



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are finally at the end of the summer term and saying goodbye to many members of our school community. Our Year 6 pupils achieved well in their SATS and are ready for the challenge of secondary school. We wish them all the best for the next stage of their education.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to a couple of members of staff this year. Mrs Bohan has worked with Year 1 for the last few years and has been a fantastic part of the Woodlands community. While she was not able to be with us for the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution and commitment to the school and our pupils.

The day has also come for us to say goodbye to Ms Moxom, who has been with us for 10 years. The response from the school community to the news of her leaving has been lovely to see, especially as it is so clear to see the impact she has had on our children and families over the years. She will be missed at Woodlands but we wish her well in her next adventure.

The impact of I Am A Clever Writer has already been seen in the early stages and I am looking forward to seeing how this progresses next year, with Ms Chatrath as my new deputy. We have arranged for a Reception teacher for Autumn term, who will be supported by Ms Chatrath and Mrs Sherborne and will be recruiting a new member of staff for this role in the Autumn term.

Thank you to all our staff, pupils and parents for their hard work this year. We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Friday 4th September.

Kind regards

Ms Hasker
Headteacher

From The Chair Of Governors

Firstly, we want to thank Miss Moxom for her tremendous contribution to the success of Woodlands Academy. She joined us 10 years ago as a classroom teacher and subject lead for PSHE and RHE and taught mainly in Year 3 before she was promoted to Assistant Headteacher then Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead. She has also been responsible for Mental Health and Well Being and has worked closely with Ealing Mental Health team to provide support for families and pupils of our school. She will be sorely missed by the whole school community, and we want to wish her good health and happiness for the future.

We would also like to congratulate Ms Chatrath who has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo following a very rigorous assessment and interview process. The five- person panel (including 2 governors) were unanimous in their decision to appoint her ahead of the other shortlisted external candidates for her passion, skills and commitment to the role.

We will also be saying goodbye to Lucy Bennison, Co-opted Governor who has been chair of our Curricular Committee for 2 years. We want to thank her for the insight knowledge and skills she brought to our decision making. We wish her and her family all the very best as she takes up a Deputy Head teacher position with Marlborough College in Malaysia. Luckily, she helped us to recruit her colleague Deputy Head at Ravenscourt Park Preparatory School, Sam Challenor, to take up the role in September.

We currently have Co-Opted Governor vacancies at Woodlands. These roles are not open to parents of children at Woodlands Academy from September 2026, but we would love to hear from anyone you know who has a passion for education and has the skills and desire to support Woodlands in achieving our ambitions. Please ask them to contact me via FAO S Kenworthy-Wright at office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk

Lastly, I would like to thank you, your children, and all our staff for your commitment to our school and wish you all a happy and healthy summer break. We look forward to seeing you return to school on Friday 4th September.

Shirley Kenworthy-Wright, Chair of Governors



Thank you...

Thank you for all your kind messages of support and for making Woodlands such a wonderful community to be part of. I will truly miss being a member of the Woodlands family.

As Deputy Headteacher, it has been a privilege to support the children and their families over the years. The love and kindness you have shown since I shared that I would be leaving Woodlands has meant so much to me and has reassured me that I have achieved what I always hoped to—to help create a school where children feel safe, happy and valued, and where families feel supported.

I will miss greeting and saying goodbye to you all on the gate each day and being someone that children, parents and carers could talk to whenever they needed support. I will always treasure the memories we've made together, whether it was sharing laughs in Calm Club, enjoying Golden Games, bringing energy and enthusiasm to our celebration assemblies, recognising thoughtful acts through our Kindness Awards, or simply spending time with the children each day. Watching their smiles, confidence and pride grow has been the greatest reward.

I will always carry the memories of Woodlands and its wonderful children and families with me, and I will never forget the incredible pupils who make it such a special place.

Thank you to the wonderful staff for the care, dedication and unique opportunities you provide for our pupils every day. I would also like to wish Ms Chatrath every success and happiness as she begins her new role as Deputy Headteacher working alongside Ms Hasker.

I wish you all every happiness and success for the future. Remember to always spread kindness wherever you go—kindness is like a boomerang: when you throw it out into the world, it always comes back.

Keep being kind, keep working hard, and keep being the amazing superstars you are.

Thank you, Woodlands. ❤️

Ms Moxom



Music News

It's been a great 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 2025 -2026 **Arina Sherin**



I would like to firstly give recognition to Arina Sherin in Year 4 for her talent and commitment to music over the past year. Arina has been a longstanding member of the school choir and has also been learning the piano and Flute this year. Maintaining all of these commitments is challenge enough, but Arina has shown determination and dedication, making great progress in all of these areas. Arina took her Grade 1 Flute exam this year, which she passed with Merit. Well done Arina, keep up the hard work!

Following on from this, I would like to extend my thanks to many other children at Woodlands Academy who have given their time and commitment to music this year. I hope you have enjoyed all of the opportunities you have had and I look forward to many of you continuing to get involved in music next year, and for those of you in Year 6, at your next schools!

Year 5 - Jsax

Both myself and our specialist tutor Mr Mckay have been pleased with the progress that Year 5 have made this year.. We enjoyed an impressive performance at the end of Spring Term where Y5 showcased their new skills!

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

Year 4 - Recorder

This term, Year 4 have been learning 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.

Woodlands Choir

Woodlands Choir have had a busy term singing, including a visit to St Davids Care home in Ealing. This was a great opportunity for the children to sing and spread some cheer to the residents. The choir sang music that we have learned over the past year.

Recorder Club

Mr Mckay has been running recorder clun over the Summer term and has been pleased with the children's learning. This will now restart in Autumn Term. Children can actually start learning the recorder as young as Year 1. Information about joining this club with be shared in September.

Rocksteady Ensembles

It's been fantastic to have Rocksteady coming into school over the past term. Children have loved being a part of the bands and we were treated a wonderful performance at the end of term.

We are pleased to say that we'll be continuing to work with Rocksteady again next year. Information about continuing or starting will be sent out in September.

Thank you to the Rocksteady Team for providing this amazing opportunity for our children!

Check out some pictures of the end of year show below!



Top Tips for Practicing an Instrument

Learning an instrument takes dedication and hard work. Parents, students and a teacher need to work together.

Here are some tips to help:

- 15 minutes practice per day (parents help with this)
- Same time, every day. Make a routine! (parents help with this)
 - Split practice time: warm up | piece | game
 - If you're getting frustrated, come back to it and practise something else.

Photos

Take a look at some of the many musical highlights that took place during the summer term!

Woodlands Choir visited St Davids Care home to give an uplifting concert.



Year 6 had fun putting on their end of year performance of "Mission Implausible"

Coming up in Autumn Term

Choir -Year 3 - 6 (Auditions)
Jsax - Whole Class Y5
Recorder Club - Year 1 - 6 (Paid)
Piano Lessons (Paid)
Y6 Jsax Group (Paid)
Rocksteady Ensembles (Paid)

Thank you Miss Moxom!

Amongst her many other responsibilities and work, Miss Moxom has always been a advocate for creativity at Woodlands. She has been incredibly supportive when it comes to making the most of trip opportunities with the children and I hope that she has fond memories of our school choir and class music trips.

We will all miss you very much Miss Moxom and we wish you all the best in the future. In the words of the great musician Bobby Mcferrin, "Don't Worry, Be Happy".



★ Sports News ★

It has been another fantastic term for sport, with many more pupils representing our school at external competitions. It has been another fantastic term for sport, with many more pupils representing our school at external competitions organised by the Featherstone Sports Partnership. We are always proud to celebrate our pupils' achievements when they return from these events.

This term has been particularly successful in athletics, with two competitions resulting in first-place finishes. We are also delighted to have once again achieved the **Gold Award** for our participation in Featherstone Sports Partnership events throughout this academic year, as well as the **School Games Gold Mark**.

A huge well done to everyone involved for their hard work, commitment, and outstanding achievements!

Bowled over by an amazing team effort at Ealing soft ten pin cluster



17th April

Fantastic effort by our Year 5/6 Boys Cricket Team



20th May

Fantastic effort by our KS2 Cricket Team



12th May

★ Sports News ★ continued...

Amazing performance by our Year 5/6 Athletics Team



**Bronze medals
3rd place out of 10
schools**

**Well done to all of
you- what an
amazing team!**



1st place in running races-

- 50m- Amiyah, Ibrahim
- 100m- Shalen,
- 200m- Anaiyah, MJ

**1st place in girls relay-
Amiyah, Shalen, Danah,
Anaiyah**

18th June

Sensational teamwork by our Athletics Team



**A wonderful effort by
our all Year 5 team,
competing against
Year 5/6 teams**

Special mentions:

**1st place-
Milan for shot put**



**1st place-
Muhammed for
100m**

6th July

Tee-riffic performance from our Yr 5/6 Golf team



**After being
postponed
due to
weather, it
was a
glorious
day for our
Mini Golf
team.**



**Special
mention-
Judah for a
Hole in One**

3rd July

★ Sports News ★ continued...

Sports Day was a fantastic event enjoyed by pupils, staff and families. It was wonderful to see everyone demonstrating our school values throughout the day by trying their best, encouraging one another, and taking part with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Blue House – Self Belief, who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions with an impressive 288 points! Red House – Respect finished a close second with 280 points, followed by Yellow House – Resilience with 255 points and Green House – Determination with 251 points. Well done to every house for their amazing effort and team spirit.

A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support the event and helped make it such a special day. We would also like to thank our Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Leaders, who did a fantastic job running the activity stations for our younger pupils during the morning events. Finally, a big thank you to our wonderful staff, who stepped in to run the KS2 activity stations and record scores after the Featherstone Sports Leaders were unfortunately unable to attend.

It was a memorable Sports Day and one I will remember for a long time.

Ms Moxom

Sports Day 2026

Sports leaders



★ Sports News ★ continued...

End of year Featherstone Sports Awards Ceremony.
Tuesday 14th July

We achieved GOLD again! 🏆

A huge well done to everyone across KS2 who took part in sports competitions this year and helped us achieve the **Gold School Games Award** once again.

Congratulations to **Martel, Malachi, Sofia, Sochi, Milan, Abilash, Danah, Shalen and Amiyah**, who attended the special awards ceremony and represented Woodlands with pride. They were nominated for their outstanding sporting achievements, positive attitudes and excellent sportsmanship throughout the year. No matter the result, our pupils always show respect, resilience and responsibility, and I couldn't be prouder.

A special mention goes to **Martel** for growing in confidence, **Sofia, Sochi, Milan, Danah, Shalen and Amiyah** for their fantastic contributions to our football teams, with **Amiyah** receiving our **Most Valuable Player** award, **Abilash** for encouraging younger pupils and always leading by example, and **Malachi** for consistently representing Woodlands with enthusiasm, pride and respect.

A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteers. As a small school, we couldn't attend so many sporting events without your support. A special congratulations to **Shalen's mum**, who received the **Outstanding Contribution Award** in recognition of her many years of dedication and commitment to supporting Woodlands sport.

Well done to everyone who has represented our school this year—you have been outstanding! 🏆



Star Pupil Awards

Abilash
Malachi
Danah
Shalen

Most Valuable Player-
Girls football team-
Amiyah

Attendance Matters

Golden Games



Well done to the children who manage to have their names on the weekly attendance wheel for achieving 100% attendance. Golden games continues to be very popular and a great motivation for being in school everyday! This year we have attended many new games!

Gold Day 2026

Children who have achieved our annual attendance target of **96.5% or above** will take part in **Gold Days** – a bigger version of Golden Games held in the hall as a reward for their excellent attendance throughout the school year. A special thank you to our Year 6 girls who were fantastic DJs for Part 2 of Gold Days. Everyone had a great time! Thanks for always making Golden Games and Gold Day a highlight.



Calm Club

Wellbeing



problem
solving



Calm Club continues to be a great alternative space for our pupils who prefer a quieter time off the playground. It helps them develop their confidence, creativity and communication skills. They can choose from a selection of board games, construction activities, creative crafts and even dress up role play.

resilience

friendship



creativity



Forest School



We develop our physical strength by climbing, swinging and beating!



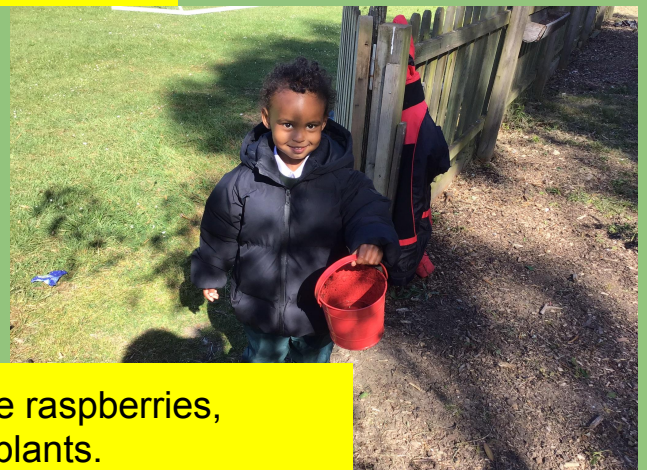
We learned to cut logs using a saw and to use a hammer to make leaf prints.



We helped put up a shelter when it rained...and pretended we were camping!



We help to look after the raspberries, strawberries and other plants.



Nursery

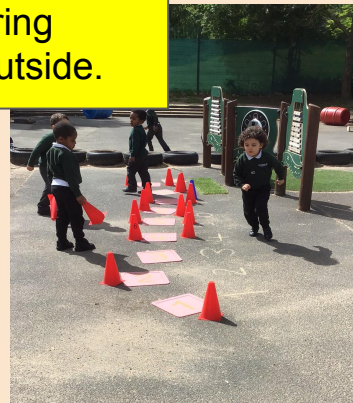
We planted peas, beans, sunflowers and potatoes and have learned about what plants need to grow.



Exploring addition and subtraction.



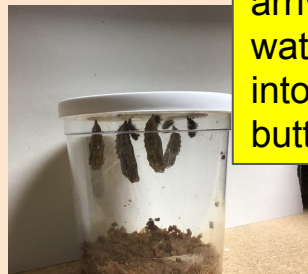
We have been exploring number and shape outside.



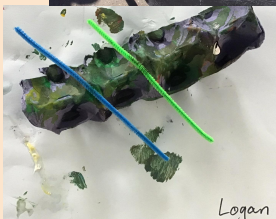
We hunted minibeasts in the classroom and in the garden. We learned where they like to live. We made minibeast models.



Our tiny caterpillars arrived in class. We watched as they turned into chrysalis and then butterflies.



We cheered as our butterflies were set free!



Nursery *continued...*

We have been learning about the seaside.

We practised counting and sharing in our Beach Shop.

We made ice cream collages and talked about our favourite flavours.



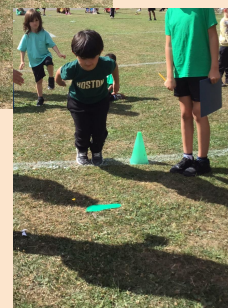
Having a picnic on the beach and sharing our experiences of the seaside.



Exploring patterns using shells and gems in the sand and making prints in clay..



Our first Sports Day was so much fun!



We talked about ocean pollution and then explored what it would be like by adding plastic to the sea animals in our water tray.

Reception

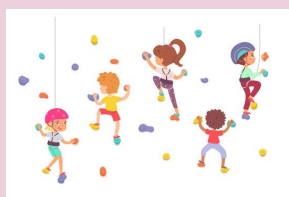
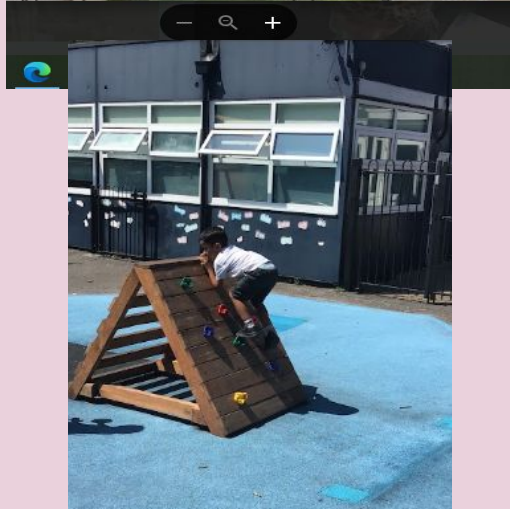
The children have been exploring what minibeasts like snails and worms need to survive. They've been closely observing and comparing different minibeasts, learning about their features and body parts through exciting hands-on activities!



We received caterpillars and watched them grow through each stage then we released our beautiful butterflies! 🐛🦋



This term in Reception, we have been exploring how to plant and grow root vegetables. We have been learning what plants need to survive and taking care of our seeds as we watch them grow!



We have enjoyed exploring our outdoor climbing area.



Reception continued...



In PSHE this term we have been looking at all the things that make us and our families unique. We drew our families on lolly sticks to represent the special people in our lives.



In Summer 2, our topic was *On the Beach*. We learned about different sea creatures, the importance of looking after our ocean and how littering affects the beach environment.

In maths this term we have been colouring, composing and decomposing 2D shapes. The children have been using pencils outdoors to create pictures using different shapes, developing their creativity and observation skills in the outdoor environment.



We have enjoyed building puzzles in Reception! 🧩 They have helped us develop our problem-solving skills, teamwork, concentration, and perseverance while having lots of fun.



We had lots of fun at sports day!



Super

Year 1

Starlings



Wow! Year 1 have had a great summer term. They were fantastic in their class assembly, learning lines and songs. I was very proud of how they performed on the day and how loud and clear they were. Well done!

We kicked off our science topic by planting sunflower seeds. We had to look after our seeds and nurture them to grow.

In maths we have done lots around place value to 100, including counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We learned time to o'clock and half past. We also learned the value of our coins and notes.

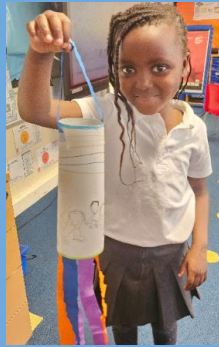


We learned the names of lots of different plants and how to identify them.

In history we found out about polar explorers. We thought about the equipment needed and what would be the most important. There was lots of discussion over if a coat or snow shoes would be most important.



Year 1 *continued...*



We made windsocks and tested them out as part of our seasons and weather topic.



We became weather reporters for the afternoon. We worked in groups and presented our weather report to the class.



In English we have read so many books this term. We have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops in the correct places and using different openers to start our sentences. They have all worked so hard to improve their writing this term.

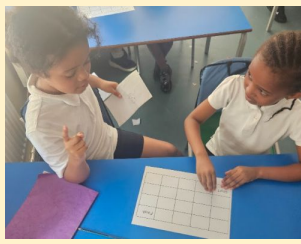
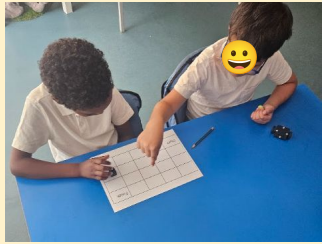
Wonderful

Year 2

Woodpeckers

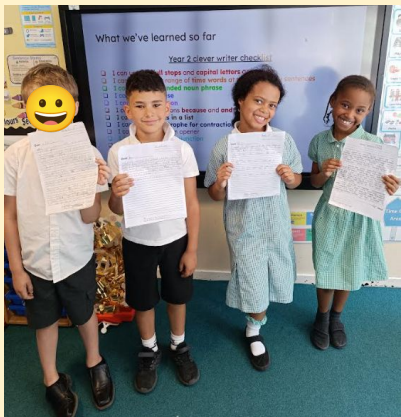
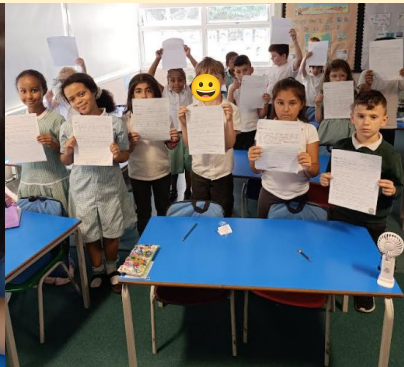


Maths was extra fun for us this term! Year 2 loved exploring measurement and position through games and active learning. We used our bodies and creative games to describe and understand positions while building our confidence and maths skills.



☐ *Dear Year 1...*

This half term, we enjoyed putting our writing skills to good use by writing letters to the Year 1 children about all the exciting things they have to look forward to in Year 2. As we wrote our letters, we worked hard to include everything from our 'Clever Writer' checklist, using the skills we have learned throughout the year. Once our letters were finished, we proudly visited the Year 1 class to read them aloud. It was wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they shared their writing and helped the younger pupils feel excited about the year ahead.



What we've learned

Year 2 clever writer checklist

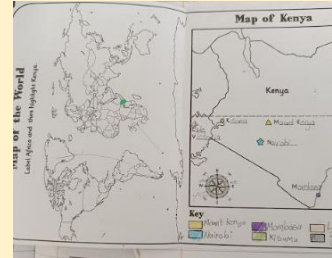
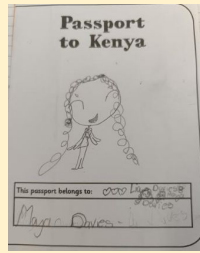
- ☐ I can use **full stops** and **capital letters** accurately
- ☐ I can use a wider range of **time words** at the start of my sentences
- ☐ I can use an **expanded noun phrase**
- ☐ I can use **past tense**
- ☐ I can use **first person**
- ☐ I can use conjunctions **because** and **and**
- ☐ I can use **commas** in a list
- ☐ I can use an **apostrophe** for contraction
- ☐ I can use **when** as an opener
- ☐ I can use **but** as a conjunction
- ☐ Can I use **if** as an opener



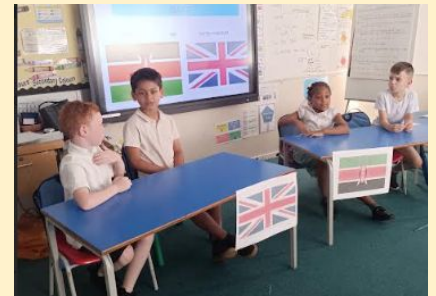
Year 2 *continued...*

Year 2 have had a fantastic time exploring Geography this term, discovering all about Kenya. We created our own passports and enjoyed a virtual visit to explore this amazing country. □

To finish our learning, we held a brilliant debate about whether it would be better to live as a child in Kenya or England. The children loved sharing their ideas, getting into character, and showing their confidence and curiosity!



DEBATE



In our DT textiles lesson, Year 2 pupils enthusiastically learned how to thread a needle, tie a knot, and practise a running stitch. They showed fantastic perseverance, patience, and focus while developing valuable sewing skills.



In PSHE, Year 2 have been exploring children's rights and why they are so important. We discussed how our families help us to have these rights met and used role play to bring our ideas to life. The children enjoyed sharing their thoughts and showing their understanding in creative ways.

