

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high

Oracy at Woodford Primary School

Oracy is central to our academic and enrichment curriculum, with carefully planned opportunities for children to listen attentively, speak confidently and respond thoughtfully. In lessons and during social times, the children are given opportunities to listen carefully, share ideas, ask questions and engage respectfully in discussions, building confidence and strong communication skills.

Our weekly **Great Debate** deepens this further, and provides a platform for pupils to explore and discuss key issues linked to the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** and the **Global Sustainability Goals**, empowering them to use their voice, consider different viewpoints and develop a sense of citizenship. Topics such as deforestation and dishonesty proved especially emotive, prompting thoughtful and engaging discussions.

We were also incredibly proud to see pupils showcase their presenting skills in class assemblies last term, and this term subject leaders have gathered pupil voice feedback to help inform future curriculum developments. As always, it is a pleasure to hear what the children have to say about our school.

Kids Club Places for September 2026



During the summer term, we kindly ask all families in need of Kids Club provision to request the places that you require for September 2026. Please note that places **are not automatically** carried over from one year to the next due to the new families joining our community.

As mentioned last week, a letter has been sent out with information on how to request places. Please read the letter carefully and in the event of a session being oversubscribed, we will refer to the guidance in the letter. Please complete the **[booking form](#)** by **9am on Tuesday 9th June 2026**, even if you do not require any changes to the sessions you have been using this year. Our **extra-curricular clubs offer** for the autumn term (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) has also been sent out to help families plan for their childcare needs. Please also note if you are applying for places for siblings, you will need to complete a new form for each additional child.

Attendance and Unauthorised Absences

We would like to remind parents and carers of the current rules around attendance and term-time leave. Education Penalty Notice fines may be issued where a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period, or where term-time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) is taken without authorisation. Education Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer, per child, and unpaid notices may result in further legal action.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly, as good attendance is vital for their learning and progress.

Great News from Monkhouse!

For a limited time, enjoy 15% off all orders online and in-store – perfect for getting a head start on back-to-school shopping and saving money! Use code **SAVE15** at the checkout. Please see flyer sent out for further details.

PTA £20.26 Fundraiser Challenge

A reminder that the £20.26 fundraiser finishes on **Sunday 17th May**. From what we have heard, there have been some fantastic challenges and money raised by the children. To celebrate the end of the challenge, there will be a Games on the Green event with a lovely afternoon of games and activities.

Nominate the School for New Books!

It is well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children by boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills. The National Book Tokens annual prize draw is back to give five schools across the UK and Ireland the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens and fill their shelves with new and inspiring books.

Please nominate Woodford Primary School by using this [form](#), and give us a chance to be one of the five winning entries.



Each week until 24th June, a flash winner will be selected at random from all entries to receive a £100 National Book Token for their school.

Thank you for your continued support as our library grows.

Tesco Community Grant

Please keep an eye out next time you are in Tesco Handforth Dean or the Tesco Express stores in Handforth and Bramhall and support our bid! Every blue token helps increase our chances of receiving extra funding which will go directly towards providing further enhancements to our Gardening Club to help the children grow food sustainably and connect with nature.

Important Dates

19 th May	Class photographs (provisional date)
19 th May	14.45 Secret Reader
20 th May	2AM and 3HN Times Tables Rock Stars Day
22 nd May	School Closes for Half Term
8 th June	INSET Day – school is closed for pupils
9 th June	School re-opens for pupils



For a full summary of 2025/26 calendar dates, our [Annual Planner](#) can be viewed [here](#).



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness