respect throughout and asking thoughtful questions.

A fantastic morning of local history, curiosity and learning beyond the classroom!



Year 6 Egyptian Workshop



This week, Year 6 enjoyed a workshop exploring the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

This Week's Woodies' Wonders!

Congratulations to our Woodies' Wonders this week for earning their certificates! They've truly shown what it means to be Ready, Respectful,



and Safe, while living out our DREAMS values in everything they do!



Attendance Champions!

Congratulations to this week's attendance champions! Every day in school counts—strong attendance helps build learning, friendships, and success. Keep it up!

KS1 Champions– Miss McGowan's Class

KS2 Champions– Mr Watkins's Class

Woodlands' School Governors



Could you be our next School Governor?



What do Governors do?

- ✓ Help set the school's strategic direction.
- ✓ Support and challenge the leadership team.
- ✓ Ensure the best outcomes for all children.
- ✓ Oversee finances, policies and safeguarding.
- ✓ Represent the views of the school community.

What skills can people bring?

We welcome people with a range of skills and backgrounds, including:

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Finance and business
- ✓ Community links
- ✓ Passion for education and children!

Why it matters

As a governor, you'll help make a real difference:

- ✓ Support children to thrive and be their best.
- ✓ Help shape a positive and inclusive school culture.
- ✓ Build a stronger, brighter future for our Woodlands family.

Together we make a difference

Please send a private ClassDojo message to Mrs D for more information.

Parents-Sign Up!



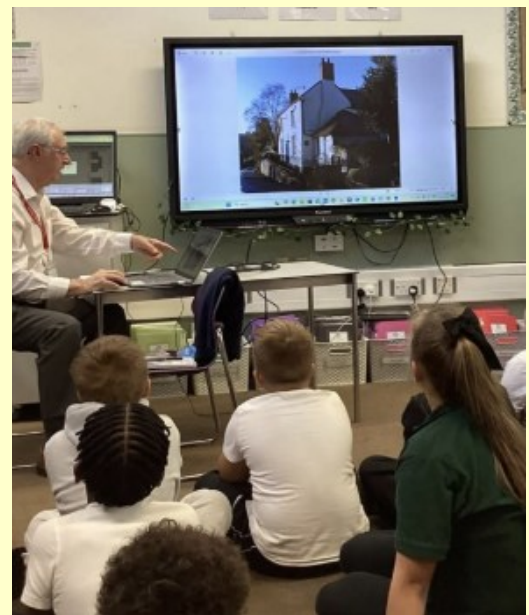

Course launches Nov 1st

PAUL DIX'S PARENT & CARER BEHAVIOUR ONLINE COURSE

Email: Hello@WhenTheAdultsChange.com for places

Madeley History Group

Mr Jones, from Madeley History Group, spoke with the Y5 children about the history of mining in the area. Mr Jones commented that he had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and the children were a credit to their parents and the teaching staff.



EYFS Autumn Stay & Learn

A huge thank you to those who were able to attend this year's Autumn Stay and Learn session in EYFS.

The children had lots of fun Autumn crafting, carving pumpkins, making yummy treats and much more!

