Woodbury C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 5

13th November 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to our Fifth newsletter of the Autumn Term!

Inside this issue, you will find important reminders regarding the school photographer, Reading meetings, PTFA news, parent forum, primary school admissions 2027

We hope you enjoy reading!

A few important notes for families

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

*In the build up to Christmas, it seems appropriate for us to focus on the core value of **generosity** this half term. When we are thinking about the giving of gifts at this special time of year, we should reflect upon what these gifts may be; are they gifts of time? of love? of compassion? of friendship? We can also remember the generous gift God gave us, his only son and try to follow his example of selfless generosity.*

'In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Tempest Photographer – Reminder

The Tempest Photographer will be visiting school on **Wednesday 18th November** to take individual photographs.

If you would like younger siblings to have their photographs taken too, please come to school at **8.30am**. This includes pre-school children that are **not** in on a Wednesday.

Please ensure your child is wearing their correct school uniform, including their **green school jumper**. **Maple class are required to attend in their school uniform and bring in their forest school clothes.**

Reading Meetings - reminders

All presentations and information will be posted onto your google classroom and you can seek further support on the FFT Parent Portal page: Tips for Home Reading – Parent Portal . We will also be holding further reading meetings throughout the academic year if you are unable to attend.

Year 1 with Mrs Daly	Friday 20th November	3:30-4pm
Year 2 with Miss Lang	Tuesday 17th November	3:30-4pm

PTFA News

Introducing The Big Classroom Cool Down

We are delighted to announce an exciting new fundraising initiative — The Woodbury Big Classroom Cool Down, affectionately known as the BCC Project!

Our ambition is to raise funds to install air-conditioning units in the Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms. This is a significant undertaking, but one we feel is incredibly important.

During the warmer months, these classrooms can become unbearably hot. On particularly hot days, they become unusable, forcing children and teachers to relocate and share learning spaces with other classes. This inevitably disrupts teaching and learning and places additional pressure on both pupils and staff.

Our aim is to ensure that children can continue learning in a safe, comfortable and productive environment throughout the year.

We are currently awaiting feedback from an electrician regarding the feasibility of the installation, but we are excited to start building momentum for what will be one of our major fundraising priorities over the coming months.

Alongside our usual PTFA events, we hope to involve the wider Woodbury community, local businesses and supporters to help make this ambitious project a reality.

Every child deserves a safe, comfortable environment in which to learn and thrive.

We will be sharing more information about the BCC Project and how everyone can get involved very soon. Watch this space!

PTFA Logo Competition

Before the summer holidays, we invited children to get creative and design a new logo for the PTFA.

We received several fantastic entries, and rather than choosing between them, we decided that combining elements of two designs would create the perfect logo to represent our PTFA!

We are therefore delighted to announce our joint winners: Constance and Fenella.

A huge congratulations to both girls and thank you for sharing your creativity with us

Christmas Event — A Change of Date

We are very excited to share the plans for this year's festive celebrations!

Please note that our Christmas event has moved from Thursday 10th December to **Wednesday 9th December**, due to Father Christmas's very busy schedule in the run-up to Christmas!

This year, we are introducing the Woodbury Festive Funfair, building on the success of last year's Santa's Christmas Challenge.

During the school afternoon, children will enjoy a carousel of fun, Christmas-themed activities, games and challenges, with plenty of festive excitement along the way!

Then, from 3.15pm, we would love to welcome parents and carers to join us in the school playground for some festive cheer, including mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas carols.

We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for our whole school community to come together and celebrate the festive season.

More details will follow soon.

The Rainbow Raffle Is Returning

It's nearly time for one of our favourite Christmas traditions — the wonderfully colourful PTFA Rainbow Raffle!

As many of you will know, each class is allocated a colour, and we ask families to donate hamper items in that colour to help us create our fabulous rainbow hampers.

We will shortly be sharing the class colours, along with some inspiration and ideas for donations.

Donations can be brought into school from **Tuesday 1st December**, and the raffle will be drawn on **Friday 18th December**.

Join Our Parent Forum

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be interested in being part of our **Parent Forum**. The forum is a great opportunity to share ideas, give feedback and help us continue to develop and improve our school**. So far, we have had only three volunteers,** and more are needed - thank you.

If you would like to be involved, please **email the school office to register your interest**. We would love to have parents from across the different year groups represented. You can find more information on our website Parent Forum



Volunteers Needed for Our School Library!

Do you have a little time to spare? We are looking for volunteers to help keep our school library tidy and welcoming.

Tasks may include straightening shelves, organising books and keeping the library looking neat and inviting for our pupils.

If you can help, please get in touch with the school office.

Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT
16th November	Odd Socks Day
17th November	Reading meeting • Year 2
18th November	Individual Photos
20th November	Reading meeting • Year 1 Yellow Team • non-school uniform day
24th November	Dalditch Camp • Year 6
4th December	Exeter Trip • Year 5
7th December	Royal Marine Band Carol Concert • 2.15pm
8th December	Rocksteady Concert • 9.15am
9th December	PTFA Event Games afternoon
11th December	Parent Event • Year 6 Preschool Celebration •1.30pm
15th December	KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm & 5.30pm
16th December	Christmas Lunch & KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm
17th December	KS2 Carol Concert • St Swithun's Church • 6pm
18th December	Last Day of Term

AUTUMN TERM 1	AUTUMN HALF TERM	AUTUMN TERM 2
7th September – 23rd October	26th October – 30th October	2nd November – 18th December

SPRING TERM 1	SPRING HALF TERM	SPRING TERM 2
5th January – 12th February	15th February – 19th February	22nd February-25th March

SUMMER TERM 1	SUMMER HALF TERM	SUMMER TERM 2
13TH April-28th May	31st May – 4th June	7TH June-22nd July

Christmas Cards

Children who have designed Christmas cards should have received their artwork today.

Please follow the instructions provided to place your order by **Tuesday 24th November to** qualify for free postage and packaging.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Anti-bullying Week 16th - 20th November

The theme is **'break the silence'.** This year's campaign aims to encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

The campaign comes as bullying continues to affect huge numbers of children and young people. Research highlighted by the Anti-Bullying Alliance shows that more than one in five children report being bullied each year, with serious impacts on mental health, wellbeing, belonging and educational outcomes. Evidence also shows that many children and young people still do not tell anyone when bullying happens to them. This year's campaign aims to challenge that silence.

Odd Socks Day forms part of Anti-Bullying Week and is on **Monday 16th November**. We are asking everyone to please wear odd socks on this day to celebrate individuality, inclusion and kindness.

Parent Survey

If you haven't already done so, please remember to complete our Parent Survey, which was sent out last week.We really value the views of our parents and carers, and your feedback helps us to celebrate what we are doing well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

We welcome your honest and constructive comments. Working together with our families is an important part of making our school the very best it can be for all our children.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. **https://forms.gle/jz4uQpLt1XdwoN999**

Primary School Admission Tours for September 2027

We have dates on our website of when we are doing tours for children who will be starting school in September 2027. please email woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org if you would like to attend a tour.

The OPENING date for reception applications is 15th November 2026 Apply for a reception place at a primary school (devon.gov.uk) and applications deadline is 15th January 2027.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Miss Gillian Pyle, Headteacher

Living life in all its fullness John 10:10