



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our new school year! It is a pleasure to welcome back all our pupils, families and staff after the summer break. A special welcome goes to all our new children and families who are joining our school community. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and watching your children grow and flourish. It has also been lovely to welcome a new teacher, Mrs Warnock to Year 5. I hope she will be really happy here at Woodstone.

There has been a real sense of excitement and enthusiasm around school. It has been particularly lovely to see children making new friendships, reconnecting with old friends and showing kindness and respect towards one another.

Our children have already demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards their learning, approaching new challenges with curiosity, confidence and determination.

Already, after spending just a short time here, I feel very much at home at Woodstone. That is a real testament to our tremendous children, our dedicated staff, and, of course, you as parents and carers. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. We are very excited about the year ahead and all the wonderful learning, experiences and achievements it will bring.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes,
Mr Harley

Class Golden Book Assembly Dates

9th October - Oak Class (Year 6)

16th October - Birch Class (Year 5)

30th October - Cedar Class (Year 4)

6th November - Rowan Class (Year 1)

13th November - Pine Class (Year 3)

20th November - Maple Class (Year 2)

Thursday 26th November - Acorn Class (Rec.)

25th November - Ash Class Open Morning

Clubs and sports dates

Choir - Thursdays (3.15-4.15pm)

KS1 Cross Country - Tuesdays (3.15-4.00pm)

KS2 Cross Country - Tuesdays (lunch time)

Tag Rugby - Fridays (3.15-4.15pm)

Cross Country Race at Market Bosworth Country

Park - 19th September - 11.00am start

Further cross country dates coming soon...



Parents Evenings and other important dates (including Christmas!)

October: Tuesday 13th October & Thursday 15th October. Appointments will be available to book via Arbor soon.
27th October - Individual and sibling photographs.

November: 13th November - Pudsey visit. **INSET DAY - Friday 27th November**

December: Reception Nativity - 8th December

Y2, Y3, Y4 Christmas Play - 10th December

Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carols - 14th December

January 2027: Young Voices (Key Stage 2) - 7th January

Healthy snacks and Tuck Shop

Please ensure children in KS2 who bring their own snack are sent with something healthy i.e. fruit, raisins, plain biscuits. Snacks such as chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted and crisps should only be eaten at lunchtime. The KS2 tuck shop is available with a number of healthy options. Prices range from 5p to 40p!

Harvest Festival 2026

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on **Tuesday 29th September** at 9am. We are once again complying with safety rules by not having too many people in the hall at one time. It will therefore just be the **Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3** children leading the assembly. We will be supporting our local Coalville Foodbank and asking for donations the week prior to the assembly. Thank you for your support.



Poppy Arts Project



We are delighted to be taking part in a special Poppy Arts Project to mark Remembrance this year. Each class will be creating their own unique poppy-inspired designs, working together to create a colourful and meaningful display. The children's artwork will be displayed at Memorial Square in Coalville nearer to Remembrance Day in November. We look forward to seeing our school community's creativity on display and sharing this important occasion with the wider community.

Morning drop off and communication

A quick reminder that mornings can be a busy time for our teachers as they welcome children into school and get the day started. We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid taking up too much of the teachers' time with messages or conversations at drop-off, unless the matter is urgent.

If you would like to pass on a message or raise a concern, Mr Harley or Miss Clement will be available on the playground each morning and will be happy to help.

You can also contact your child's teacher via the class email address. Teachers will respond to messages as soon as they are able; however, in order to support a healthy work-life balance, they are not expected to check or respond to emails after 5.00pm.

Thank you for helping us make mornings run smoothly and for supporting the wellbeing of our staff.

Respecting our Neighbours

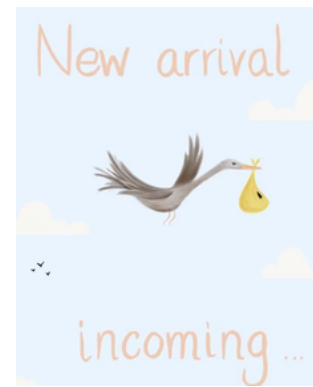
A gentle reminder to please be considerate of our local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school. We are very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community, and we ask that everyone parks safely and respectfully, keeps driveways and entrances clear, and treats our neighbours with courtesy.

Thank you for helping us to maintain positive relationships with our local community.



A Special Congratulations to Miss Clement!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Clement is expecting a baby! Her baby is due in January 2027. Please join us in congratulating Miss Clement and wishing her and her family lots of happiness and excitement as they prepare for this very special new arrival.



Farewell and Good Luck Miss Bexton

We would like to say a very fond farewell to Miss Bexton as she begins her next adventure after securing a position as a family keyworker. Thank you for all the care, kindness and enthusiasm you have shared with our children and school community over the 3 years you have worked at Woodstone. You will be greatly missed (especially by Ash class!) and we wish you every happiness and success for the future!



PTA

Many of you will have enjoyed events put on by our PTA (the Colour Run, Chocolate Bingo, Quiz Night). If you are interested in joining the team, please let us know (via the School Office).

Join us for our first meeting of the year on **15th September at 6.00pm**. Thank you.

Space Ships over Ravensntone

On Monday morning, our children were shocked to find a space ship had crash landed in our school hall. Our new friend Beegu was lost and all alone on planet Earth. Somehow she had found her way to Woodstone! During the **'Everyone's Welcome'** assembly we learnt about the importance of inclusion, empathy and kindness.



Attendance

A big thank you to all our parents who have made a real effort to get children to school and to get them here on time! We all appreciate it as it means the children are so much more settled in class. Thank you for a real positive start - it bodes well for a good year ahead!



Heather Scarecrow Festival

A big thank you to Ethan's family for hosting 'Woody' our scarecrow as part of Heather Scarecrow Festival this year. We hope you had chance to pop down and see him. Look out for an even bigger and better scarecrow next year!

Term Dates 2027/28

Following a recent consultation, Leicestershire's term dates for the 2027-28 academic year will remain largely unchanged. We wanted to share this update with parents and carers to support future holidays and planning. Thank you for your continued support and consideration.

Autumn Term

Schools open: Wednesday 25 August 2027

August Bank Holiday: Monday 30 August 2027

Half term break: Monday 18 to Friday 22 October 2027

Schools close: Friday 17 December 2027

Spring Term

Schools open: Tuesday 4 January 2028

Half term break: Monday 21 to Friday 25 February 2028

Schools close: Friday 7 April 2028

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 24 April 2028

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2028

Half term break: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2028

Schools close: Wednesday 7 July 2028



Two of our Year 1 parents are taking on Charity Link's Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge to help raise funds to provide essential items to people and children facing hardship and crisis across Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire. Donate here if you would like to support:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/emily-hamilton-cooper-2>

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/malgorzata-szycha-1>

Good luck Malgo and Emily!

A Huge Thank You!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families and local businesses who generously donated resources to help develop our Reception and Year 1 outdoor learning area. Special thanks go to the families of **Baxter, Harry, Matilda, Billy, Freddie, Poppy** and **Tim** in Year 1, and **Arlo S** in Reception, as well as **Ravenstone Garden Services, Ravenstone Pre-School** and **Ibstock Brick**. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to enhance our mud kitchen and construction areas with wonderful resources including tools, plants, logs, stones, bricks, pallets, trucks and much more. These donations have helped create exciting outdoor learning opportunities for our children, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

