

Woodside Warbler

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What a wonderful end to the year; two outstanding performances at the Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Evening and 'The Tempest' at the RSC in Stratford. It is a real joy to watch all of the children living up to the high standards expected of them and showing their talent and creativity

As always, the year has flown by, packed full of extra curricular activities and visits which spread something special into the Woodside curriculum. The children have visited the local library to foster a greater love of reading. We have organised trips to Conkers, Plantasia, Weston Super Mare, Hams Hall, Bosworth Battle Field, Donnington Le Heath, Coventry Cathedral, Marle Hall, Bedworth Civic Hall, the Belgrade Theatre, the Albany Theatre and Stratford. We have participated in the Warwickshire Book Awards and a whole host of sporting competitions including hockey, cricket, rounders, quad kids, cross country, swimming, netball, football, and infant agility. We have had visits from Spoz the Poet, the Planetarium and Dr Smallwood as well as a variety of speakers at Collective Worship. All of these opportunities provide a rich and engaging school life which enables all the children to flourish both academically and as kind, caring and resilient individuals.

I must also recognise the great success of Woodpeckers (our Wrap around Care facility) which started quite slowly but has grown and grown over the year. All the children love going and numbers for September are looking positive.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to another exciting year starting in September. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Parents' Comments

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the comment slips on the pupil annual reports.. Here are just a few of the lovely positive comments that were made:

Several very useful suggestions have been made, many of which have been taken on board with immediate effect.

'What a fabulous year, he has really come on in all aspects of his learning and finds school fun and loves learning. Thank you so much!'

'Such an interesting, creative curriculum and love all the Shakespeare.'

'Thank you for being supportive of personal circumstances as well as building confidence.'

'Support in all areas—the care and development of my child as an individual.'

'Appreciate being kept informed about behaviour and being able to work together to resolve issues.'

'Each year the school seems to improve more and more. Sporting events this year have been great.'

'So pleased that my child has been pushed to reach her full potential.'

'Wide variety of extra curricular activities and involvement with parents with regard to Collective Worship is fantastic and building effective parent partnerships through good communication; text messages, email and letters.'

'Parent pay is excellent.'

'Love the Shakespeare work and experiences and think the children are so lucky to have this opportunity to learn and enjoy it.'

'Spring fever has been excellent.'

'Woodpeckers—making work life balance happen!'

100% Attendance

Well done to all pupils who received a 100% Attendance Award for this academic year. They were presented with a Book Token in Celebration Collective Worship this morning.

Laney-Mai Bailey, James Curley, Jessica Dodd, Fynley Hay, Rebekah Jones, Harvey King, Lewis Langley, Alfie Matthews, Freddie Matthews, Caitlin Muddyman, James Spencer, Ayla Unsworth, Callum Walpole, Kayleigh Walpole

A special mention goes to Fynley Hay who has achieved 2 years of 100% attendance.

Year 1 Enchanted Wood Day

What an exciting day Year 1 had around our village last week. Our day started with a walk identifying trees as we went. Pond dipping was a huge success with Freddie even nearly knocking Mrs Beales in the water!. We identified pond skaters, water snails, water fleas and water spiders before making our way to the top of the hill to sketch the landscape. We later completed a bare foot walk, a letter trail and played on the trim trail. After a picnic lunch we were off again to the park where we enjoyed ice creams.

What a busy but enjoyable day we had!

Mrs Beales and Mrs Clark

Year 6 Leavers

On Tuesday 18th July, Year 6 invited their family and friends to watch their Leavers' Performance and presentation. To begin with, children were awarded with a dictionary from the Rotary Club of Atherstone, a poem from Mrs Simpson and a 'Moving On' Booklet from Reverend Roger. Trophies and certificates were then awarded to children in recognition of outstanding achievements. The children performed their special production to the audience. The evening was a celebration of each child's time at Woodside and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Award	Recipient
Endeavour for Boys	Samuel Kind
Boy Athlete	Alfie Matthews
Girl Athlete	Gracie Ford
Headteacher's Award	Ethan Grills
Most Improved all rounder	Amelia Atchison
English	Katie Scream
Maths	Hannah Marshall
Science	Oliver Lavender
Endeavour for Girls	Lola Williams
Arts	Katie Lavender

Lewis Douglas also received special recognition for his talents in music, having recently passed his Grade 1 clarinet exam and Evie Brown received special recognition for her outstanding contribution to the school in leadership and teamwork. Every member of Year 6 is ready to move on to their respective secondary schools. Over the past year particularly, the children have grown in maturity and all take responsibility for their own learning. It has been a real pleasure to watch them grow and develop and to see them all shine.

There have been so many positive comments made about this group of children whilst they have been out of school; on their numerous trips to QE and Polesworth, at the Warwickshire Book Awards and on other school trips; They have been great ambassadors for our school and will be missed as they move on. I wish them all happiness and success in the future.

The Tempest

Following the great success of our two whole school productions of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at 'The Other Place' in Stratford, last year, the RSC invited Woodside C of E Primary School back to perform a version of this year's major production, 'The Tempest'.

Fifty children from Years 5 and 6 put in countless hours of rehearsal under the direction of myself and Miss Newman, supported by a director mentor from the RSC. Mr Lavis composed and incredibly effective score which was essential to the success of this production. The performance was breath-takingly outstanding and drew total adulation from the RSC team responsible for the project. On a perfect summer's day, with picnics and football, everyone enjoyed a day that will live in memories forever.

Mrs Sandland

Warwickshire Local Welfare Summer Support Scheme

Are you finding it hard to make ends meet over the school summer holiday?

You may be able to get food vouchers to help!

You may be eligible for the Warwickshire Local Welfare Summer Support Scheme if your children were registered for free school meals before 14 July 2017.

Funds for this scheme are limited and applications will be considered on a first come first served basis.

To apply please call us on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182

Reception Summer Fun!

Reception had a great time recently visiting Baddesley Library. We discovered that there was a beach which Nanny McAughtry and her friends had made outside. It was super! We had lots of fun playing in the sand, listening to stories and looking at lots of books.



Warwickshire Book Awards

In April of this year, many children from Year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to take part in the Warwickshire Book Awards. This was no mean feat as they were asked to read the four qualifying books by July to enable them to vote for their favourite.

The awards were held in Leamington on 12th July and 24 pupils from Woodside, along with many parent helpers, attended. We were very lucky to meet three of the authors of the nominated books and we found them interesting and inspiring. The children were able to get their books signed and meet Sue Durrant, the author of the overall winning book, 'Little Bits of Sky'.

All children enjoyed the experience and we are already looking forward to taking part in next year's awards. A special thank you to all the parents who helped with transport to the venue as without them the children would not have been able to attend.

Mrs Day

Uniform Supplier

Clothing4 stocks the full range of Woodside school uniform. The store is at 11 Lower Gungate, Tamworth, B79 7BA, telephone 01827 50395. Email enquiries can also be sent to tamworth@clothing4.com

There is now an on line ordering facility at

<http://clothing4schools.com/content/8-tamworth-store>

Orders made on line will be delivered free of charge to school on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions regarding the uniform supplier, please see the school office.

Parental Questionnaire

July 2017

Thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaires at our recent Open Evening. The results have been collated in the table below. Figures in brackets indicate number of responses.

	R (13)	1 (24)	2 (13)	3 (10)	4 (12)	5 (11)	6 (6)	School Overall
My child enjoys school	100	92	100	100	100	100	100	99
The school keeps my child safe	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
The school meets my child's particular needs	100	96	100	100	92	100	100	99
Woodside provides a good range of extra curriculum activities (before school, lunchtime and after school)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Teaching is good at Woodside	100	92	100	90	92	100	100	96.5
School keeps me informed about my child's progress (termly reports, individual meetings and open evenings)	100	92	100	90	100	100	100	96.5
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Woodside	100	96	100	100	100	100	100	99.5
Aspects like wonder, curiosity, resilience and adventure are actively encouraged and celebrated	100	92	100	90	100	100	100	96.5
There is an inclusive atmosphere where all children are valued for who they are and what they bring	100	96	100	100	100	100	100	99.5

Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Watts today after almost 20 years as a teaching assistant at Woodside. Mrs Watts has always shown dedication to her role and has always been so supportive in providing a nurturing yet challenging environment for all children, helping them reach their full potential. She accompanied children on the annual residential trip to Marle Hall many times. In school she has been responsible for Collective Worship at Woodside and supporting ICT. She was also a valued member of the governing body for many years. We wish Mrs Watts a relaxing and enjoyable retirement!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Smallwood who are leaving Woodside this summer. We wish them both well in their new ventures and thank them for their hard work and dedication to Woodside.

House Point Achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved House Point Awards since the last Warbler:

Bronze

Cherry Thompson, Daisy Dennis, Freya Caton, Michelle Gilliver, Charlie Garry, Harry White, Laney-Mai Bailey, Mason Eades, Fynley Hay, Isla Wileman, Ruby Freeman, Tilly Dryhurst

Silver

Dillon Cope, Ellie Ball, Jasmine Hargreaves, Jimi Chetwynd, Lewis Dyson, Charley Cope, Emma Nicholson, Rebecca Chantler, Connor Drury, Ethan Pickering, Isla Wells, Jake Curley, Jessica Dodd, Jorja Finch, Leighton Rimmer, Niamh Smith, Scarlet Deacon

Gold

Finlay Sharp

Special Attendance Award Lunch

Year Two were the winners of the best overall attendance for this academic year—they won an amazing 19 attendance certificates over the course of the year and were treated to a fish and chip lunch on Wednesday!



Well done, Year Two.

Book Fair

The Book Fair held at school was a tremendous success and we raised £455 in commission to be spent on books for the school library.

Thank you to everyone for their support!

School Meal Price Increase

The price of a school meal will increase to £2.15 in September. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be entitled to receive a free meal under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal initiative.

Inset Days 2017/2018

Friday 1st September 2017

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 5th January 2018

Monday 8th January 2018

We will advise you of other dates as soon as they are agreed.

School re-opens to the children on Tuesday 5th September.

Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop Prices

Flapjack—25p

Orange/Apple Juice—20p

Fruit/Raisins—10p

Milk—15p

Cereal Pot—10p

Tuck shop is available to all Key Stage 2 pupils at break time.

Year 6 Kingsbury Trip

On Monday 10th July, Year 6 travelled to Kingsbury Outdoor Education Centre for an enjoyable day earned after completing SATs and putting all their hard work into their studies. It was an opportunity to strength their teamwork before heading off to high school.

With high hopes that they could build a raft and not fall in, the two teams were extremely confident that they would succeed: they managed to build the raft but on many occasions, several of them fell in.

Climbing was a challenging activity where the children climbed up a 30ft tower. We think that most of the children would agree that the abseiling position was the most fun part! Children climbed to the top, determination clearly paid off because everybody managed to at least get past three quarters of the tower.

Rafting, amazing and fantastic, was a great trial for the children but enabled them to see that their teamwork and trust could be built up even stronger than it was already.

Overall, the trip to Kingsbury was not only educational, but also a great way to celebrate time together. Thank you to the PTA who paid for this wonderful experience!

By Katie Lavender and Samuel Kind