



Woodbury C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 2

25th September 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the Autumn Term. We hope you like our new style and find the information useful and helpful as we move through the term.

Inside this issue you will find important reminders about the start of the school day, health care plans and lost property, together with information about our school vision and values, flu immunisation, the Parent Governor vacancy, primary and secondary school applications.

A big thank you to Mr Kirk for taking a load of rubbish to the recycling centre for us. It is very much appreciated! ♻️

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

Thankfulness

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

“Living life in all its fullness”

Our Christian values of Love, Endurance, Thankfulness, Wisdom, Respect and Generosity are at the heart of our school community.

School Gates and Morning Routine

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:45am.

On arrival, children take part in Early Bird Learning, which is an important part of the start of the school day. This may include catching up on learning from the previous day, an introduction to the day ahead, a mindfulness activity, as well as a welcome from the class teacher and any Teaching Assistant (TA) support that is in place.

The gates will be locked at 8:58am, two minutes before the start of the school day. Children are expected to be in school and in their classroom by 9:00am, ready to begin the day's learning.

Please allow enough time for your child to enter school, settle into the classroom and be ready to start promptly at 9:00am.

MCAS and School Lunches Reminder

Thank you to those of you that are pre-ordering your children's lunches and home packed lunches on MCAS.

Now that we've completed a full cycle of the menu, we would really appreciate it if you could chat with your children about the meals they have enjoyed and any they haven't been so keen on. This will help with understanding their preferences and making sure we're providing meals they'll enjoy.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the menu or allergies, please email the school office at woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org.

Asthma, Allergies and Health Care Plans

If your child has an allergy, asthma or another medical condition that requires monitoring or support in school, they will need a Health Care Plan. Please let us know if your child has had a recent diagnosis as it may not be on the original paperwork that you supplied.

We will contact you if a Health Care Plan is required. However, we particularly ask parents/carers of children who require an inhaler to ensure that:

- We are aware that your child requires an inhaler.
- Your child always has their inhaler available in school.
- The appropriate Health Care Plan from the asthma nurse is provided to the school.

Lost Property Reminder

After just the first three weeks, our lost property bin is already full! Many of the items are not named, which makes it difficult for us to return them to their owners.

Please make sure that all your child's clothing and belongings are clearly named. This not only helps us return lost items but also encourages children to become independent in looking after and collecting their own belongings at the end of the day.

If your child has misplaced something, please check the lost property bin in the playground.

The PTFA regularly sorts through the lost property. Any unnamed items that remain unclaimed may be used for second-hand uniforms or donated to a local charity shop.

Thank you for your help in keeping lost property to a minimum!

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in the PTFA and to those who attended our recent AGM. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm and support for the year ahead.

The 2025 and 2026 AGM minutes, 2026 Chairman's Report and 2026 Treasurer's Report are now available in the PTFA section of the school website, along with further information about the PTFA and our plans for the year.

Visit the PTFA page: <https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/Parents/PTFA/>

We are also very much looking forward to our first PTFA event of the new academic year — our school disco on Thursday 22nd October. There will be separate timings for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. with more details to follow.

Exmouth Foodbank

This week, we welcomed Andrew Cutler from Exmouth Foodbank, who spoke to the children about the important work they do to support people in our local community. He also spent time with Cherry Class, explaining how the Salvation Army supports vulnerable people in Exmouth and across the country. Cherry and Maple Classes are supporting Exmouth Foodbank and would like to collect donations. They are currently particularly short of:

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

They are also really short of clean, large 'bags for life', so any spare bags would be gratefully received.

Key Dates

Please keep these dates handy

DATE	EVENT
29th September -2nd October	Residential • Year 6
29th September	PSHE Parent Meeting • 2.50pm
2nd October	Choir Concert • Exeter Cathedral
8th October	Parent Reading Meeting • Year 1 • 6pm
10th October	Love Your School Day • 9.30-11.30am
14th October	Years 5 & 6 Parent Maths Workshop • 3.30 & 6pm
15th October	Parent Reading Meeting • KS2 • 6pm
3rd & 5th November	Parents Evening • 3.30pm- 6.30pm
5th November	Tiverton Museum • Year 1
6th November	Flu Immunisation
13th November	Children in Need
16th November	Odd Socks Day
18th November	Individual Photos
4th December	Exeter Trip • Year 5
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

AUTUMN TERM 1 7th September – 23rd October	AUTUMN HALF TERM 26th October – 30th October	AUTUMN TERM 2 2nd November – 18th December
SPRING TERM 1 5 th January – 12 th February	SPRING HALF TERM 15th February – 19th February	SPRING TERM 2 22 nd February-25 th March
SUMMER TERM 1 13 th April-28 th May	SUMMER HALF TERM 31 st May-4 th June	SUMMER TERM 2 7 th June-22 nd July

Our Vision, Values & Upcoming Events

Our Vision and Values

At Woodbury C of E Primary School, our vision is "Living life in all its fullness." We want every child to feel valued, enjoy learning, discover their strengths, and have the confidence to flourish.

Our Christian values of Love, Endurance, Thankfulness, Wisdom, Respect and Generosity are at the heart of our school community. They guide how we learn, how we treat one another and how we make a positive difference to those around us.

Together, we strive to create a caring and inclusive school where every child can flourish and be the very best version of themselves.

Flu Immunisation

You have all been emailed a letter regarding the nasal flu immunisation. This needs to be completed by midday on Friday 17th October.

[Complete the flu immunisation form](#)

Please ensure you enter the full unique reference code DV113440.

♥ Love Your School Morning ♥

We have a number of jobs around school that we would love your help with, so that the children can make full use of our lovely school grounds.

We are holding a '**Love Your School Morning**' on **Saturday 10th October**, and we would be very grateful for any help you can give.

We are hoping to:

- 🌿 Weed the wildlife garden and reflection area
- 🛠️ Build a workstation in the Forest School area
- 🎨 Paint the planters at the bottom of the drive
- 🥕 Tidy the allotment ready for winter and remove weeds
- 🐔 Clear the overgrown weeds from the chicken enclosure
- 🚗 Take the garden clippings and other items to the tip

If you can spare **an hour or two** to help and make our school grounds look their best and bring these areas back into full use, we would love to see you!

Please arrive **any time between 9.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 10th October**.

Please bring any **garden tools** you have. If anyone is handy with a **saw or drill**, that would be an added bonus!

Thank you for helping us make our school grounds a wonderful place for the children to enjoy. ♥

Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Board of the Cedar Tree Federation, which includes both Pinhoe Church of England School and Woodbury Church of England School, has a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

If you would like to join the Board and help shape the strategic future of the Federation, why not put your name forward in our forthcoming election?

Any parent, or carer of a child who is currently enrolled at Pinhoe or Woodbury, including pre-school, is eligible to stand for the position.

If you would like to be considered, all you need to do is send us your name and, in 100 words or fewer, tell us why you would like to become a Governor and what strengths you could bring to the Board.

Please apply via either school office by the end of the school day on Wednesday 7th October:

- Woodbury: woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org
- Pinhoe: pinhoe-office@cedartreefederation.org
- Voting will open on Friday 9th October and will remain open for two weeks, closing on Friday 23rd October.

The results will be announced during the week after the half-term break

KS2 Virtual Gym Competition

If your child is in KS2 and would like to be considered for the Virtual Gym Competition in January, please email Mr Bampton at sbampton@cedartreefederation.org with a short 20-second video.

The video should include a tuck and a straddle.

Please send your video by Friday 23rd October.

Good luck! 🤸

School Census Meal

School Census Day is on **Thursday 1st October**. This is an important day for our school, as school funding is calculated using information collected on this day. One of the factors considered is the number of school meals taken.

So, here is the challenge! We would love as many children as possible to enjoy a school dinner on this day, particularly those in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2.

The menu remains the same, with one delicious change — dessert will be ice cream!

Thank you for your support.

Secondary School Admission Applications for September 2027

If your child has just started Year 6 you can apply now for their place at secondary school for September 2027.

Once you have chosen a school(s), use their online application form to express your preference(s). You can name up to three different schools, and these are equally ranked preferences, which means you can apply for the schools you most want without affecting your chances of a place at other schools.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. Applications close on 31st October 2026.

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. We are also having an open morning on Saturday November 7th from 10am – 1pm, please email woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org if you would like to attend.

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.

PTFA Dates

Autumn Term

- 18 September – PTFA meeting
- 22 October – Disco
- 10 December – Christmas event

Spring Term

- 15 January – PTFA meeting
- 11 February – Disco
- 24 March – Colour Run
- 25 March – Easter Tea from 3:15

Summer Term

- 23 April – PTFA meeting
- 27 May – Silent Disco and BBQ
- 10 July – Summer Fair

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Gillian Pyle

Headteacher

Living life in all its fullness John 10:10