



WOODCROFT ACADEMY

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10th October 2025 – Newsletter 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been very busy in school over the last few weeks, with lots of events going on. We are always very proud of the children's achievements, which you will see in this week's newsletter!

Great Athletes Event

The first event we would like to share is the Great Athletes event which the children took part in last week. The children were commended for their high energy levels and how well they supported and cheered for each other as they carried out the exercises. The children also listened very well to Nekoda's inspirational story of perseverance and commitment. We are very proud to say that we raised a total of **£1,486.00**. The children will soon be bringing home their stickers, wrist bands and posters reflective of how much they raised. The money raised will be going towards new play and sports equipment for the children. Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts in fund raising for this event!



Cross Country - Churnet View

We have also had another successful sporting event at Churnet View this week. A huge well done to all of the children who represented Woodcroft at the Cross Country event. The children showed their great perseverance and enjoyment in the event. Thank you also to you, the parents, who supported the children in taking part in this event.

Our next cross country event for Year 3 & 4 is 16th October- 3.30pm at Westwood First School.



Autumn term weather reminder

The weather is turning very autumnal, and we have had some chilly mornings followed by glorious sunshine this week. On the other hand we have also had some very heavy rain showers. Please send your child with a coat everyday, as we do try to get them out in all weathers and we wouldn't want anyone to be getting wet!

International Walk To School Month

On to the next achievement we are so proud of, which is the impact we, as a school and community, made last year with our travel plan for school.

In support of Walk to School Month, next week we will be doing Cycle to School week.

Please see below a timetable for each class. Please make sure children wear helmets.

Monday – EYFS

Tuesday – Year 1

Wednesday – Year 2

Thursday – Year 3

Friday – Year 4

Another date for the diary is Monday 20th October for Mrs Moores' Monday Boot Camp! Please arrive at school for 8.30am ready to take part in an active start to the day!

Harvest Appeal

This week we welcomed Reverend Gorniak who delivered an assembly all about Harvest. He shared the

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story of The Two Sons, which highlighted the very famous saying of 'actions speak louder than words'. As a school, we could see that our action of bringing food for the harvest will have an impact on so many people who are struggling at the moment. The food bank are very grateful that we didn't just say we would help, but

we did! Thank you for your amazing support and donations.



Thank you!

To everyone at Woodcroft Academy for your donation of 101.7kg of food in support of Leek & District Foodbank. You're all absolutely amazing!

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Lindsey Stockton
Project Manager



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Woodcroft Open Day

We would love for you and your little one to join us for our open day on Saturday 18th October from 10am – 12pm. It's a chance to explore our early years classrooms and play areas together, meet our friendly early years team and see how we support children as they learn, play and grow.

Whether your child is starting with us soon or you are looking to register them to attend Woodcroft over the next year, you're warmly invited. Bring your questions – and your little explorer!

If you wish to let us know you will be attending, please contact the school office on 01538 714796 but you are more than welcome to pop in and see our EYFS team on the day.

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PTFA Halloween Quiz

It was a fantastic evening for the PTA's first event of the year. Fun was had by all at the Halloween Quiz night! Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising this event and to everyone who supported it! The funds raised by the PTA are essential in giving the children of Woodcroft the resources and funds to thrive. Our next event is Break the Rules Day on 23rd October. Please support us!

Lunch Payment Reminder

A reminder to please pay for lunches in advance, any debts above £15.00 will mean that your child will need to bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

School Attendance Target

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible learning opportunities, and excellent attendance plays a key role in this. While we strive for 100% attendance, we understand that occasional illness or exceptional circumstances may mean this isn't always possible. For this reason, we set a realistic target of at least 97% attendance for all pupils. Reaching this goal helps children make the most of their education, stay on track with their learning, and develop positive habits for the future.

Number of days we have achieved 100% this academic year	11
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WOW! Well done to Reception and Year 4 for 100% attendance this week and Year 3 for having 100% attendance for 2 consecutive weeks! You are all attendance superstars!!

Class	Week Beg 22/09/25 % Attendance	Week Beg 29/09/25 % Attendance	Lates
Miss Harrison	96.3%	100%	2
Mrs Jones	96.8%	97.3%	2
Mrs Sellars	99.6%	97.9%	2





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Mrs Hammersley	100%	100%	1
Mrs Moores	98.3%	100%	2

Star of the Week and Values Winners

Congratulations to our stars whose efforts and achievements have been celebrated in our Celebration Assembly week ending 3rd & 10th October.

Nursery – Martha P & Hallie
Reception – Willow & Tommie
Year 1 – Nellie & Rory
Year 2 – Charlie & Lily
Year 3 – Pippa & Willoughby
Year 4 – Ida & Theo

For Excellence & Enjoyment

Our STAR winners are::
Nursery – Brooke & Luca
Reception – Beau-Arlo & Stanley
Year 1 – Jesse & Albie
Year 2 – Marjorie & Eve
Year 3 – Max & Olive
Year 4 – Ivy & Betsy

Well done to you all – we are super proud of you!

Dates for your Diary

13th October – Bike to school week
18th October – EYFS Open Day
23rd October – Break the rules day
23rd October – Parents Evening
23rd October – School closes for children
24th October – INSET Day- Closed to children
3rd November – KS1 learn to ride (Bee Active enrichment day)
6th November – Year 4 Remembrance assembly 9am
10th November – NHS flu immunisations
Reception – Year 4
19th November – PTFA Bag2school

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20th November – PTFA Wreath making workshop
2nd December – KS2 Team building challenges (Bee Active enrichment day)
3rd December – EYFS Christmas Trip
9th December – PTFA Christmas disco
10th December – KS1 and KS2 trip to New Victoria Theatre
16th December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas plays
18th December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas plays
19th December – Carols around the Christmas tree for pupils.



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OPEN DAY

Saturday 18th October
10am-12pm

for children starting Reception September 2026

We have limited spaces for our school nursery, where children can join us aged 3. Applications for our Reception class for September 2026 will soon be open.

Come and take a look around, have a play and meet our staff in our EYFS classrooms and outdoor area. Contact the school office using the details below. No booking required.

Scan the QR code to see our school in action! For more information about our school, please see overleaf.

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