

Woodchurch Church of England Primary School

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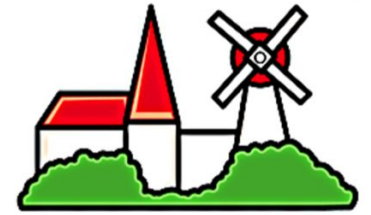


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"Let your light shine..."



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I sit and reflect on the last two weeks, I am reminded of what a wonderful community Woodchurch is and how proud we are to be at the heart of it as a school. The community events we have been involved in recently have truly demonstrated the strength, spirit and togetherness of Woodchurch. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, we all came together for the Woodchurch Carnival, proudly taking part in the walking float and enjoying the festivities afterwards. A special mention must go to our amazing dance group, who showed incredible dedication by staying to perform in the heavy rain! The recent Steps for Huxley event was another fantastic example of our community pulling together to support one another when it matters most. It was a lovely event, filled with kindness, generosity and encouragement, and it successfully raised a significant amount towards Huxley's fund. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events. They are a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when our community comes together.

As we move towards the end of the academic year, there is still so much to look forward to. We are excited to begin welcoming our newest children into school for their transition sessions, helping them to feel confident and ready for the start of their school journey with us. At the same time, we have a number of special events planned for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their move to secondary school in September. From their end-of-year production and church service to the Leavers' Service, these occasions will provide opportunities to celebrate their achievements and reflect on their time at Woodchurch. Alongside this, we have Sports Week, Sports Day and a range of exciting school trips planned for several classes.

Behind the scenes, our staff team are working incredibly hard as they write end-of-year reports and begin planning for another successful year ahead. We are already looking forward to our upcoming INSET day on 3rd July, where we will have the opportunity to finalise plans for September and continue developing the best possible experiences for our children. It is always an exciting time of year as we reflect on all that has been achieved and look ahead to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Ridley



Celebration Awards

Well done to all award winners!

Learner of the week:

Hedgehog Class: Primrose

Rabbit Class: Stephen & Poppy

Woodpecker Class: Ruby

Blackbird Class: Bettina & Isabelle

Fox Class: Rosa-May & Evie

Squirrel Class: Phoebe & Oscar

Owl Class: Ollie & Elijah

Vision & Values awards:

Hedgehog Class: Christian & Kade

Rabbit Class: Lily

Woodpecker Class: Daisy

Blackbird Class: Josh & Lily

Fox Class: Polly & Beatrice

Squirrel Class: Lucy & Pippa

Owl Class: Daisy & Rosa

Diary Dates

Monday 15-19 June	Sports Week (see P4)	
Tuesday 16-18 June	Yr 6 Bikeability	
Friday 19 June	Sports Day	
Tuesday 23 June	Yr 2 School Trip	
Friday 26 June	Yr 5 School Trip	
Monday 29 June	Yr 4 Egyptian Workshop	
Friday 3 July	Inset Day (no children)	
Sunday 5 July	FOWSA Colour Run	
Wednesday 15 July	Yr 4 School Trip	
Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 July	Yr 6 Production	
Friday 17 July	Whole School Transition Day	
Monday 20 July	Yr 6 Leavers Service - All Saints Church	
Tuesday 21 July	Year 6 Leavers assembly Last Day of Term 6 and the academic year	
Thursday 3 September	Start of Term 1	

OPAL Donations Needed!

As part of our commitment to providing exciting, creative and engaging play opportunities for all children, we will be refreshing and expanding our OPAL resources over the summer break. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations from parents, carers and members of our local community.

We are particularly looking for:

- ❖ Scooters, balance bikes, skateboards and ride-on toys
- ❖ Dressing-up clothes, dolls, prams, toy cars and small animal or dinosaur figures
- ❖ Old pots, pans, metal bowls, baking trays, sieves and plastic guttering/tubes for mud kitchen and water play
- ❖ Plastic or wooden crates, cable drums/reels, wooden pallets and large tarpaulins for construction and den building

If you have any of these items that are no longer needed but still in good condition, please consider donating them to the school. Your support will help us continue to develop our outdoor play environment and provide even more opportunities for children to learn, explore and have fun through play.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

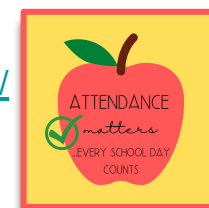
Here are the latest attendance figures for school (year to date)

EYFS	1	2	3	4	5	6
92.7%	94.9%	93.8%	94.1%	95%	94.6%	94.2%

Whole school attendance: 94.2%

The DfE has asked schools to share the following guidance with families. Please do ensure you have a read through as it might help you in the future:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



What we encourage...

We believe it is vitally important for children to attend school regularly and punctually. This will give them the best opportunity to progress and achieve their full potential. Good attendance and punctuality will also encourage children to become responsible and resilient individuals, which will serve them well in their future working lives.

Every child, in line with the Government's expectations, is expected to maintain a high level of attendance (at least 95%). We hope that you appreciate how crucial good school attendance is to your child's progress, achievement and chances in life and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child's attendance is the very best it can be.

Benefits of good school attendance

Children with good attendance:

- Feel happier and gain in confidence
- Achieve more academically and keep up with work more easily
- Develop well socially and find it easier to make and keep friends
- Establish good educational habits and routines at an early age
- Are able to make a positive contribution to school life in general
- Are much more settled into school life.
- LEARN!

All of these are important life skills for your child



National Sports Week - Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June

Monday 15th June <i>Yoga or Team building activities</i>	<u>Yoga workshops</u> Fox Class, Squirrel class and Owl Class. <u>Team building activities</u> Hedgehog Class, Rabbit Class, Woodpecker Class and Blackbird Class.
Tuesday 16th June <i>Tennis</i>	We are always looking out for new exciting enrichment activities for our children and this is one that we can't wait to experience. Our children will all be taking a walk down to the local tennis courts for a tennis workshop with a local tennis coach.
Wednesday 17th June <i>Yoga or team building activities</i>	<u>Yoga workshops</u> Hedgehog Class, Rabbit Class, Woodpecker Class and Blackbird Class. <u>Team building activities</u> Fox Class, Squirrel class and Owl Class.
Thursday 18th June <i>Sports Rotations</i>	Sports rotations! The children will take part in a range of different sports today on the field with different teachers leading different sports, giving them the opportunity to experience different activities.
Friday 19th June <i>Sports Day</i>	We are very excited for Sports Day this year with new activities planned throughout KS1 and KS2, it should be an excellent day for all! KS1 sports day - 9:30-11:30am Picnic lunch on the field - 12-12:45PM KS2 Sports Day - 1-3PM

Pyjamaarama

DAY!

WE WORE OUR PYJAMAS TO HELP
RAISE MONEY FOR BOOKTRUST



We came to school
in our pyjamas to
raise money for
BookTrust.

Together, we're
changing lives through
the power of reading.

BookTrust
Getting children
reading



BookTrust is the
UK's largest children's
reading charity.

They work to ensure
that every child has
the chance to enjoy
reading and the
benefits it brings.

Thank you for
supporting us and
helping to spread
the joy of reading!



Reading
is for
everyone

Thank you
for your support!



The whole school took part in Roots to Foods Workshops last week & had a delicious time!



Tandoori Chicken with a Bombay Saag Aloo

- 4 x Chicken Breast (large diced 2cm)
- 1 x 400g Tinned Butter Beans (vegetarian version)
- 1 Red Pepper thinly sliced and diced
- 1 Yellow Pepper thinly sliced and diced
- 1 clove Fresh Garlic crushed and peeled
- 1 Onion thinly sliced
- 25g Fresh Ginger grated
- 4 x Spring Onion thinly sliced
- 1 tbsl x Mild Tandoori Spice Mix
- 1 tbsl Mild Curry Powder
- ½ tsp Ground Turmeric
- 1 Small Bag Baby Spinach
- 500g Bag New Potatoes (cooked and quartered)
- 4 tbsl Natural Yogurt
- 1 tbsl Vegetable Oil

Method

1. In a large bowl mix the chicken with the Tandoori powder, yogurt, ginger and turmeric. This mix is best left to marinate for 1 hour.
2. In a wok heat 2 tbsl water until you see steam, add the garlic. Now place the tandoori chicken mix, peppers and spring onion in the wok and seal by turning the chicken over frequently. Add another 1 tablespoon of water, cover with a lid and steam until cooked. Keep lifting the lid to check the chicken is not drying out. Remove the lid after 2 minutes and reduce the amount of liquid left. Switch off the pan and leave to stand.
3. In a bowl mix the cooked potatoes, mild curry powder, red onions and 1 tablespoon vegetable oil.
4. In another pan place the potato mix and pan fry until golden brown, add 2 tablespoons water and add the spinach. Stir the spinach in until wilted. Season if required.
5. Carefully serve the tandoori on a plate with the Bombay saag aloo.
6. Enjoy



CARNIVAL DAY

WHAT A SUPER EVENT IT WAS!

Despite the weather, our spirits weren't dampened, the smiles, laughter and community spirit shone through.

COMMUNITY
FUN
TOGETHER
MEMORIES



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT SO SPECIAL!

MADE WITH LOVE

Our Village
Our Pride

FOWSA Update

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Steps for Huxley. Together, we raised an amazing £1462 that will go towards vital treatment funds. We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

There is still time to book your tickets for our School Colour Run on Sunday 5th July- our summer finale party for the whole family! Today is the last day to secure Early Bird tickets, so don't miss out – snap yours up now while you can.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RUAXKk2a4c>

We'll also be selling ice creams at Sports Day next Friday. We look forward to seeing you all there and cheering on the children!

Have a lovely weekend!



<https://gofund.me/b7697c9ed>

FLY A PLANE FOR HUXLEY

& help him fight
Leukaemia



Huxley is ten, he needs urgent leukaemia treatment not available in the UK. By donating & flying a paper plane you'll be part of his journey. Every donation, no matter how small, adds a named plane to his trip. Together, they'll help carry him home.



Donate. Download. Fold & Fly!

#PaperPlanesForHuxley

HelpForHuxley

SAVE THE DATE - Monday 22nd June

We are pleased to share with you our school's next fundraising event for Huxley. #PaperPlanesForHuxley

In exchange for a suggested donation of £1...

✈ Throughout the day each class will decorate and fold a paper plane before flying it on the school field.

♥ This will also be a non uniform day with the children being encouraged to wear something green - Huxley's favourite colour.

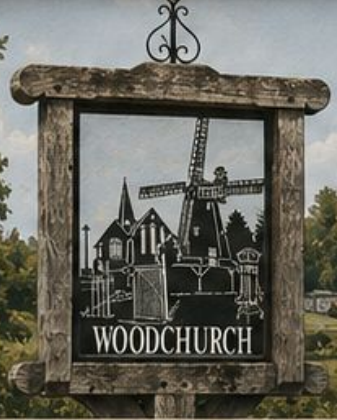
🏆 We will be announcing the winners of our Grand Prize Draw and Guess The Number Of Sweets that will be on sale over the next few weeks.

You never know...we may even be tagging other local schools in our flight videos to spread the word even further!

For more information please visit
<https://helpforhuxley.co.uk/paperplanesforhuxley/>

Together we can make a difference and fly Huxley to his target!

We are looking forward to making this a special day for everyone. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask, Mrs Lee x



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

♥ TOGETHER, WE BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY ♥

WOULD YOU LIKE:
 Summer Social
 Denswood Parish?

IF THIS INTERESTS YOU
 PLEASE CONTACT REVD MARIA:
 denswoodcurate@gmail.com
 07716 815275
 Instagram: denswoodcurate

Pick up a drink
 Pick up a bite
 Sit or slouch
 Inside or out
 Chatter or play
 Pay what you can snacks
 Space for socialising
 Space to be still
 Space for all ages
 Space for everyone
 St Mary's, High Halden
 August 2026
 Prayers for Peace, Side Chapel

1ST SHADOXHURST
WE NEED YOU!
 WE ARE LOOKING FOR A
TREASURER

Skills for life
Help shape the future of our Scout Group!

Our Scout Group is run by volunteers, and the Treasurer plays a vital role in helping us manage our finances and make the most of every penny for our Cubs and Scouts.

ABOUT THE ROLE	WHAT'S INVOLVED?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Treasurer oversees the group's finances, ensuring we are well organised, transparent and financially healthy. You'll work with the Trustee Board and Group Lead Volunteer to plan, monitor and report on our finances. It's a key role that helps our amazing volunteers provide great opportunities for young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing income and expenditure Keeping accurate financial records and budgets Making payments and tracking income Preparing reports for Trustee Board meetings Ensuring we comply with charity and Scouting financial guidelines Working with others – you won't be on your own!

NO PREVIOUS SCOUTING EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
 Support and guidance will be provided, and full training is available.

Behind the scenes, you'll help us make a big difference!

Group Scout Leader Jack
 07845 703 946
 jack@darge.co.uk

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!
 Build skills. Make friends. Have fun.
 Scouting helps young people grow in confidence and try new things.

BEAVERS 6-8 YEARS
NEW BEAVER COLONY STARTING SEPTEMBER!

CUBS 8-10.5 YEARS

JOIN CUBS!
 Adventure, teamwork and skills for life.

MAKE FRIENDS TRY NEW THINGS EXPLORE OUTDOORS HAVE FUN!

CAMPING EXPLORING TEAMWORK CHALLENGES

CUBS MEET EVERY TUESDAY 6-7PM

1st SHADOXHURST SCOUT HALL
 HORNASH LANE
 TN26 1HT

COME AND JOIN THE ADVENTURE!
 Try a taster session – new members always welcome.

CONTACT US
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NHS North East London NHS Foundation Trust **OSI Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety**

Being away from caregivers General worries School worries
 Bedtime fears Social worries Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections) & more

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

OSI COULD HELP YOU
 OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.

Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/video call appointment with a practitioner.

You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

HOW TO ACCESS OSI
 If your child attends one of our schools and you feel OSI would be helpful for you and your child, please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and the OSI self-referral form.

Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further with someone or would like to consider alternative support, please speak with the Senior Mental Health Lead in your child's school.

We are kind. We are respectful. We work together with our communities.



SHARE. SUPPORT. CONNECT.
 Notices for and by our local community ♥



APRIL TO
OCTOBER 2026
NOURISH



SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

13 April
4 May
1 June
22 June
13 July
31 August
21 September
12 October

Beef Bolognese Pasta **1**
Cheese & Pesto Swirl **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Macaroni Cheese **1,7 V**
Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Carrots
Mixed Peppers

Toffee Tart **1,7** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Gammon & Gravy
Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy **6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Cabbage
Swede

Fruit Jelly **VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Korma
Herby Tomato Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Green Beans
Carrots

Chocolate Orange Cake **1 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Fish Fingers **1,8**
Wrap Stack **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips
Sweetcorn & Peas
Coleslaw **9**

Lemon Drizzle Biscuit **1,6 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK TWO

20 April
11 May
8 June
29 June
20 July
7 September
28 September
19 October

Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta **1,7 V**
Vegetable Burger in a Bun **1,5,6 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Baked Wedges,
Carrots,
Peas

Honey Cake **1** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Minced Beef Curry
Pesto & Pea Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Summer Trifle **1,7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Roast Chicken & Gravy
Samosa Puff **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Broccoli
Carrots

Cornflake Cookie **1,7,16**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Fajita **1**
Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Tomato Salsa
Green Beans

Carrot & Orange Cake **1 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Salmon Fish Cake **1,8**
Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips,
Peas,
Grated Carrot

Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**
Fruit Pots **VG**

WEEK THREE

27 April
18 May
15 June
6 July
14 September
5 October

Mild Chilli Beef
Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rice
Peas
Mixed Peppers

Jam Roly Poly **1,6 VG** & Custard **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

Chicken Pie **1**
Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Crushed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Ice Cream **7**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Fruit Pots **VG**

BRUNCH
Pork Sausage & Bacon **1,3,6**
Or Vegetable Sausage **1 VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Brunch Hash Potatoes
Baked Beans
Mushrooms & Tomatoes

Fruit Jelly **VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V**
Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges **VG**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Rainbow Rice
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw **9**

Sultana Cake **1 VG**
Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG**
Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

Fish Fingers **1,8**
Cheese & Bean Parcel **1,7 V**
Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9**

Chips,
Peas, Baked Beans
Cucumber Sticks

Caramel Cookie **1,7 V**
Yoghurt **3,7**,
Fruit Pots **VG**

Primary 3

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads **9**, Homemade Bread **1,3**. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE
DAILY

