

Week beginning 20 10 25

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for taking time to read this bulletin. It will be shared every two weeks (term time only).

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We've had a busy Autumn 1 term, full of exciting events! Highlights include the Poetry Party and, just last week, our participation in the **Readathon**. Thank you to all our families for supporting your child by sponsoring them to read as much as possible during the week. All funds raised will help provide books for children in hospital. Thanks to Mrs Kanval, our English Lead, for organising the event.

On Friday, we kicked off our celebration assembly in a special way, with everyone reading their book of choice. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home every day.

At Woodlands, we value the importance of reading. Regular reading helps to:

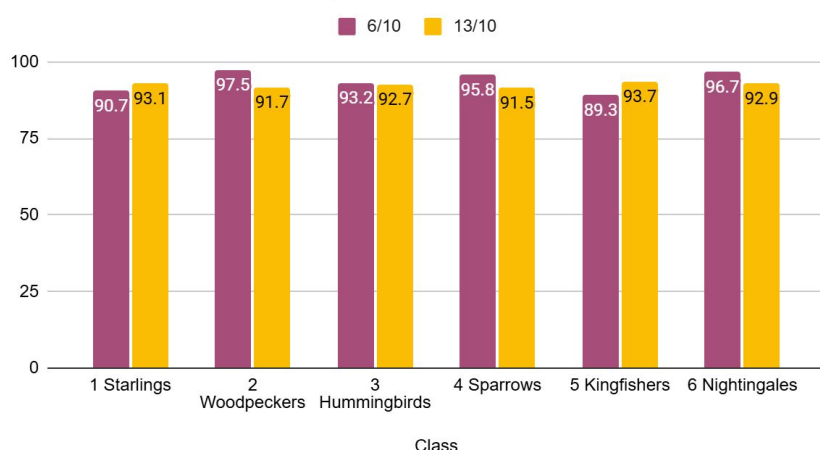
- ★ Improve general knowledge
- ★ Broaden vocabulary
- ★ Stimulate imagination and creativity
- ★ Develop empathy

Attendance Matters

We all understand the important role school plays in helping children grow both academically and socially. Thank you for supporting your child by encouraging regular attendance whenever they are well enough to be in school. This week, we will be reaching out to families whose child's attendance has fallen below 90%.

Here are the highlights from the past two weeks:

Class attendance for the past two weeks



Congratulations to our Attendance winners:

6/10- Year 2

13/10- Year 5

Our Punctuality Winners were:

6/10- Year 3 and 5

13/10- Year 3

When your child attends school regularly and on time they...

Develop new skills

Achieve

Make friends

Build confidence
and self esteem

Develop good habits
and routines

Safeguarding Spotlight

Adult Supervision at the School Gate

We would like to remind all families to accompany their children to the school gate in the morning.

We had a minor incident this week involving a fall on the steps of the footbridge. The child has made a full recovery, but the incident serves as a reminder that falls can happen easily, even in good weather. For families living on the other side of the railway (Copley side), **please ensure your child is safely guided over and down the footbridge**. As the railway platform is at the bottom of the steps, careful supervision is essential to keep all children safe as trains pass through and unfamiliar adults use the trains. While we will ensure that paths leading into school are iced and safe, the footbridge near the railway can still become hazardous in colder weather. Please take extra care and supervise your child closely when using it, especially as steps may become slippery.

If travelling to school by car, please **do not simply drop your child from the car and allow them to walk along the footpath alone**—we must see the adult who drops off the child to ensure their safety.

Be safe in the community

As evenings get darker and many communities take part in seasonal activities such as Halloween, please help us keep all children safe and respectful of others:

- **Supervision:** If your child is joining friends for trick-or-treating or other autumn events, make sure they are supervised or stay in a trusted group.
- **Visibility:** Encourage reflective clothing or lights so children are visible after dark.
- **Respect for others:** Remind children that not all families celebrate Halloween and that some may prefer not to have visitors at their door.
- **Safety first:** Children should never enter a stranger's home or car, and treats should only be accepted from trusted sources.
- **Kindness and comfort:** Some young children can find costumes or decorations scary. Talk with them beforehand, and avoid costumes or masks that might frighten others.

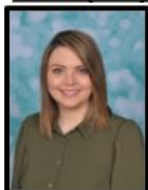
Thank you for helping us keep children safe.

Our Safeguarding Team

Speak to Us

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):



Ms Moxom
Assistant Headteacher

Deputy DSLs:



Ms Hasker
Headteacher



Mrs Sherborne
EYFS Lead



Ms Chatrath
Curriculum
Lead/Yr 4 teacher

Our Safeguarding Governor:



Mrs S Kenworthy Wright
Chair of Governors

🪔 **Wishing a Happy Diwali** to all our families celebrating today. May this Festival of Lights bring joy, peace, and happiness to your homes. ✨

Have a happy and safe Half Term next week. Remember the clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 26th October during the holidays. We return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Key dates- available on the website calendar- [click here](#) or scan the QR code

Next few events:

Parents Evening- Tuesday 11th November 2025- details coming soon

Junior Bake Off- Friday 28th November 2025- see [letter](#) to sign up using [the google form](#).



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Next Bulletin: 10th November 2025