

Woodgate Primary Academy PTA NEWSLETTER

May 2025



Diary Dates - Spring/Summer Term 2025

Thu 22nd May	Cakes Raffle and Fund Raising Half Term Challenge
Mon 26th - 30th May	Half Term
Mon 2nd June	Return raisin boxes for Fund Raising
Thu 26th Jun, 2pm	New starters settling in session (PTA serving refreshments)
Sat 12th July	Summer Fayre
Thu 31st July	Deadline for ordering My Child's Art (More info to follow)



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May Days and PTA News!

You may have noticed there hasn't been a newsletter since February! Starting after this half term, we'll be changing the frequency of the PTA newsletter. From now on, you'll receive updates at the end of each half term, rather than every month.

We also held our PTA AGM recently—thank you to everyone who attended. We're pleased to share that all current committee members were voted back in for another year!

We're also delighted to welcome Mary to the PTA – great to have you on board.

Thank you all for staying connected!

Latest Fundraising Efforts

- Tuck shop from March-May: £357.05
- Comic Relief Bake Sale: £63.67
- School Lottery: £64.80
- Easyfundraising: £31.56
- Asda Cashpot £104.86

Thank you for your support!



The PTA are now officially a charity!

We're excited to share that the PTA is now officially a registered charity (Charity No. 1212638). This is a big step forward for us and means we can access new funding opportunities to help support the school even more effectively.

Thank you for your continued support—this milestone wouldn't have been possible without our amazing school community!

Recent Contributions - Supporting Our School Community

We're pleased to share some recent contributions the PTA has made to enhance learning and enrichment across the school:



Nursery Resources:

We've funded new resources for the nursery, helping to create an even more engaging and stimulating environment for our youngest learners.

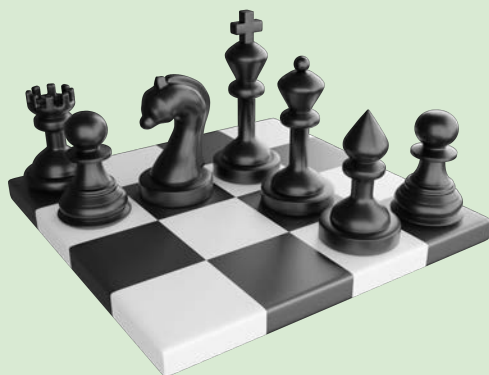
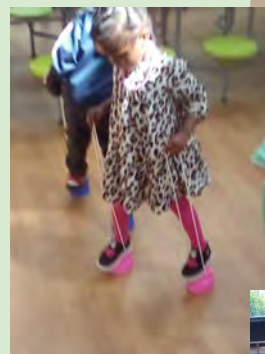


School Trips: The PTA is supporting two exciting trips this July—Reception and Nursery leavers will be visiting Godstone Farm for a hands-on experience with animals and nature, while Years 5–6 are heading off on their adventure to Blackland Farm, where they'll enjoy outdoor activities, team building, and plenty of fun.

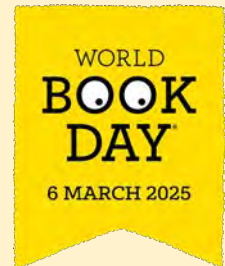


Chess Club: We've helped purchase new chess boards to support the growing interest in the chess club—encouraging strategic thinking and fun competition among pupils.

Thank you to all parents and carers who help make these contributions possible through your ongoing support!



🍫 ✨ Wonderlicious World Book Day Magic! ✨ 📚



This March, our school celebrated World Book Day in the most wonderlicious way - with chocolate, golden tickets, and a sprinkle of literary fun!

In the lead-up to the big day, families were invited to pre-order our special Wonderlicious Chocolate Bars. At just £2 each, these tasty treats were a huge hit.

But the real excitement came from the 20 hidden golden tickets—each one tucked inside a chocolate bar and waiting to be discovered! As children unwrapped their bars after school on Thursday, 6th March, the hall was buzzing with anticipation.

Golden ticket holders were thrilled to receive an array of exciting prizes, including a signed book from a local author, storybook gift sets, vouchers for Fishers Farm, entry to Caddies and other magical surprises that celebrated a love of reading.

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Thank you to everyone who supported this event—whether by pre-ordering, volunteering, or simply cheering on the fun. Not only did the Wonderlicious Chocolate Bar sale bring joy to our school community, We're delighted to share that our Wonderlicious event raised an amazing £83.03 — thank you!

Last but not least, a big thank you to all the businesses below that donated the wonderful prizes!

We hope you had as much fun as we did—and remember: the best stories are even sweeter when shared!



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Springtime Celebrations:

Easter Party!

This year's Easter Party was a fantastic success, bringing together pupils, parents, and staff for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and seasonal cheer! Held just before the Easter break, the event was packed with exciting activities that had something for everyone.

Children enjoyed a range of Easter-themed games, craft stations, and of course, plenty of sweet treats. From inflatable eggs to musical statues, there were smiles all around. A big hit on the day was the temporary tattoos and face glitter station—adding sparkle and colour to lots of happy faces!

Our Easter Party brought in a fantastic £187.21. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported the event.



Springtime Celebrations:

Woodgate Easter Trail!

A highlight of the celebration was the Easter Trail, which took families on a cheerful hunt around the Woodgate development. Clues and challenges kept everyone on their toes, and the final prize was well worth the effort! We hope you enjoyed our 'Hop to Woodgate' !

Events like this remind us of the vibrant community spirit that makes our school so special. A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers and PTA members who helped plan, organise, and run the event—it truly wouldn't have been possible without your time and energy.

Our Easter Trail was a huge success, raising £110.01 — a big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make it such a fun event!



It's nearly Half Term, It's time for Fund Raisin!

We're excited to launch our "Fund Raisin" fundraiser again this year—a simple, fun way for children to get involved and help raise money for our school!

Before half term, each child will be sent home with a mini box of raisins. Their job? Enjoy the raisins (yum!) and then, over the break, fill the empty box with coins—any loose change you can spare. After half term, children bring their coin-filled boxes back to school, and all the money raised goes directly towards supporting school projects and activities.

It's an easy way for families to contribute, and the small change really does add up to make a big difference. Plus, children love being part of something they can take ownership of!

We'll be sending children home with a raisin box each on Thursday 22nd May, then bring back your filled raisin box on Monday 2nd June!



 **THE GREAT HALF TERM
FUND RAISIN ROUND-UP!**

**Eat the raisins, yum yum yum!
Then fill the box - the coins will come!**

**Pennies, twos, and pounds to send,
To help our school - our Woodgate friends!**

**Boxes go home on Thursdsay 22nd May.
Return on Monday 2nd June - hooray hooray!**

**Snack, then give - it's all for fun.
Supporting School, you're number one!**

Thank you for participating!

Half term Cake Raffle, a Sweet Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Cake Raffle—whether you bought tickets or donated a delicious bake, you helped make it a truly tasty fundraiser!

We had some amazing cakes donated by parents (Sarah, Agata and Mary), local businesses (Tilgate Bakery and Krispy Kreme Crawley) and our own school star baker Sa'riah! The winners were absolutely thrilled with their prizes. A big congratulations to our lucky winners:

- Nursery, Ladybirds: Jensen Hancock
- Reception, Hedgehogs: Lyra Shepherd
- Year 1, Woodpeckers: Aria McCabe
- Year 2, Squirrels: Faine Elsan
- Years 3 & 4, Otters: Harper Helps
- Years 5 & 6, Foxes: Sa'riah Butler

Every ticket sold helps raise money for the school, and we're so grateful for the continued generosity of our school community.



Save The Date: Our Summer Fayre is Coming!

Get ready for sunshine, smiles, and summer fun — our Summer Fayre is just around the corner! Mark your calendars and join us for one of the most exciting events of the school year. It promises to be a fantastic day for the whole family, filled with games, entertainment, and plenty of treats.

There'll be stalls, raffles, and a wide range of activities for children of all ages — not to mention delicious food and refreshments to enjoy. It's a great opportunity to come together as a school community, celebrate the end of term, and raise vital funds to support future projects.

If you'd like to book a stall or have a local business and would like to donate a raffle prize for the Summer Fayre, please email us at woodgateprimaryptaevents@gmail.com — we'd love to hear from you!

Let's make this year's Summer Fayre the best one yet—we can't wait to see you there!





Exciting News: OPAL Is Coming!

We're thrilled to announce that our school will be launching the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme this September! OPAL is all about transforming playtimes by creating richer, more inclusive and imaginative outdoor play experiences for all children. To help get this exciting project off the ground, we're asking for support from our school community.

We're on the lookout for materials and other open-ended items (list below) and we'd also love to hear from anyone with DIY, gardening, or construction skills/resources who might be able to lend a hand. If you or someone you know could help, please get in touch with the school or a PTA member.

Here are some of the materials we're currently looking for:

- Drain Pipes / guttering offcuts
- Milk crates
- Wood offcuts, especially planks (no nails)
- Any form of tubing
- Nuts, bolts, wingnuts, cogs, wheels
- Bicycle wheels
- Golf Tees
- Pallets
- Any old units that can be turned into a mud kitchen
- Old pots and pans, saucepans, frying pans
- Wooden spoon
- Crates (especially milk crates)
- Gravel / pebbles
- Large suitcase
- Dressing up clothes
- Toy cars / diggers / trucks / trains
- Storage options
- Hanging baskets



Let's work together to make playtimes more magical than ever!





Thank you to those who were able to attend the workshop for parents. For those who haven't already, please scan the QR code to access the myHappymind resources for you and your child.

You will need the authentication code 149522 to sign up.



Pre-loved Uniform - Uniformerly

We will be using Uniformerly, a convenient platform for buying, selling, and donating second-hand school uniforms within our community. This initiative promotes sustainability, reduces waste, and offers an affordable solution for managing uniform needs.

We encourage parents to donate any outgrown or unused uniform items to support this effort. However, please note that any uniform with a logo on must feature the newer blue and white Academy logo. (We will not be selling uniforms with the older blue and red school logo. By adopting Uniformerly, we aim to help families, foster environmental responsibility, and strengthen our school community.

We welcome used items that are clean and in good condition.

Please visit this link for further details!

[Woodgate Primary Uniformerly Page](#)



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ideas or resources throughout the year.
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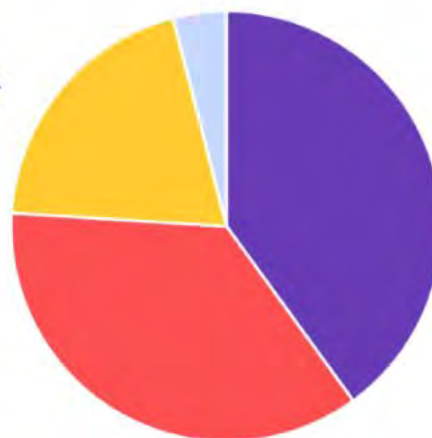
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Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Woodgate Primary Academy

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