



Woodlands
Primary School

NEWSLETTER

News Updates from Woodlands Primary School
READY — RESPECTFUL — SAFE

28th March 2024

LUNCH MENU: 3

TERM DATES:

Term Dates:

[https://
www.woodlands.ches
hire.sch.uk/
serve_file/21528161](https://www.woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/21528161)

**CLASS TWITTER NAMES
FROM SEPT 2023**

[@WoodlandsSquir](#)

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[@Woodlands1AA](#)

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[@Woodlands2DR](#)

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[@Woodlands5SE](#)

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[@Woodlands6BS](#)

[@Woodlands6DM](#)

Subjects:

[@Compwoodlands](#)

[@REandWorldViews](#)

[@MUSICwoodlands](#)

INTERNET SAFETY

Internet Safety Tip:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Keeping children safe online



*We look forward to welcoming
you all back on the
15th April 2024*





This Week's Year Group News

EYFS

Squirrels - This week in Squirrels, we have been thinking about all things Easter! We have been busy making Easter headbands, Easter chicks and Easter cakes (which were yummy!). We have also been using our observational skills and painting daffodils and carnations. We hope you all have a lovely Spring break!

Foxes - What a busy week! We have explored the artwork of Kandinsky and looked closely to see which shapes we could see in his painting. The children then worked together to create their own painting based on his artwork. Throughout the week, children have been busy helping to melt chocolate and mix up rice krispies to make some delicious Easter nests. We have also followed clues which led us to a basket of delicious Easter chocolate. It has been lovely to meet with you all and share the wonderful progress that your children have made throughout the year.

Badgers & Owls - What a busy week in Reception! In Literacy, we completed our final activity on our focused story: 'The Pirates Are Coming'. The children were excited to receive a letter from one of the pirates and they have enjoyed writing messages back. In Maths, we have looked at odd and even numbers this week. We have also explored 3D shapes, learning to name and sort cubes, cylinders, pyramids, spheres and cuboids. Perhaps you can look out for these shapes with your child at home or when you're out and about? The children have also enjoyed Easter art and craft activities this week and created some wonderful pictures. It was lovely meeting up with so many of you in the Parents Evenings.

Acorns - This week, the children in Acorns have loved taking part in Easter activities. We had a great time creating our Easter cards and making chocolate nests during messy play. We have also enjoyed colouring some Easter pictures and listening to some new Easter songs. Thank you for your continued support and we would like to wish our Acorns children and parents a very Happy Easter. We would love to see pictures of any activities you do over the holidays, please send them to acorns@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk. We hope you have a lovely Easter Break and thank you for all your support this term.
The EYFS Team

KS1

Year 1 - What a busy last week of term! We have enjoyed making our own fossils out of clay, inspired by Mary Anning's discoveries. We designed, made and evaluated these, using new skills. In celebration of British Science Week, we investigated which biscuit lasts the longest when dunked in water! We predicted, conducted the investigation, then recorded our results. We were interested to find that the digestive lasted the longest. In French, we recapped our knowledge of colours and used these to colour a rainbow. As part of SMSC, we discussed growing and changing, ownership and online safety.

Year 2 - In English this week, the children have been learning to use question and exclamative sentences in their writing. In shared reading, we have continued reading the wonderful 'Claude in the City' by Alex T. Smith, to help develop our comprehension strategies. This includes answering questions by using the strategy of reading and retrieving the correct information and making inferences based on what has been read. In Mathematics, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction of two 2-digit numbers. The children have also been revisiting multiplication and learning their 2,5 and 10 times tables. The children were very excited about our residential visit to Menai and having lots of new experiences. It was a wonderful way to end what has been a very busy spring term.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a wonderful Easter break,
The KS1 Team

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This Week's Year Group News

KS2

Year 3 & 4 - What a wonderful week we've had! Both Year 3 and 4 have been working hard to complete their information leaflets on blue whales for English. Year 3 have completed length and perimeter and are moving on to fractions in Maths next term. In Maths, Year 4 have started fractions and will be continuing with these into the next term. Thank you to all who attended the year 4 Menai assembly. The children were extremely proud of themselves.

Thank you for your continued support and we all hope you have a wonderful and restful Easter break.
The LKS2 Team

Year 5 & 6 - It has been a brilliant week to end the Spring term! In Maths, Year 6 have shown great resilience tackling their new topic: Algebra! They have looked at how to write algebraic expressions and have moved on to solving one step and two step equations! Year 5 have continued to work on their unit of fractions, decimals and percentages and have also completed some exciting Easter themed maths activities too! In English, Y5 and Y6 have completed their 'writeaways' and we have been very impressed with their attitude to learning and their application of their mastery keys. The children have written extracts or retellings of 'The Selfish Giant' and some Y6s have even challenged themselves to write a missing chapter in the same style. In History, we have compared life in Baghdad in ~900CE to life in England in the same time period, in areas such as trade, learning and health and sanitation. The children were fantastic at noticing similarities and differences between both places. On Tuesday, we also had a fantastic art day! We investigated Islamic patterns before designing our own printing tiles. It was wonderful to see you all at Parents Evening on Monday and Tuesday and to welcome you back in to see the children's learning face-to-face.

We hope you all have a brilliant Easter holiday and a well-deserved break! See you in April!
The UKS2 Team

Have A Wonderful Easter Break

Whole School Attendance 94.61%

Reporting Children's Absence

School must be informed of children's absence on the first day by ringing 0151 329 3164 and pressing 1 to leave a message. This must be done before 9am. Please ensure you provide the child's name, class and reason for absence.

If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, they will be unable to return to school for 48hrs after their last episode. This is inline with the Public Health Agency guidance to reduce the risk of the illness spreading. Any absence not explained is registered as unauthorised.

Appointments

Parents and carers should make every effort to book routine dental and GP appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, children should only be absent for the time needed for the appointment and travel to and from.

For any prebooked medical appointments copies of appointment letters can be emailed to n.brown@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk in advance so that a note can be added to the register. The school will work with all families on an individual basis if medical absences exceed the maximum threshold.

Holidays During Term Time

Can we politely request that parents inform school of any upcoming holidays via the Leave of Absence forms which can be collected from the school offices. These forms should be completed and handed to school 4 working weeks in advance of the first day of absence.

Dates – Week Beginning 15 April 2024

Lunches Week 3 Autism Awareness Week

Mon 15 April	KS2 Down Syndrome Assembly with Down Syndrome Cheshire
Mon 15 April	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Tue 16 April	After-school club – Y4 Times Tables Club Miss Woodland 3.20-4.20pm, pick-up Junior Playground
Tue 16 April	Y6 Reading Workshop – 3.20-4.10pm
Wed 17 April	Y5 PE with Cheshire Cricket
Wed 17 April	After-school club – KS2 Create Music Guitar Lessons 3.20-4.20pm pick-up Junior Playground (book direct at admin@wecreatemusic.co.uk)
Thu 18 April	Y1-6 Sports for Champions event. Please send your child into school in their PE kit.
Thu 18 April	Y6 Maths Workshop 3.20 to 4.10pm – book on via ParentPay
Fri 19 April	Y4 Swimming Group C Class 4AW

Woodlands Nursery/Pre-School September 2024

If you, family or friends have a child who turns 2 or 3 before the 1st September 2024, please do not hesitate to ask us about our Nursery & Pre-School provisions. Woodlands offer half day and full-time sessions up to a maximum of 30 hrs per week and you can use your 15/30hrs free childcare funding with us. You can also use our wraparound to top up your provision with Breakfast & After-School club. Holiday Clubs can be booked and paid for separately so that all your childcare needs can be met under one roof. For more information, please email or call Jann in the Infant Office on 0151 329 3164 Opt 2 or j.bell@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk



Working at Woodlands...

We currently have a vacancies to fill:

- **Midday Assistant**—1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 38 weeks per year.

If you are interested in applying, please email: admin@woodlands.cheshire.sch.uk or speak to Sue in the Junior office

Dinner Money - Price Increase

Further to recent reminders via ParentPay, please note that from the 15/04/24, our school meal price will be increasing to £2.90 per day, £14.50 per week. All meals should be pre-paid in advance by 9am each Monday for the coming week.

We do not offer a credit facility.



Parentalk – The Primary Years is a video-based parenting course that is specifically designed for use with small groups of parents in a relaxed and informal setting. One of the things that makes Parentalk effective is that it gives parents the chance to get together and talk about the realities of bringing up their children. Over six sessions, Parentalk looks at valuable principles that can be applied on a day-to-day basis with children. We hope that by the end the group will have discovered a range of practical strategies and tips to help them in their family life.

Wednesday 5th June. 6pm-7pm- It's Not Just Me

Wednesday 12th June. 6pm-7pm- Love Them and Let Them Know

Wednesday 19th July. 6pm-7pm- It's Good to Talk

Wednesday 26th July. 6pm-7pm- Boundaries and Battles

Wednesday 3rd July. 6pm-7pm- Parenting with Elastic

Wednesday 10th July. 6pm-7pm- Creating a Sense of Belonging

Sessions will be held on the Junior site.

Ran by SEND/Pastoral Team (Mel Gittins, Alice Morphet, Clare Cotton and Sharon Liversey)



WIRRAL
ARTS ACADEMY

**11th April
2024**



KIDS CAMP EASTER



Address

South Wirral High School,
Plymyard Avenue, Eastham
CH62 8EH

Registration Link

www.wirralartsacademy.com

Contact Us

wirralartsacademy@gmail.com

Activities

Drama games
Arts and crafts
Muisc
Dance

Cost
£24.99



Year 4 & 5

Information Evening

Tuesday 23rd April

With sessions taking place at
17:00, 17:30 and 18:00

Book your place now at
ticketsource.co.uk/west-kirby-grammar-school



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West Kirby Grammar School is an exceptional girls' grammar school with a mixed Sixth Form that prides itself on emboldening and empowering students in pursuit of their goals, whatever they may be.

They recently became the first maintained secondary in the North West to achieve the High Performance Learning World Class School Award, and were rated as the best state secondary school in Cheshire West & Chester and Wirral in the Sunday Times Parent Power Rankings 2024.

Students at West Kirby Grammar School benefit from an excellent pastoral system that supports all students to become part of the community and to truly belong.

We are located in the heart of West Kirby with excellent rail and bus links to the Wirral, Cheshire and Liverpool areas. We provide a dedicated bus service for students to destinations on the Wirral, Cheshire and North Wales.





Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

Car Boot Sale

Monday, 6 May

Come and join us for our 2024 Annual Car Boot Sale at the Cheshire Horse Sanctuary

**The Six Acres, Picton Gorse lane, Chester,
CH2 4HA**

Open: 8 am - Close: 1 pm

- . £10 to hire a pitch
- . £1 visitor parking

Book at: chseventscordinator@gmail.com

07515857082



Thank you for your support ♥





Changes to Childcare Choices from April 2024

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The Childcare Choices website brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it. Visit the site at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check your eligibility and see if you can benefit from additional support.

And from this year even more help is on the way:

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.

From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

If you are eligible, you need to apply for your funding at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>.

You do not need to apply if you are only claiming the standard 15hrs from the term after your child's 3rd birthday. This is automatically in place for all children of that age.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as '**wraparound care**'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the Childcare Choices website shown above to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

We would also encourage parents to sign up to the Childcare Choices newsletter to receive updates about the changes coming from April 2024.

More information on wider financial support is available on the Help for Households website and leaflet at:

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/campaign-toolkit/>
