

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high



Sports Day

Woodford Primary School's annual Sports Day competition will take place next week on **Thursday 2nd July** (weather permitting). We are very much looking forward to welcoming family members into school for this event.

The event will take place from approximately 9.05am, and parents/carers are welcome to wait on the playground after drop-off until we get started. The children will compete in their House teams, around a carousel of activities, and we will announce the winning House at the end of the event. This year, we have made plans for a Pre-School and Reception carousel and a separate Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 carousel. We shared a social story last week to help the children understand what to expect at the event and prepare them for this change to their usual routine.

As safeguarding is always our paramount priority, we ask that you remain anywhere around the field on the black path. You can move around following your child as they move through the rotation of activities. The toilet at the front of school will be available for use by spectators. Following the children's competition, there will be a relay race for the parents – you may wish to wear trainers to participate! We look forward to seeing you there.



The **Treasury Department** of our Pupil Parliament is proud to be campaigning to support access to clean water for children around the world. This year on Sports Day, we will be running a fruity water station where parents and carers are invited to refill their water bottles. This is a great opportunity to stay refreshed while supporting an important cause. We would warmly encourage donations to [WaterAid](#), an organisation dedicated to providing clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene to communities in need.



Visiting Poet

We are delighted to welcome poet **Christine Roseeta Walker** this half term to work with the children. Christine is currently **Poet-in-Residence at Avro Heritage Museum**, where she is creating work inspired by early aviation, historical archives, and the human stories behind flight at Avro.

During her visits, Christine will spend time with each year group, sharing her poetry and leading creative-writing sessions. This experience will give the children the opportunity to build their oracy and creative-writing skills, while also encouraging a love of poetry, and further strengthening our reading-for-pleasure culture within the school.

PTA Summer Raffle

The PTA Summer Raffle is now live with over 40 prizes to be won, kindly donated by our wonderful local businesses. Please click on the link [Woodford Primary PTA](#) to purchase your tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 28th June 2026.

Classes for 2026-2027

We are pleased to share the teaching arrangements for September 2026 as follows:

Pre-School - Mrs Stevenson Reception - Mrs Whitehead Year 1 - Miss Hayes

Year 2 - Miss Marks Year 3 - Miss Naden (from Sept, Mrs Bloor!) Year 4 - Miss Vernon

We are excited to welcome Miss Vernon to Woodford Primary School. She brings extensive experience working with children, particularly within her specialist areas of PE, Dance, and Drama. She joins us at the start of her teaching career following the completion of her teacher training. Miss Vernon is very excited to be joining the team and will be in school during July to meet the children and learn about life at Woodford Primary School. I'm sure you will all join me in giving her a warm welcome to our school community.

The children will have the opportunity to spend the day with their new Teacher on '**Change Over Day**' which will take place on **Wednesday 8th July** and this will be followed by **Open Doors**, immediately after school (until 4pm), during which time families are invited into school. This is a lovely opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and see their new classroom.

Curriculum Information 2026-2027

We know a number of our parents are interested in our curriculum offer. To support this, we are sharing the subject leaders of the different subjects, so that anyone who would like to ask any questions about the information on our [website](#) can do so at the Open Doors event on 8th July:

Mrs Stevenson – PSHE, Geography, History, RE

Mrs Whitehead – Maths, Science, Computing

Miss Hayes – English, Phonics, Reading, Forest School

Miss Naden – PE, Music, Languages, Art & Design, Design & Technology

Parent Council – Change of Date

Parent Council will now take place on **Wednesday 8th July**. In preparation for this, please share your feedback about 'what is working well' and 'what could be better' with your Class Rep:

PS: Tanya – tanyawoolridge@gmail.com

R: Hayley – hayleysburgess@yahoo.com

Y1: Natasha – natashakirkwood@outlook.com

Y2: Kimberley – kimberley_anne85@me.com

Y3: Myra – myrawasim90@gmail.com

Important Dates

2 nd July	09.05 Sports Day – weather permitting (whole school)
8 th July	Parent Council
8 th July	Change Over Day and Open Doors at 15.15
10 th July	PTA Summer Fair



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



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness