



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! This is one of the most important ways that we use to communicate with parents and it contains key messages, notices of upcoming events and provides us with a weekly opportunity to celebrate the children's many achievements. It also contains attendance news and updates from our governing body so you know what they are doing behind the scenes to ensure our school continues to operate to the very highest standards. In short, if you read the newsletter weekly then you will have almost everything you need to know about what's going on in school, so please keep an eye out for this in your inbox every Friday.

We have made a few procedural changes already this term, that I would like to bring to your attention, in response to some feedback we have received from parents. We have switched the main access point for OSCAR children to the main entrance as we are now using the small hall and the OSCAR room to increase capacity. As we have a layby for parent drop offs and collections by the main entrance at the front of school, this also reduces traffic in the staff car park and improves safety around the side gates. We are delighted that more and more parents are keen for their children to attend this brilliant wrap-around facility and are very pleased to be able to offer this enhanced service to support more of our families.

Continuing the site security theme, I would also like to politely ask parents not to come into the school building at the start and end of the day. I know it is tempting to want to help your children to take things to their classrooms but it is important that we only have school authorised adults in the building at all times and you are helping us to keep our school secure when you leave your children at the door.

Everyone has made a great start to the new term and there is a purposeful buzz around the building which is brilliant. Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell – Head Teacher

What's Going On

Tuesday 17th September—

Year 4 Swimming
Year 3 Curriculum Meeting
3.30pm

Friday 20th September—
Achievement Assembly,
Years 1, 3 & 5



What a great start to Year 6! The pupils have been showing a positive attitude towards the curriculum and have been working hard to their full potential. Keep this excellent working manner up Year 6.



Governor Focus

Welcome back - we hope you had an enjoyable summer break. Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the governor led survey at the end of the summer term. We are grateful for your time and will be considering your feedback and preparing an action plan in response during this half-term. The first meeting of the local governing body (LGB) this school year took place this week. At the meeting we planned the year ahead and elected a chair and vice-chair for the next 2 years. I am writing this as the outgoing Chair of Governors and welcome the new Chair who is Louisa Farino, a community governor who has been a member of the LGB for 3 years and is also the safeguarding lead governor. Mick Potter will continue in his role as vice-chair. (Sue Robinson, Community Governor)

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—
Classes 1V, 2T, 3C & 4SM (Mrs Valentine, Miss Tresadern, Mr Clark & Mrs Skirvin/Madan) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.9% (school target 96.5%) - excluding Reception classes who have been part time this week

Pupils with 100% to date = 310 pupils = 93.7%

What I love about Woodloes

I enjoy school because it's such fun! You get to do fun work in subjects; maths, english, PE, art and many more!!

Megan, Year 6



Friends

Friends will be holding their AGM at school on Wednesday 25th September at 3.30pm and would like to invite parents (both old and new) along to this first meeting of the year.

During the AGM, future events etc., will be discussed. It will be lovely to see some new faces at the meeting!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Focus on Excellence

Year 5 have had a very delicious start to the new academic year! We are all very excited to be learning about chocolate and have already used and applied our newly acquired knowledge in maths and English activities. Also, later in the half term, we are looking forward to our trip to Cadbury World (further information to follow shortly).

Mrs Barlow, Miss Winstanley, Mrs Stevens, Miss Bass and Mrs Elvidge would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of Year 5 for the excellent start they have made with their work, behaviour and attitude towards their learning. They have all shown that they are WAGOLLS and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you during the year.

Other News

Academic Year Planner Please see attached. Please take time to read this - there are various important dates throughout the school year that will apply to your child. (The Year Planner is also on our website — see School Information—Diary). Meanwhile, please note that the **May bank holiday next year will be Friday 8th May** and NOT Monday 4th May (which was originally advised by the authorities during the last school year). We therefore attach revised 'Term and Holiday Dates' to show this.

Extra Curricular Activities There are a number of spaces in the various activities, namely

Steet/Pop Dance, Dramalings, Tennis, Onside Coaching, Judo, Go Go Makers, Arts Insight Drama Club.

If your child is not currently participating in an activity, we would encourage you to sign them up for a club. Please speak to the school office for further details if you are interested in a particular club and further details will be provided.

Music Tuition

Please note the Orchestra club (which ran on a Monday after school) is not continuing this term.

With regards to other music tuition for KS2 children, we currently have spaces in: keyboard, strings and woodwind. Please speak to the school office if your child is interested .

Local Community

Coventry Blaze have tickets available for games on Saturday 14th September vs., Fife Flyers (7pm). To book, email coventryblazehockey@gmail.com and quote our school name.

Messy Church returns this Saturday (14th September) based at our school, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It's FREE and FUN! Children must be accompanied by an adult. No need to register—just pop along! For more information, contact Claire Reid on 07950 942093 or view their facebook page—[@MessyChurchWoodloes](https://www.facebook.com/MessyChurchWoodloes)

Communication Below is a reminder for existing parents/carers (and a note to new ones):-

The newsletter is emailed weekly to you and also published on our website, on our external and internal noticeboards and a small number of copies are available in the foyer.

If not already done so, please advise us of your email address, as a large percentage of information is communicated in this way and we do not want you to miss anything!

If your child is absent from school, you MUST advise us before 9.30am on the day of absence—by phoning us, or simply sending an email.

We do sometimes use text messaging. If you do receive a text from us, please note the facility does not allow you to text a reply. We are limited to the number of characters that we can insert in a text message and messages may therefore appear to be very brief!