



Summer Term 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the fantastic support you have given the school this year. Whether you attended International Evening, the Festive Fair, the Summer Festival, our showcase events or just spoke to the Ofsted Inspectors, your support is appreciated.

We improved attendance this year, but still have a long way to go to reach our pre-pandemic levels and we will continue to work on this next year. We will also be looking further at punctuality as we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school through the office, after the gate has closed.

Having read through the newsletter, I am pleased to see the fantastic range of activities, trips, clubs and events which we have been able to hold this year. The staff really have gone above and beyond to ensure that our community receive every possible opportunity we can offer and I thank them all for their continued commitment to our school community.

In May we were visited by Ofsted. While we would not have chosen to have this experience at the same time as the Year 6 SATS, the whole school worked together to ensure that we showcased the school at its best. I have never been so proud to be the Headteacher of Woodlands as I was during those 2 days, watching our staff support each other to ensure every question was answered, seeing our children celebrating their learning and listening to our parents recognising the value of our school community. In the final report, Ofsted said we are 'a happy and nurturing school'. To me, this summarises our community in one phrase.

After a very busy year, it is now time to enjoy a well deserved rest. I wish all of you a very happy and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 4th September (Nursery and Reception start times may vary).

Ms Hasker
Headteacher



From The Chair Of Governors

Well Done!

We would like to say well done to all our pupils for their achievements this year. These are many and varied and we are very proud of the progress pupils have made towards their goals. Sporting achievements, attendance awards, applying the school values and music events and productions are all to be celebrated. In the SATs, in EYFS, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 we were really pleased that we got very close to the targets we had set.

In EYFS, 65% of our pupils achieved a Good Level of Development. In phonics screening 80% of those who were able to access the assessment passed. In the multiplication tests in Year 4, 38% of our children got 25 out of 25 compared to 25% nationally. In Year 6, 74% of our pupils reached Age Related Expectation (ARE) in Reading, 71% reached ARE in Maths, 65% reached ARE in Spelling and Grammar and 55% reached ARE in Writing and 74% reached ARE in Science.

We would also like to say well done to everyone in the school community for supporting the school through the recent Ofsted Inspection. We are delighted that the inspectors recognised the strengths of our school, and we also value the clarity they gave us in what we needed to focus on to do even better.

5 Year Strategy

The Governing Body is responsible for setting the vision, values and strategic direction of the school. We have worked together with staff and some parents to develop a 5- year strategy which reflects our expectations and longer-term development plans. This has been

launched on the school website and you can find it by following the link below:

<https://www.woodlands.ealing.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/5-Year-Strategy-1.pdf>

This strategy together with the Ofsted inspection findings has informed our 5 priorities for the next academic year.

Priorities for Next Year:

1. To close the gaps in pupils' knowledge	2. Curriculum development in Art, Design Technology and Computing	3. Develop our subject leaders with targeted career development opportunities	4. Developing personal characteristics with new PSHE scheme and continued focus on well- being and safeguarding.	5. Further improving attendance and punctuality
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From The Chair Of Governors

Changes to the Governing Body

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Naheema Walji, a Co-opted Governor who has been Vice Chair of Governors, Chair of Curriculum committee and Mental Health and Well-Being link Governor during her 6 years at Woodlands. She has a wealth of experience in law and the Independent School sector. She has been a staunch supporter of the school and has been supportive and challenging to the leadership team in raising expectations of our teaching and learning and outcomes for pupils. She will be sorely missed on the Governing Body.

We will also be saying goodbye to Scott Sutherland in October when he completes 5 years as a Co-opted Governor at Woodlands. Scott has chaired our Resources Committee and his background in finance and compliance have been invaluable to our financial planning and collective decision making. He too will be sorely missed.

We are delighted to welcome 4 new governors to the Governing Body:

Asma Humayun was elected as a Parent Governor in July. Mark Goodlake, who has had an extensive career in HR, Lucy Bennison who is Deputy Head at Ravenscourt Independent Preparatory School and Helene Jolly who is a Managing Director at Deutsche Bank were all co-opted to the Governing Body at our meeting on 15 th July. We are very much looking forward to working together in the years to come.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Woodlands for their support for our pupils and their colleagues. They are all very committed to making Woodlands even better and to giving our pupils every opportunity to reach their potential and get ready for the next stage of their education.

Happy Holidays!!

Finally, I wish you and your family a good summer break and look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Wednesday 4th September.

Shirley Kenworthy-Wright
Chair of Governors



Attendance Matters

Our school target is:
96.5%

Well done to all of the children who achieved our target of 96.5% this half term and were awarded a certificate in Celebration Assembly this week. If you reached the target you will be invited to a GOLD DAY in Autumn term. More details coming soon.

**New
games!**

**What a fantastic term it has been
for GOLDEN GAMES!**



We get to play
with our friends
and have fun.



I enjoy being
with my friends.



Golden games is
fun!



We get rewarded
for having good
attendance.

Next year we will continue to prioritise improving attendance and punctuality. We will continue to give children an opportunity to join Golden games each week. If they have been in school every day for the previous week, their name will be on our Golden games 100% attendance wheel. Next year we will pick 4 names from the wheel (instead of 3) and the chosen children can bring along a friend to join them.



Sports News



It has been a very exciting term for sports. Ms Naveed & Mr Grant are so proud of everyone for achieving a bronze award this year and continuing to make Woodlands an active and healthy school!

We trained our amazing **Play Leaders!** They are fantastic role models and have loved leading games at lunch time for the younger children.



Year 6 boys visited Brentham Club for a **cricket** tournament...



Year 3-5 took part in a mixed **Athletics** event...



We love **dancing**! In Summer 1, we did rockstar dance as a school. We ended Summer 2 with another dance, taught by our Play Leaders!



Each year group performed a **dance** in assembly to showcase what they had learnt in PE!





Sports News



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We were proud of our Year 5&6 mixed **football** team for their great match at Goals!

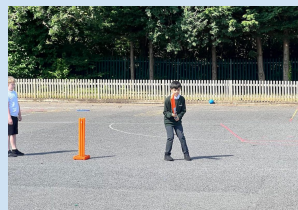


Year 3 and 4 played **tennis** at Gunnersbury Sports Hub.

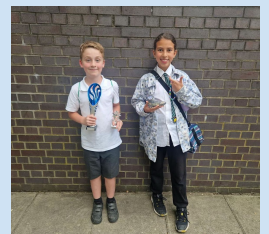
Oscar from **Middlesex Cricket Club** ran a fantastic cricket engagement day at our school....



Summer **athletics** at Perivale Track.....



We ended the year with an amazing **awards evening** at Featherstone High School. Well done to our Sports Superstars who represented Woodlands at the event!





Sports Day



Well done to everyone for a great effort on Sports Day! Thank you to all the parents and families who came to watch.

KS1



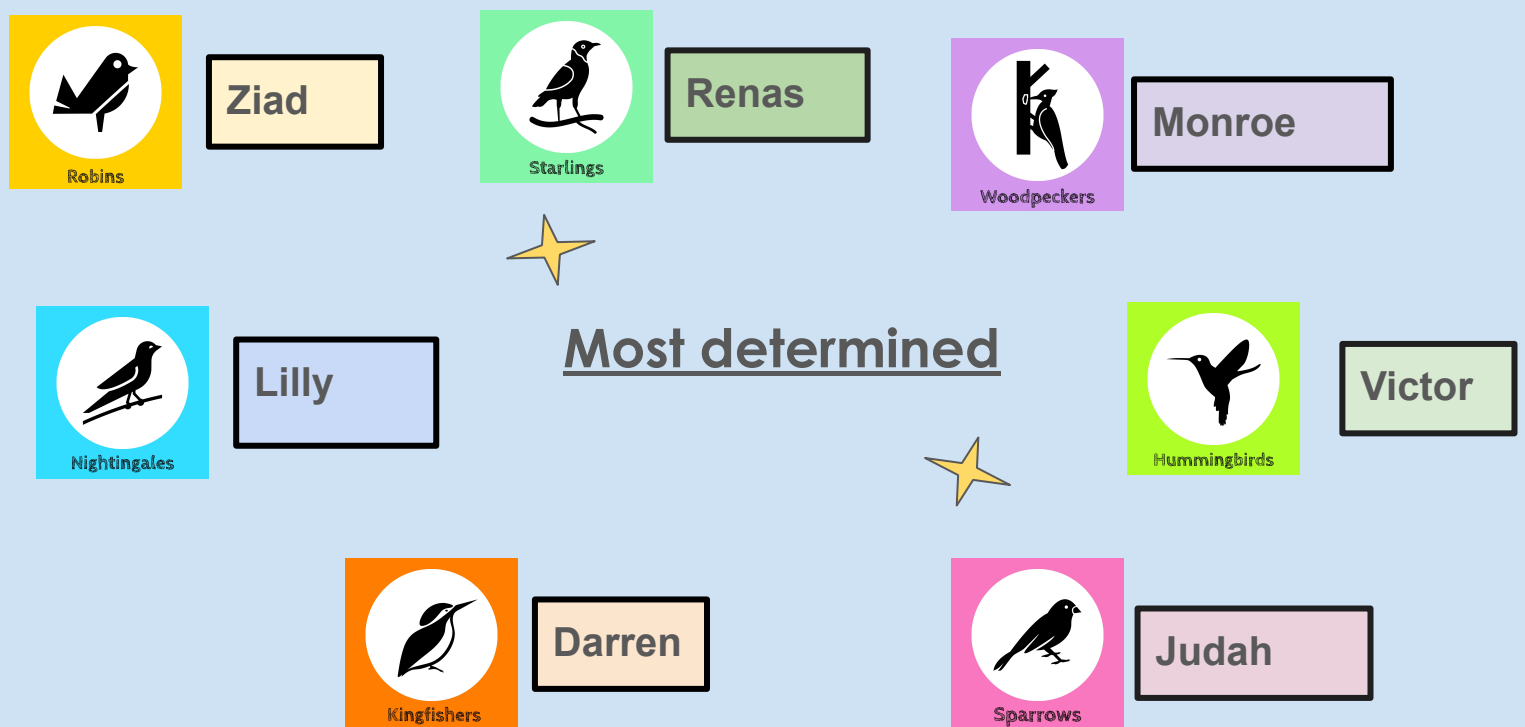
KS2



Daily Mile

At Woodlands, we believe that being active is crucial for our wellbeing. This term, all classes have been trying to move more on the playground with the relaunch of our Daily Mile. Each pupil tries to achieve their own personal best. Here are the children who were given a special mention in Celebration Assembly as being the most enthusiastic and most determined!

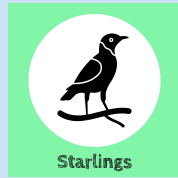
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Summer 2



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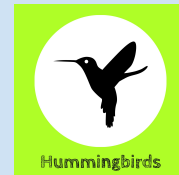


Liam



Mihran

Most enthusiastic



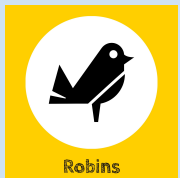
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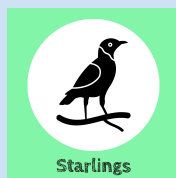
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Most determined



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Music News

It's been a fantastic term and indeed another great year of music making at Woodlands Academy. It's always brilliant to see children embracing the opportunities open to them and flourishing in learning instruments or being part of ensembles.

Musician of the Year 2023 -2024 **Adrian Sherin**



Firstly, huge congratulations to Adrian Sherin in Year 6 who recently took his Grade 5 Saxophone exam and passed with Merit. Since joining the school, Adrian has been heavily involved in the music at Woodlands and I'm sure I speak for all staff in saying that we will miss his Saxophone playing, Piano playing and involvement in the Choir. Given Adrian's commitment to music over the past year, I have awarded him Woodlands Musician of the Year 2023-24.

Following on from above, I would like to extend my thanks to many other children in Year 6 who have given time and commitment to music whilst at Woodlands. I hope you have enjoyed all of the opportunities you have had and I do hope you continue to get involved in music at your next schools!

Year 5 - Learning the Saxophone

Both myself and our specialist tutor Mr Mckay have been very impressed with Year 5 this term. Mr Mckay writes:

"This years class know how to hold the J-Sax with the left hand at the top. Their single reed embouchure is developing, with all pupils managing a consistent sound. Most pupils can play B A G E D & C. Breath control, the ability to play phrases and sustained notes is developed and they have also learned how to read music."

Some students have made particularly impressive progress on the instrument and as part of Woodlands commitment to nurture and develop musical talent, some students will be offered the opportunity to continue learning in Year 6. Mr Jones will be in touch in September regarding this.

Year 4 - Learning the Recorder

Both myself and Mr Russell have been teaching Year 4 to play the recorder. This is a great introduction to playing a musical instrument and gives a solid foundation to learning the Saxophone next year.

Children can actually start learning the recorder even as young as Year 1. We have a club at school which children can join - but even using youtube and buying a recorder can be a great start to learning the basics!

Coming up in September...

Choir -Year 3 - 6 (Auditions)
Jsax - Whole Class Y5
Recorder Club - Year 1 - 6 (Paid Club)
Piano Lessons (Paid)
Y6 Jsax (Small Group)
Many other opportunities TBC

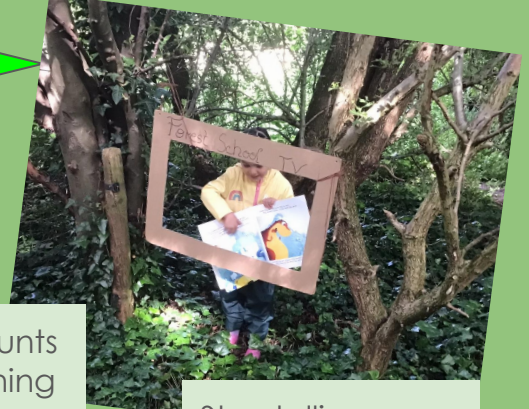
Forest School



We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing caretaker for helping us to transform our Forest School area.



Clay bugs and leaf art.



Storytelling on Forest School TV!



We love Mrs Hera's treasure hunts and it's really helped our listening skills and team work.



We all helped to plant our new tree and gave it lots of water to help it grow.



A new wildlife habitat. Hoping for some frogs to move in!



We hope the butterflies and bees enjoy our new wildlife meadow. It certainly looks beautiful!



Harvesting and eating radishes and peas.



★ Extra-Curricular Clubs ★

This term at Woodlands, we have offered a range of after school activities for different year groups!

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Dance club...



Coding club...



Sewing club...



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Chess club...



Other News

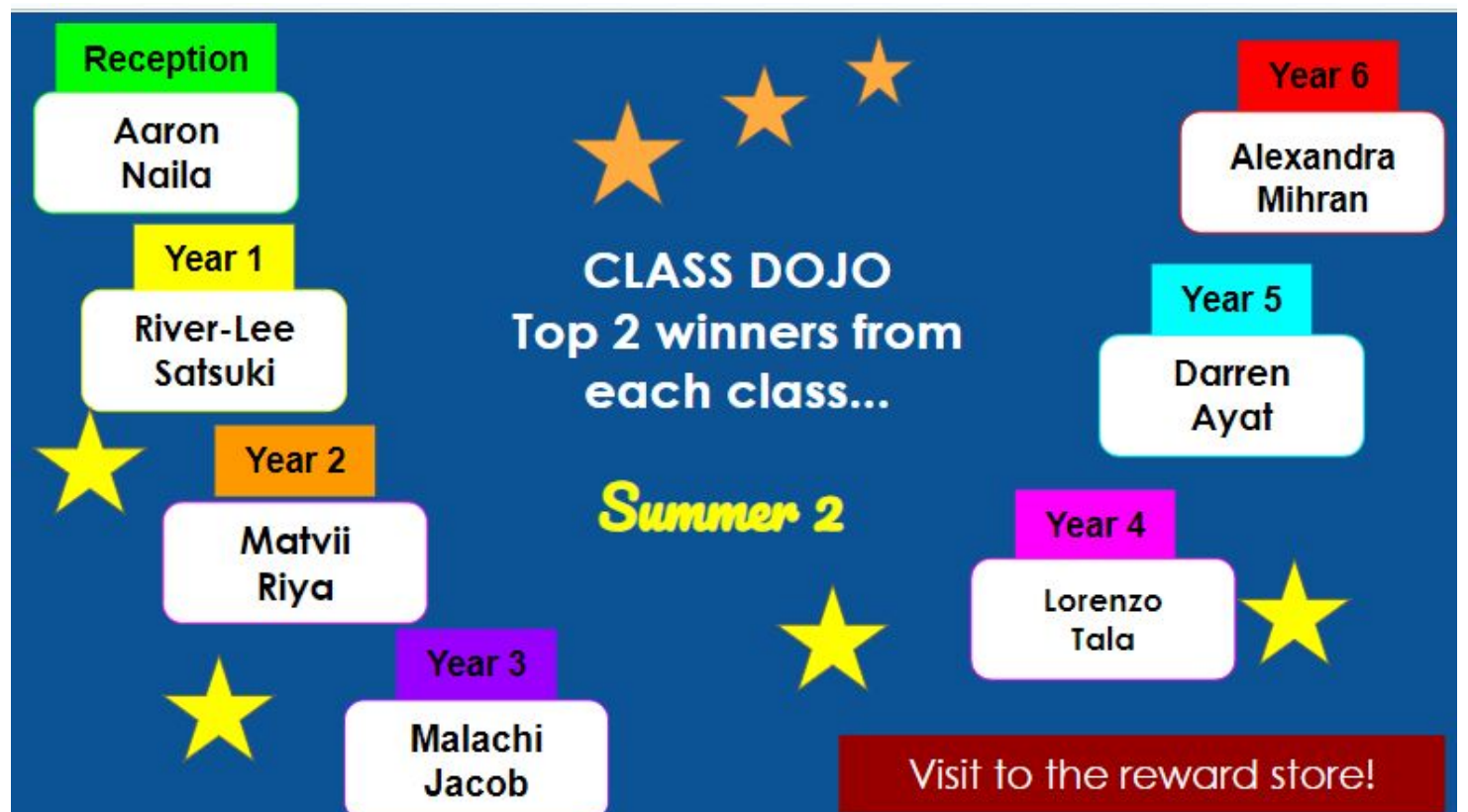
Class Dojo winners

Well done to our winners for this term. They earned the most dojos in the class. Pupils can earn dojos for lots of things including being good role models, great effort with learning, excellent contribution in class and impeccable manners. If they stay on green all day they are awarded 5 dojos at the end of the day.



A poster for Class Dojo Summer 1 winners. The background is dark blue with three orange stars at the top. In the center, the text reads "CLASS DOJO Top 2 winners from each class..." and "Summer 1" in yellow. On the left side, winners are listed by year: Reception (Aaron Naila), Year 1 (Nikol Ibaadha), Year 2 (Panisa Amin), and Year 3 (Milan Cedric). On the right side, winners are listed by year: Year 6 (Samar Alexandra), Year 5 (Dawid Ayat), and Year 4 (Lorenzo Adam). Yellow stars are placed next to the Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4 winners. A red banner at the bottom right says "Visit to the reward store!"

Year	Winner
Reception	Aaron Naila
Year 1	Nikol Ibaadha
Year 2	Panisa Amin
Year 3	Milan Cedric
Year 4	Lorenzo Adam
Year 5	Dawid Ayat
Year 6	Samar Alexandra



A poster for Class Dojo Summer 2 winners. The background is dark blue with three orange stars at the top. In the center, the text reads "CLASS DOJO Top 2 winners from each class..." and "Summer 2" in yellow. On the left side, winners are listed by year: Reception (Aaron Naila), Year 1 (River-Lee Satsuki), Year 2 (Matvii Riya), and Year 3 (Malachi Jacob). On the right side, winners are listed by year: Year 6 (Alexandra Mihran), Year 5 (Darren Ayat), and Year 4 (Lorenzo Tala). Yellow stars are placed next to the Year 1, Year 2, and Year 4 winners. A red banner at the bottom right says "Visit to the reward store!"

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Reception	Aaron Naila
Year 1	River-Lee Satsuki
Year 2	Matvii Riya
Year 3	Malachi Jacob
Year 4	Lorenzo Tala
Year 5	Darren Ayat
Year 6	Alexandra Mihran

Writing Royalty

Congratulations to these children who have shown a big improvement in their writing this term. Keep it up!



Siyana



Nikol



Amerie



Roumaissaa

Writing Royalty
Summer 1



Monroe



Aneesa



Zoey



Adam



Ibaadha



Haniya



Eron

Writing Royalty
Summer 2



Soraya



Albi



Anaiyah

Handwriting Awards

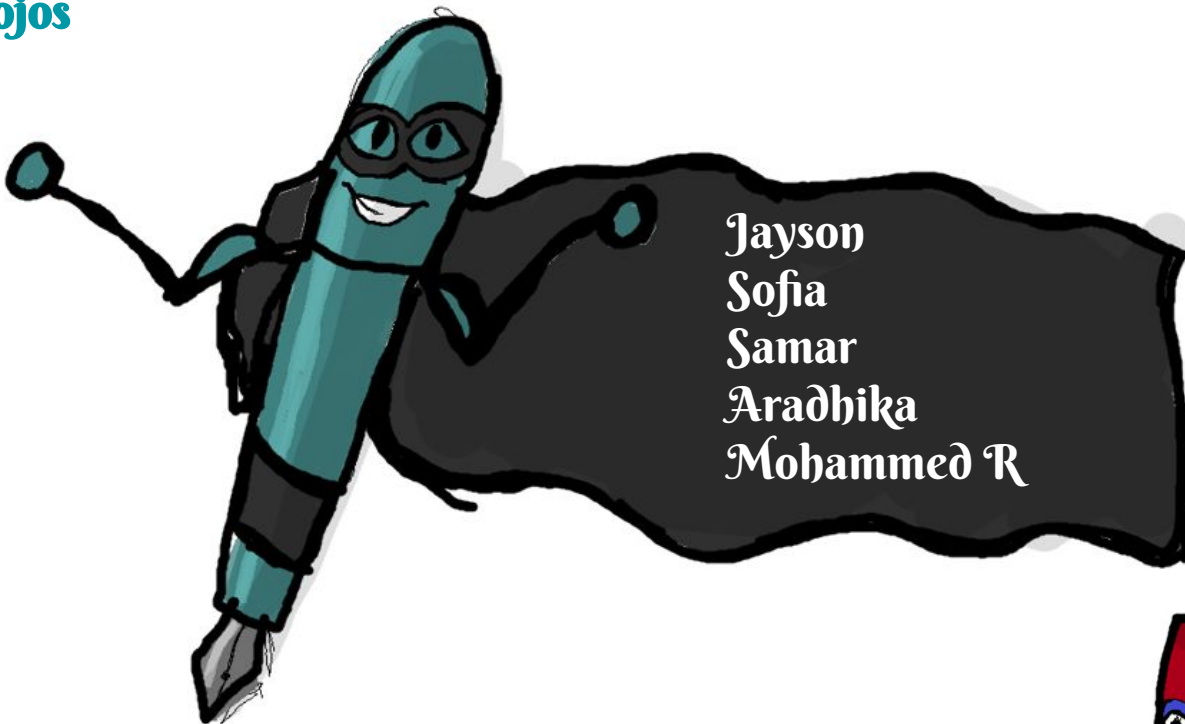
Children are working very hard to become the **Ultimate Superhero** and gain a fountain pen and 20 Class Dojos.

Please check your class website Celebration page for names of children who have been awarded a Shout Out. There are too many to list on this page!

Shout Outs recognise those children who are trying hard with their handwriting. They are also awarded 5 dojos. There is no limit to the number of Shout Outs they can receive.

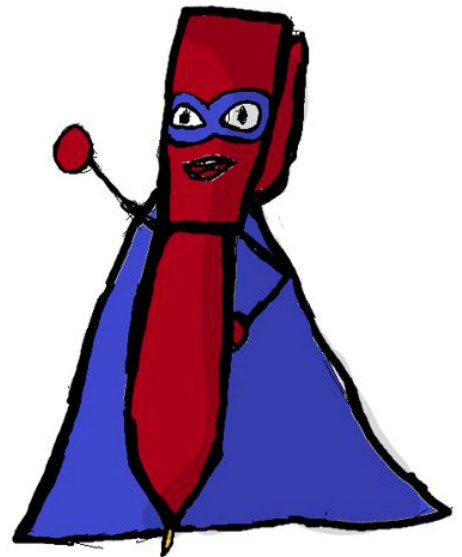
Keep up the good work, Woodlands!

Ultimate Superheroes (Fountain Pens) + 20 dojos



Superheroes-in-Training (Pen) + 10 dojos

Seef
Louis
Anes
James
Layla
Skylah
Adam
Daly

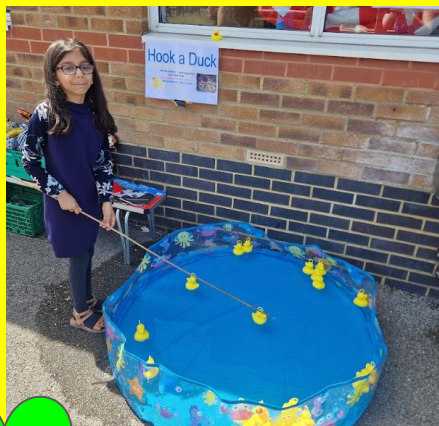


Remember to keep practising your handwriting during the holidays!

Parent News

Summer Festival

Thank you to all of our families for your fantastic support at the Summer Festival. It was an amazing day full of fun and joy.



Thank you for helping
us raise £1164.50 for the school.
We appreciate your support.