

WOODSTONE NEWS

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*Growing together,
Learning forever*

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A WARM WELCOME

It has been a pleasure to welcome Alex Gamble to the Woodstone team. Alex started as our new Business Manager on the 5th January bringing a wealth of experience to the role. Alex is well known at Woodstone with the staff as her two children also attended the School a few years ago. Feel free to pop in and say hello - you will often find her front of house if Mrs. Wevill is busy.

WOODY's SUMMER CLUB

You won't be able to book this yet but we thought it would be useful to let you know the dates of our Woody's Summer Club. This year it will be week beginning 27th July and w/b 3rd August. More details to follow nearer the time.

PTA PLEA

As many of you know, our PTA plays a vital role in enriching school life for every child at Woodstone. From funding additional resources to organising events that bring our community together, the PTA makes a real difference — but none of this can happen without volunteers willing to lead the way. We are now looking for a **new PTA Chair and Vice Chair** as Laura Wroot, our current chair, is stepping down at the end of this academic year.

The Chair and Vice Chair work with the committee to plan events, coordinate volunteers and lead a few meetings across the year. These roles are fully supported by school staff and a friendly committee so you won't be doing the job alone! Please see Mr Mullins or Miss Clement if interested.

Not ready to be Chair or Vice Chair? You can still join!

If being Chair or Vice Chair isn't for you, we would still love more parents to join the PTA in any capacity. You can help with events, share ideas, offer occasional time or simply be part of the team. Every bit of support makes a huge difference.

If you'd like to find out more — with no pressure at all — please get in touch. Thank you for helping us keep our PTA thriving for all our children.

WEBSITE NEWS

Don't forget we have a website app which makes it much easier to browse our website on your phone.

Search for eSchools Lite in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) or scan the QR Code and download for free.

CROSS COUNTRY DATES

We now have a four races left this season:

**Saturday 31st January - first race
10:00am - Sir John Moore Primary School (DE12 7AH)**

**Saturday 28th February - first race
10:30am - Snarestone Primary School (DE12 7DB)**

**Saturday 14th March - first race
10:30am - Packington Primary School (LE65 1WL)**

**Saturday 18th April - first race
10:30am - Griffydam Primary School (LE67 8HU)**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

Really hope you're looking forward to a child free night at our 'fun' quiz next Friday (6th February) starting at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 people.

'CROSS COUNTRY NEWS'

On Saturday 17th January we had a strong team of runners out at a Unity cross country competition held here at Woodstone Community Primary School. We once again had an amazing turnout from our school with 45 runners taking part! Have a look below at just how many top ten finishers we had (21 in total!!).

Our fantastic team was made up of:

Rec: **Zion (2nd) Billy (15th) Baxter (13th) Stanley (12th) Dylan (6th) Oliver (11th) Bea (2nd) Matilda (4th) Maisie (5th)**

Year 1: **Jacob (13th) Jack (21st) Hedy (22nd) Maja (15th) Annabelle (23rd) Bella (29th) Sienna (17th)**

Year 2: **Rory (7th) George (2nd) Samuel (28th) Freddie (17th) Blake (9th) Charlie (3rd) Dexter (16th) Ava (16th) Isla (5th)**

Year 3: **Wilf (15th) Charlie (14th) Aaron (17th) Benedict (11th) Boudica (17th) Delilah (18th)**

Year 4: **Joseph W (1st) Harry (2nd) Kim (2nd) Reuben (6th) Willow (11th) Penny (5th) Leo (5th) Lottie (10th) Evan (8th)**

Year 5: **Arthur (7th) Solomon (17th) Albert (19th)**

Year 6: **Monty (6th) Oliver (4th)**

I would also like to say a BIG thank you to the staff who gave up their Saturday morning, our hares and tortoises and all the marshals who supported at the event. We had Sam Cope, Jack Kyte, Mark Bentley, Phil Leaney, Stuart Mills, and a number of returning students - Edward Woodings, Leo Symons, Angus Woodings, Dan Carr and Louisa Woodings.

We would like to invite you to our...

Golden Book Assemblies

Friday 27th Feb	Oak Class - Y6 parents
Friday 6th March	Birch Class - Y5 parents
Friday 13th March	Cedar Class - Y4 parents
Friday 20th March	Pine Class - Y3 parents
Friday 27th March	Maple Class - Y2 parents
Friday 24th April	Rowan Class - Y1 parents
Friday 8th May	Acorn Class - Reception parents
Friday 15th May	Ash Class (in the classroom)



All assemblies start at 9:05am

YEAR 6 SATs MEETING

Wednesday 25th February

5:30pm

An information meeting for our Year 6 parents.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Between the 9th and 15th February we will be taking part in 'Children's Mental Health Week' across the whole school. The theme is 'This is My Place' and we will be doing activities in class all week which support positive mental health. Look out for updates about the week on next month's newsletter.

TOYS IN SCHOOL

We have seen a big increase in children bringing small toys into school e.g. 3D printed animals, small glass toys etc.. Could we please ask that they don't bring any toys with them—they are a distraction from learning, they get lost and they cause arguments between children.

Our Reception children (Acorn Class) enjoyed their first 'Share a Story' session with parents this week - the children spent the first part of the morning sharing their favourite book with a parent. This was a great opportunity to develop the children's love of reading and spend some time together talking about their favourite books. Thank you parents for coming along - the next session will be Tuesday 24th March at 2.30pm.



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

Our children in Reception (Acorn Class), Year 2 (Maple Class) and Year 5 (Birch Class) enjoyed a road safety session at the start of 2026 from Sophie Brown (Road Safety Education Officer, Leicestershire County Council). The children learnt how to cross a road safely, how to recognise certain road signs and how to safely manage risks when they are near to roads.

YAMAHA BABY GRAND PIANO GIVEAWAY

Would anyone like this Baby Grand Piano for free?!

A very kind gentleman in the village is offering it to one of our families. This is what he emailed to Mr Mullins...

'I am looking to give away my late wife's Yamaha baby grand piano to a passionate instrument lover, so kindly let me know if you know someone who will care for it'.

Please let Mr Mullins, Miss Clement or the Office staff know if you would like this beautiful instrument.



TRYING TO HELP OUT...

We appreciate that money is tight at the moment and wherever possible we try and give as much warning as possible about school events/visits/residential to help parents/carers budget. So here are a few dates and costs...

Current Year 3 & 4 class - Isle of Wight residential September 2027 - approx. £400 (parent meeting in September)

Whole School Pantomime - Tuesday 15th December 2026 - approx. £20

Current Year 1 (Rowan Class) - Leicester Botanical Gardens - June 2026 - approx. £15

Current Year 5 (Birch Class) - Sea Life Centre - Wednesday 1st July - approx. £20

Current Year 1 - In Year 2 we have a residential to Sherwood Forest - 17th - 18th June 2027 - approx. cost £140 (parent meeting in October)

Current Year 6 - May 2026 - Drayton Manor - approx. £20

Current Reception Class - Ash End Farm - May 2026 - approx. £20

A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th February - PTA 'Fun' Quiz Night (6:30 for a 7pm start)

Monday 9th February - Cedar Class trip to Leicester

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th February - Parent Evenings

Friday 13th February - Children break up for 1/2 term (3:15pm)

Monday 23rd February - Children return to school (8:45am)

Tuesday 24th February - Years 3 & 5 start swimming sessions (every Tuesday until 24/3)

Wednesday 25th February—Year 6 SATs meeting (5:30pm)

Monday 2nd March—Pine Class trip to Leicester Cathedral

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March - Rowan Class trip to Tamworth Castle

Friday 20th March - Chocolate Donation Day (non-uniform)

Thursday 26th March - PTA Chocolate Bingo

Friday 27th March - Break for Easter

Tuesday 22nd - 25th - Woody's Easter Holiday Club

Monday 13th April - Children return to school

CAR PARK CARE

As you well know our car-park gets extremely busy, particularly at the end of the day. Could we remind you that if using the car-park please be patient, please be careful and please use any of the empty spaces rather than parking across them. Thank you.

EASY FUNDRAISING

 Amazon Up to 1.50% donation	 eBay Up to 0.50% donation	 JUST EAT Up to 2.00% donation
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PLEASE LOG ONTO EASY FUNDRAISING TO REGISTER - this will generate much needed funds for Woodstone

Brands like Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco and Apple pay a % of what you spend with them as a donation, for example if you spend £150 on a hotel via booking.com, they will donate 3% which is £4.50 for us. Some retailers pay a flat amount, for example if you buy car insurance with confused.com via easyfundraising, they will donate a flat £15 regardless of the cost of the policy. They work with over 7000 brands so it's well worth having a look! Register at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE
On Monday 26th January we took 26 children to the Young Voices concert at the NEC where they joined a choir of over 5000 children for an amazing night of song and dance.



31ST JAN LOUGHBOROUGH BRICK FESTIVAL



The Loughborough Brick Festival is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun – although it is absolutely packed full of that too! Brick Festival events also invite visitors to explore a range of STEM subject skills through the medium of LEGO bricks.

How do you become more interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths? By understanding them. And how do you best understand things? By having fun while learning.

LEGO is the perfect tool for developing new skills, exploring new ideas and having new adventures.

PARENTS



YOUR CHILDREN NEED
YOU!

JOIN THE PTA TODAY

INTERESTED? CONTACT
woodstoneprimarypta@gmail.com



Woodstone Community Primary School

Woody's Easter Holiday Club

Come along to our Woody's Easter Holiday Club and enjoy fun activities, games and crafts

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April

All sessions run 8.30am - 4.00pm at
Woodstone Primary School
£25 per child per day

Open to all children who attend
Woodstone Primary School

Bring your own packed lunch - all snacks and drinks will be provided.

Our Easter club will be popular so book early via Arbor

Full timetable of activities coming soon!





NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!



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