



Woodbury
C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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As we start our academic year, we are reminded about God's endless bounty as we watch the farmers busily collecting their harvest, in the fields surrounding the school. Harvest is a time for us to remember the wonderful gift of God's creation and to give thanks, therefore it is appropriate that our first value focus for the year is

Thankfulness.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:15-17

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the term. The children have enjoyed seeing their friends, teachers and staff and settling into their new classrooms.

A warm welcome to all our new families — we hope your time at Woodbury School will be a happy and rewarding one. We are all looking forward to an exciting term of learning ahead.

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to welcome Mrs West to the Woodbury Team, she will be teaching Year 1 two days a week. We also welcome Miss Parnell to the preschool team. Mr Troman will be our PE Coach from Primary Sports this term.

Thank you

A big thank you to the families who kindly volunteered to look after our chicken Snowy over the holidays. She was well cared for and thoroughly enjoyed being let out and having the run of the garden! If anyone would like to be put on the weekend/holiday rota please contact the office by emailing woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org or pop in to see one of us.

Snails

We have successfully managed to nurture (approx 40!!) baby giant African Land Snails which we would like to pass to our Woodbury Families...for a small donation (funds will be given to the PTA).

Gary and Shelby love being together in their home - therefore we would like to offer them in pairs.

Dates:

15th September

Paignton Zoo Year 2

18th September

PTFA AGM

24th September

RAMM trip Yr 4

25th September

Harvest Festival 2pm St Swithun's Church

29th September

PSHE Parent Meeting
2.50pm

2nd October

Choir Concert Exeter
Cathedral

7th October

Hindu Visitor Yrs 4&6

8th October

Year 1 Parent Reading
Meeting 6pm

15th October

Parent Reading Meeting
KS2 6pm

3rd & 5th November

Parents Evening

5th November

Tiverton Museum Year 1

6th November

Flu Immunisation

13th November

Children in Need

16th November

Odd Socks Day

18th November

Individual Photos

8th December

Rocksteady Concert
9.15am

15th December

KS1 Nativity 2.15pm &
5.30pm

16th December

KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

17th December

KS2 Carol Concert St
Swithun's church 6pm

Giant African Land Snails are very low maintenance and do enjoy the company of humans. All you need is a suitable home, suitable peat-free compost, access to water and a diet of salad or vegetables.

If you are interested, please can you let the office or Mrs O'Donnell know.

School Lunches and MCAS – Reminder

From **Monday 14th September**, children will no longer be able to order or change their lunch, or register a packed lunch, with their class teacher.

Please remember that **all lunch orders must be placed at least one week in advance**, before the ordering cut-off time. This also includes **packed lunches provided from home** which can be ordered until the end of the year.

If you have any questions regarding the menu or allergies, please email the school office at

woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org.

Traffic around the Village

Please take extra care when walking around Woodbury, particularly along Town Lane, as there have been recent reports of cars travelling at speed.

Adventure Playground

Please do not let your children go on the adventure playground after school, as this area is not supervised outside of school hours. For the safety of all children, please ensure they leave the playground at the end of the school day.

Wraparound Care

Please see <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events> to book in.

Curriculum Letters

You will have received your child's curriculum letter today, which gives you details of what your child will be learning in school this half term. You can find support and resource ideas of how you can help at home on your child's Google Classroom page, and of course you can always talk with your child's class teacher for more ideas.

PSHE and RSHE

The government have advised schools to make some changes to the curriculum in line with new regulations. If you would like to find out more about these changes, Mrs Heddon will be holding a session to explain them at **2.50pm on Tuesday 29th September** in Ash Class.

School Starting Time

A reminder that the gates are open from 8.45am. When the children come into class they have early bird learning activities, until 8.55am. The register is then taken, and lessons start promptly at 9.00am. The school gates will be shut **just before 9.00am**. We ask that parents and carers make every effort to get their child to school on time to avoid missing important learning and time together with their peers and teacher.

Woodbury PTFA – Join Us for a New School Year!

As we start a new school year, we're looking forward to another year of bringing our school community together through the Woodbury PTFA.

The PTFA is a wonderful way for parents, carers, staff and members of our school community to get involved, share ideas and help raise funds that directly benefit the children at Woodbury Primary School.

Last year was a fantastic one for the PTFA, with a busy programme of events including our October and February discos, Santa's Christmas Challenge and Rainbow Raffle, Easter Tea & Cake Competition, Silent Disco & BBQ, and our Colour Run & Cream Tea. Alongside these events, we also raised funds through initiatives such as Easyfundraising, the school lottery and grants.

The money raised has enabled us to support the school with a whole range of exciting projects and resources for the children — and it's all thanks to the amazing support of our school community.

Our Annual General Meeting

We would love as many parents and carers as possible to come along to our Annual General Meeting on Friday **18th September at 3.30pm in Ash classroom**

The AGM is a chance to look back at the successes and achievements of the past year, but more importantly, to look ahead and start planning what we would like to achieve together this year.

We'll be discussing ideas for fundraising, events and activities for the forthcoming school year, with the aim of creating a full programme of PTFA meetings and events, including confirmed dates in advance, so that everyone can see what's happening and hopefully plan ahead.

Have an idea? We'd love to hear it!

Whether it's a big fundraising event, a small activity, a new way of raising money or simply something you think the children would enjoy — no idea is too big or too small.

Everyone is welcome

You don't need to be on the PTFA committee to get involved. We completely understand that everyone has different commitments, and even if you can only help occasionally, your support can make a huge difference. Perhaps you could help at an event, share an idea, bake a cake, sell some raffle tickets, organise an activity or simply come along to a meeting when you can. Every contribution helps.

If you are new to the school, have never been involved with the PTFA before, or have been meaning to get involved but haven't quite got around to it — this is a great time to come along and find out more.

We'll also have some quiet activities available for children if you need to bring them along.

School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Woodbury Primary School has achieved the **School Games Platinum Mark Award** for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are thrilled to have been recognised for our success and thank Mr Bampton for applying for this.

Exmouth Larder

In our whole school and class worship over the next 2 weeks we will start to think about Harvest and how we can help others who might be in need. Mr Cutler from the Food Bank will be coming into school to talk to the children about the role of a food bank.

This year for our Harvest we will be collecting donations for the Exmouth Larder:

- Tins of soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned baked beans and spaghetti
- Tinned meat meals such as stews, meatballs, or curry
- Tinned cold meat such as ham, chicken, or corned beef, tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard

Please can each child bring in one of the items above over the next 2 weeks, collections can go straight into classes. Thank you for your support with this.

Our **Harvest Festival is taking place at St. Swithun's Church at 2.00pm on Friday 25th September**, where Year 3 and 4 children will be taking the lead. Parents are welcome to attend, but please bear in mind that the whole school will be in attendance so space will be limited.

Help Wanted

Would anyone be available to take a broken gazebo and two tables to the tip for us? Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you!

Eco News

The Exeter Food Action Festival is taking place at Princesshay on Sunday 20th September, hosted by local charity Exeter Food Action. As part of the festival, there is a children's 'Food Waste Hero' competition, with the chance to win a £250 Amazon voucher! Please see the attachment for more information.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Miss Gillian Pyle,
Headteacher

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