



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy term at Woodlands, with lots of special events and opportunities to showcase the children's learning. Thank you to everyone who has attended, donated or participated in these events- I hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have!

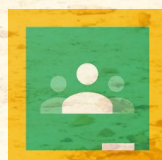
Our Junior Bake Off and Festive Fair were incredibly successful and an opportunity for the school to celebrate at the end of each half term. The return of our International Evening, for the first time since the pandemic, was a personal highlight as any opportunity to celebrate our community's diversity and taste delicious food from around the world is a fantastic opportunity! Ending the term with our 3 performances from each Key stage was a fantastic way to celebrate the musical and acting talents of our pupils.

Teachers and pupils were able to showcase learning in Phonics, Maths and PSHE this term, with increasing numbers of parents and carers in attendance each time. We look forward to hosting more of these in future for other subject areas and showcasing the fantastic learning which takes place on a daily basis.

This term, we have been particularly focusing on improving our attendance rates, which were very low last year. Golden Games is a fantastic way of celebrating weekly individual attendance and the Attendance cup for the class with the highest attendance is awarded each week. Despite the bugs and viruses which have impacted both pupil and staff attendance this term, there has been an overall improvement in attendance rates and we aim to continue this next term, with your continued support.

Thank you to everyone who has made this term a success. I wish you all a restful holiday and hope that you are able to enjoy the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 9th January!

Ms Hasker



From The Chair Of Governors

Governors' update

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for supporting us in increasing our pupils attendance at school and reducing the instances of lateness. Good attendance and punctuality will really help your children reach age related expectations because they are not trying to catch up on the learning they have missed as well as keep up in class. We have seen an improvement this term despite all the illnesses that have been going around affecting our children and staff and we hope that this will continue into the New Year.

Governors have been busy this term looking at our school data in comparison to other local schools and devising a five- year strategy to further develop our school. We hosted leadership teams from two local schools to conduct a peer review of our teaching of reasoning and problem solving in maths and whether the banded books were matched to reading skills of the pupil. They reported on what was working well and areas for us to consider strengthening our practice still further.

We want all our pupils to feel safe and secure in school and we commissioned an external audit of our safeguarding procedures to identify any aspects where we could improve. The auditor was very impressed with our approach to safeguarding and gave us some useful suggestions on what we could build on to be even stronger.

Governors have visited this term to look at safeguarding, behaviour, provision for SEND and Pupil Premium children. We spent time talking to staff and pupils to monitor how are policies were being put into practice. Our children were so enthusiastic to tell us about their learning and how much they enjoyed school.

We would like to thank all our staff for everything they do to nurture our pupils and help them reach their potential and to thank all our parents and carers for the support you give the school and for getting involved in our showcase events to help you support your children's learning at home.

Wishing you all a joyous festive season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Shirley Kenworthy-Wright
Chair of Governors



Music News

Autumn Term has been a great time for music at Woodlands. We have many new children learning musical instruments at school, as well as plenty of performances and concerts happening for children across the school. Thank you to all of the children and parents who have made these events possible! Mr Jones



Woodlands Choir have been working hard preparing for concerts at school as well as at the ESMA annual Christmas concert. This is a wonderful opportunity for children across Ealing to come together and sing at a beautiful venue!

"I enjoyed going somewhere different to sing in front of other schools and our parents!" Sochi Y3

"I really enjoyed staying after school with my friends and walking to St Barnabus Church. I love to sing our performance song and it was nice to do this in front of a big audience!" Mikolaj Y5

Year 5 have now completed their first term learning the Jsax and have made a really brilliant start. Both Mr Mckay and Mr Jones have been very impressed with Y5's attitude to learning. Children have shown determination and resilience in mastering this new skill!



KS1 brought the Nativity story to life with their production of "Everyone Loves a Baby".

Well done to all of the children involved and thank you to parents for supporting your children with the show!

Music News

EYFS put on a fantastic performance of "Songs around the Christmas Tree". The children did some brilliant singing and included some festive instruments in the fun! A special mention to Maya for her beautiful solo in Away in a Manger!



KS2 & KS1 were involved in our end of term Christmas concert which showcased the skills and talents of so many of our wonderful students. Performances ranged from the choir to Jsax, recorder group, piano group and even a special staff performance

Get stuck in.....

Here at Woodlands, we strive to give **all** of our students access to a high quality musical education and this includes many extra curricular opportunities. A reminder that in addition to regular music lessons at school, children have the opportunity to join: Piano Lessons, Recorder Group, Woodlands Choir, Jsax Ensemble (Year 6 only). Please speak to Mr Jones to be added to a waiting list.

Notice to parents of children currently having lessons in Jsax, Recorder or Piano

- Please remember that children should bring their instrument / books with them on the correct day.
- Children should be practicing for approximately 10 minutes each day on their instrument.
- Payment for lessons must be made in advance. Places will be offered to other students if payment is not received. Next payment will be due in January for Spring Term.



Music News



Please see below for a fantastic opportunity from London Youth Choir:

Do you love to sing but have never sung in a choir before?

London Youth Choirs (LYC) have a friendly choir for children in years 3-6 near you...



Local to your school, London Youth Choirs (LYC) runs a friendly and inclusive choir called LYC West which meets every Thursday at 4.30pm-5.30pm during term time at St Barnabas church hall in Pitshanger Lane.

NO experience of singing in choirs is needed to join and LYC offer a wide range of financial support to ensure that there are no barriers to taking part.

All LYC members enjoy excellent musical training, new friendships, dedicated pastoral care, social activities and AMAZING concerts!

We are inviting children in years 3-6 to LYC's FUN, FRIENDLY and FREE auditions on Thursday 11 th January 2024 at St Barnabas Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane, London W5 1QG.

Sign up for an audition [HERE](#) and fill in the form

LYC know that the word 'audition' can seem daunting, so they make the whole experience as welcoming, inclusive and supportive as possible. LYC Membership EDI Manager Freddie has recorded an audition video guide which you can see below:



Get in touch with LYC by email: membership@londonyouthchoirs.com

Text or phone: 07388 623178

THE LYC TEAM ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



Sports News



At Woodlands, we are now taking part in the **Daily Mile** to make sure we are keeping fit.

*We love the fresh air outside.
We want to do the Daily Mile
on the weekend too!*
~Rayan & Eliana, Year 1

*The Daily Mile makes me have a positive
mindset. It makes me feel ready for the day. I
like to set challenges for myself by doing more
laps.*
~Aradhika & Ewar, Year 5

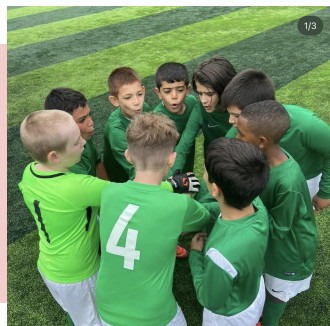
Congratulations to Year 5 for completing the '**Joy of Moving**' with Brentford football club.



A massive well done to the girls who represented Woodlands at the **Gymnastics Festival!**



The Year 5 & 6 boys took part in their **football league** at Goals...



The Year 5 & 6 girls went to Ealing Trailfinders to take part in their **football league**...



We continued to have a range of **sports clubs** running every day.



Forest School



Here are some of the exciting things we have been doing at Forest School this Term.



Balancing and swinging - taking turns and team work



Muddy Fun!



Forest Crafts



Climbing Trees



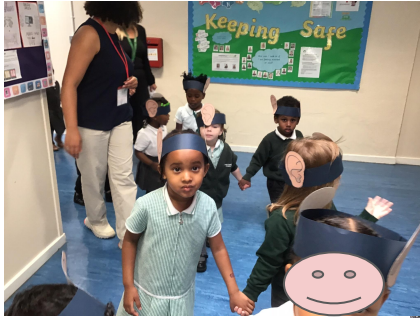
Hot Chocolate at story time



Nursery



Our Topics for Autumn 1 were **Me and My Community** and **Exploring Autumn**



We met our new friends and enjoyed exploring the Nursery.

We Looked and listened for signs of Autumn. We investigated pumpkins!

SPLASH!



Can we plant the seeds?

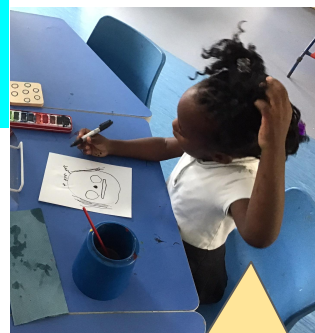


We talked about how we are similar and different and read stories from different cultures. We then make Kente cloth patterns and enjoyed eating rice and beans.

We talked about our local community and the people who help us.



Yum!



My hair is curly like yours Miss!



Nursery continued...



Our Topics for Autumn 2 were **Once Upon a Time** and **Sparkle and Shine**.

We enjoyed reading Traditional Tales and one morning arrived to find a strange egg in the Nursery...



We're making crumble for our hungry dragon!



We wrapped the egg to keep it warm and out popped a baby dragon!



This house needs to be nice and strong!



We baked gingerbread men and pretended to be bakers!



We learned about Diwali and Bonfire Night and made Diwas and mango lassi



Fireworks go BANG!

To learn more about Christmas, we visited the local church with our parents.



Reception

In Autumn 1, our topics were '**Me and My Community**' and '**Exploring Autumn.**'

In Maths, we learnt about **3D shapes**. We investigated which shapes have either flat or curved sides.

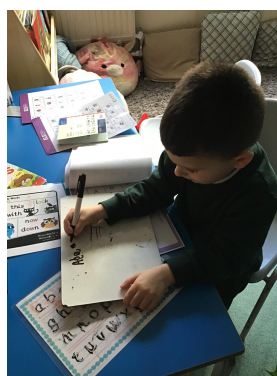


We used our 5 senses and went on an **Autumn walk** around our school.

In Art, we did some friendship **colour mixing**. We loved seeing what colours we could create with our friends!



We have made a great start with our **Phonics**!



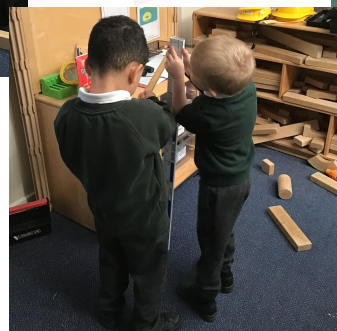
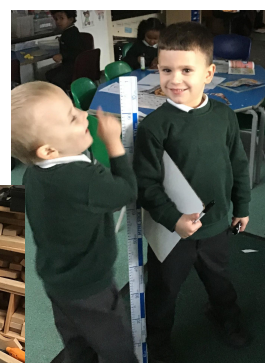


Reception continued...

In Autumn 2, our topics were '**Once Upon A Time**' and '**Sparkle and Shine**' where we learnt about celebrations that take place during this time of year.

We've enjoyed being **builders** & measuring our creations.

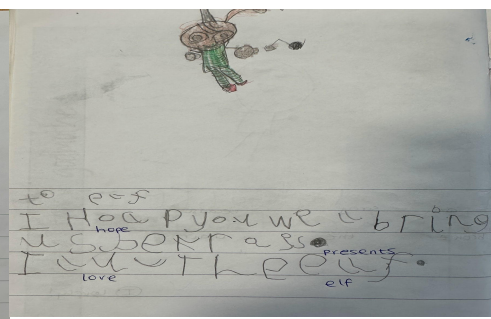
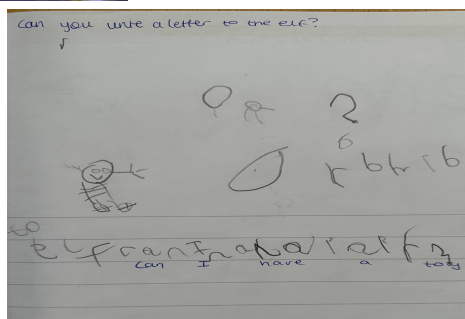
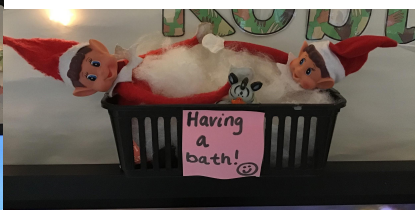
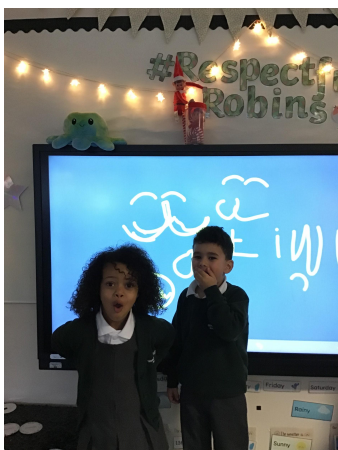
We learnt about the celebration of **Diwali**. We made delicious chapatis and also practiced some traditional dancing...



We were payed a visit by **two** cheeky elves! We loved seeing what they got up to & wrote them some letters.



We have been learning about **traditional tales**. Some children from Year 6 came in to read us our favourite stories...



We have had a really busy Autumn term. It has been wonderful getting to know all the children.

Year 1

In Maths they have been learning about place value to 10, addition and subtraction within 10 and 2D and 3D shapes. They have enjoyed exploring the maths resources to help them problem solve.



In English we read the book The Tiger Who came to tea. We had a go at writing our own version and even had a Tiger Tea party. In Autumn 2 we read the story 'Sharing a Shell' and wrote fact files about hermit crabs.





Year 1 *continued...*



In Science our topic was Animals including humans. We identified animals and sorted them into groups. We labeled parts of the human body and tested our senses.



Our History topic was 'All about Me'. We learned about timelines and how life has changed since our parents and grandparents were young.



Our Geography topic was 'Can you locate Woodlands Academy?' We looked at maps and aerial view, the difference between human and physical geographical features and the 4 compass points.

In art we made self portraits. In RE we have been learning about Christianity and Islam. In PE we have been practising our ball skills. We also joined Year 2 for our Christmas production.

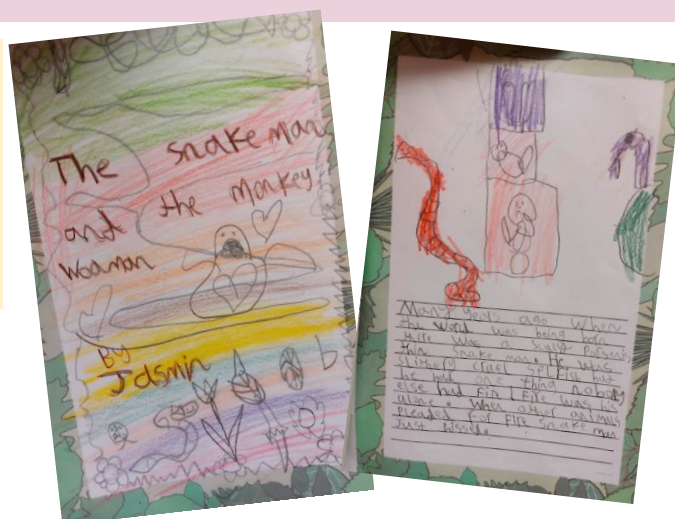


Year 2



Autumn term has been a great start to the academic year for us. We have learnt so much! Have a look at the great things we have learnt.

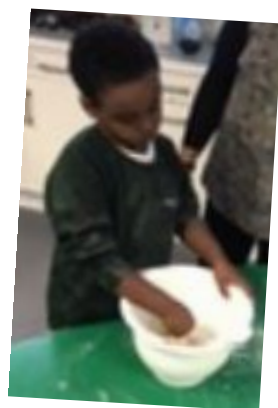
In English, we are becoming writers. We wrote our own version of a story and became published authors. Have a look at one of our books!



We also baked scones!



In Computing, we used role play to demonstrate how a digital computer such as smart shop, works.



We were the computers input and output! when we go shopping!

Let's not forget our AMAZING KS1 Christmas Production. We can officially say that we are both good actors and singers!





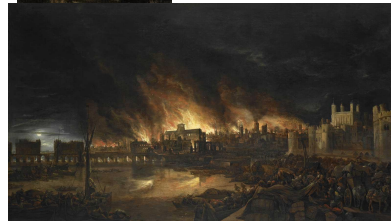
Year 2 continued...

In PE, we have practised our aim with ball rolling skills and our body balance. Look at our posture. Can you throw and catch different sized objects?

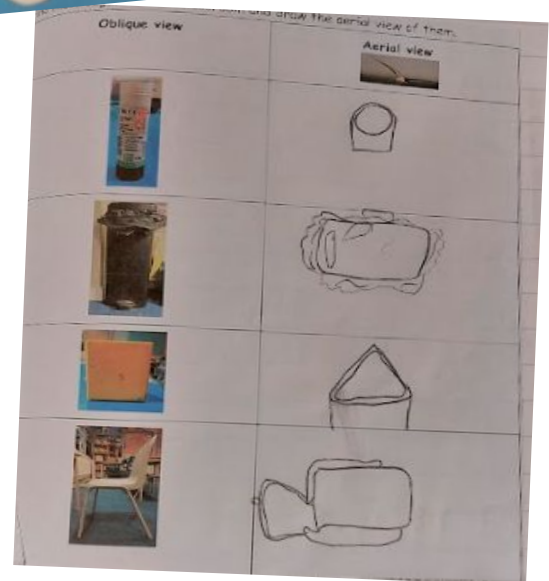


We have also become good historians and written all about the Great Fire of London.

I think that the Great Fire spread so quickly because the houses were close together. And this means the fire can spread easily because the houses were made from wood.



In Science we were investigating different materials for absorbency.



Geography Glossary		
Keyword	Meaning (Definition)	Picture (Draw a Picture)
beach	Sand and pebbles that are close to the sea.	
cliff	A steep rock face.	
coast	Where the land meets the sea.	
forest	A large area with many trees.	
hill	A raised area of land as high as a mountain.	
mountain	A large steep hill.	
sea	A small area of salty water.	
ocean	A large area of salty water.	
river	A flowing water.	
soil	Where plants live.	

As Geographers we have been exploring lots of human and physical features in our local area.

We used maps to locate parks, buildings and our school using side views and views from above. As Geographers we know these views are called 'oblique' and 'aerial' views.



Year 3



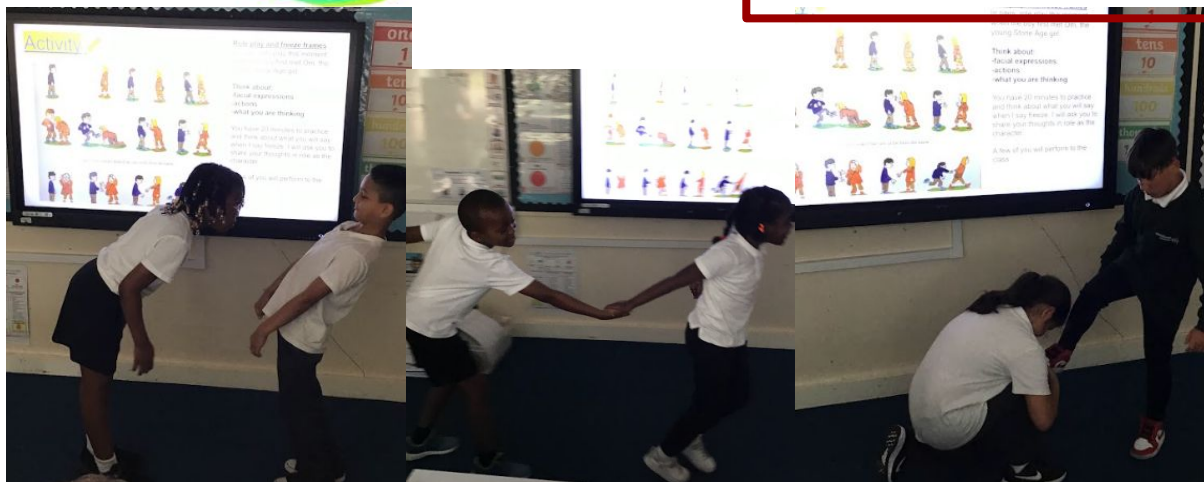
Class assembly - Stone Age to Iron Age

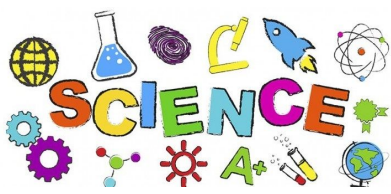
Year 3 had the pleasure to start this year's class assemblies and took us through thousands of years of evolution. They have definitely raised the standard by acting out the three different periods of the Stone Age beautifully. They then 'rocked' with their rock song!

Our class assembly was linked to our English and History topic!



During Autumn 1, in **English** we used **role play** to explore the scene from our focus book '**The Stone Age Boy**'. We had so much fun recounting moments from the story and understanding how characters were feeling. We also used facial expression and body language to re-enact an interaction between the characters.





Year 3 *continued...*

'It's all Science to us...'

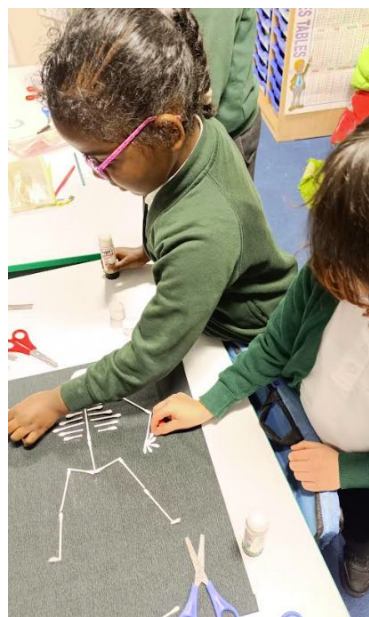
In Year 3 we absolutely love Science and we take every opportunity to show it. Here is some fantastic work we have been doing throughout the term.

In Autumn 1, we conducted a water transport experiment and we found out that the stem transports the water to the other parts of the plant.

Before



After



In Autumn 2, we learned everything about animals including humans. Take a look at our fantastic human skeletons.

