



Woodside Warbler

Woodside Church of England
Primary School
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Issue 2

School Council

Reception—Tyler Hay & Jennifer Lakenby

Year 1—Charlie Evans & Ellie Ball

Year 2—Jack Gilkes & Ruby Freeman

Year 3—Laney-Mai Bailey & Alex Alcock

Year 4—Freja Barton & Kian Mills

Year 5—Tilly Dryhurst & Nathaniel Chantler

Year 6—Scarlet Thompson, Libby Wileman & Leyland Holmes

The School Council meet regularly with Mrs Sandland to look at ways to improve our school.

Members are elected by a democratic process; Reception members are chosen by the class teacher and Year 1 to Year 5 representatives are voted in by class members. Prospective candidates in Year 6 canvas the rest of the school at 'hustings' where they present what they feel they can offer as a school council representative. All pupils in the school voted on a ballot slip and the top three candidates were elected.

Eco Committee

Members of the Eco Committee are also elected by their class peers. They meet with Miss Newman to discuss environmental issues affecting the school.

Year 2—Lewis Dyson & Molly Smallwood

Year 3—Thiago Holmes & Ava Burgess

Year 4—Hayden Freeman & Delta Reville

Year 5—Kenny Powell & Imogen Kowkabzadeh

Year 6—Ellis Orchard & Georgia Vella

Worship Committee

Year 3—Zara Cook & Noah Peters

Year 4—Amelia Smiley & Mason Eades

Year 5—Christian Mawby & Caitlin Muddyman

Year 6—Ethan Morris & Kristin Sleat

The Worship Committee will be working with Mrs Bruntlett, the RE co-ordinator, to promote our Christian ethos throughout the school.



Year 4 Visit to the Library

Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the library yesterday and especially enjoyed choosing a book to take home with them. There were so many to choose from but we went on recommendations from others to decide on our next great read!

Thank you so much to the ladies who volunteer to help run our local library.

Learning Improvement Plan

We have a 'Learning Improvement Plan' which is written across all four schools in the Heartwood MAT. Each year, three areas are chosen as key target areas to work on. This decision is based mainly on the attainment and progress data, but outcomes/recommendations from recent Ofsted/SIAMS inspections are also taken in to account.

The key priorities for 2017/2018 are:

- ◆ To improve spelling, punctuation and grammar so that children reach challenging targets
- ◆ To improve the teaching and learning of all aspects of 'mastery' in maths to enable more children to reach 'greater depth'
- ◆ To implement a new RE plan based on the new 'Understanding Christianity' scheme so that children have a better understanding of Christianity and spirituality

As staff we explored spirituality in our schools and across the curriculum on our first INSET Day and agreed a Heartwood definition; 'Spirituality is the opening of hearts and minds, through reflection, and questioning of the world; which lifts the soul and makes the heart sing. For some, it will be experienced through faith and worship.'

Miss Smallwood, as maths leader, is working with Jonathan Hughes, an external consultant, and the other maths leaders across our consortia of schools, to analyse data, improve the maths environment and provide additional training on specific aspects of maths where required.

You can support us with these priorities at home, by helping your child to learn their spellings thoroughly every week, learn their number bonds to 10, 20, 100 and the times table facts.

Your child's class teacher will be able to give you more specific advice at Parents' Evening next week.

The Government have stated that they will be implementing a new 'Times Table' test in 2019. This will be an on-line test administered towards the end of Year 4 and the national expectation is that children should know ALL of their times tables 2–12 by the end of Year 4.

Mrs Vincent and Mrs Clark have also attended an excellent course which focussed on maths problem solving in the foundation stage.

As literacy leader, Mrs Bruntlett is supporting staff with embedding the new spelling scheme and many of you will have noticed more regular 'grammar' homework to practise the skills taught in school.

Thank you!

Thank you to our hard working PTA who have kindly donated £300 for additional resources for Reception class and £400 to subsidise the cost of the trip to Stratford on 10th October.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please call in to the school office.

Thank you also to Sarah Carmody for arranging for a new football kit for the Year 5 & 6 football team. This was sponsored by Atherstone Rangers and the PTA and the team proudly sported the new kit yesterday in the Acton Shield competition.

Forthcoming Term Dates

Wednesday 4 October	Parents' Evening 3.30—7.00pm Year 6 visit to the Library
Thursday 5 October	Marle Hall meeting school hall 3.30pm Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Tournament 2pm Baddesley Rec
Monday 9 October	Harvest Service St Nicholas Church 9.15am
Tuesday 10 October	Year 4, 5 & 6 trip to Stratford Open Morning for Reception 2018 intake 9.30—10.30am
Wednesday 11 October	Year 5 visit to the Library Inter School Cross Country Competition 4pm Woodside School
Wednesday 18 October	Year 3 visit to the Library
Thursday 19 October	Holly Class trip to Twycross Zoo
Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October—Half Term	
Sunday 29 October—	Marle Hall residential trip
Wednesday 1 November	
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Tuesday 7 November	School Photographs
Wednesday 8 November	Year 1 visit to the Library
Thursday 9 November	Remembrance Service St Nicholas Church 9.15am
Saturday 9 December	Woodside Christmas Fayre 11am—2pm
Thursday 16 November	PTA Bingo Baddesley Club 6pm
Tuesday 12 December	Reception & KS1 Nativity 9.30am school hall Key Stage 2 Carol Service St Nicholas Church 10.45am
Thursday 14 December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm school hall
Friday 15 December	Reception trip to Conkers
Tuesday 19 December	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Experience Christmas PTA Film Night
Friday 22 December	School closes for Christmas at 2pm
Monday 25 December—Friday 5 January 2018—Christmas Holidays	
Monday 8 January	INSET Day

Income Based Free School Meals

Pupil Premium

May I once again encourage any families who are in receipt of benefits detailed below to complete a registration form for income based free school meals. Please apply even if your child doesn't want to order a school meal or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is already entitled to a meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. By doing so, the school will receive additional funding of £1320 per pupil to help children from lower income families do their very best at school. By doing so your child will also receive subsidies on residential trips, music tuition and a free reading book each term to foster a love of reading.

Qualifying for free school meals

Free school meals are available to children where a parent/carer is in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits.

The current criteria for claiming free school meals are:

- Family receives Income Support or Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance does not qualify for free school meals.
- Family receives the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Family receives Child Tax Credit and has an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190. Please note, families who are also entitled to Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim free school meals regardless of income.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related). Please note, Contribution-Based E&SA does not qualify for free school meals.

You can apply by telephone on 01926 742060 or on line at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Collective Worship—September

This month's reflection is 'Harvest'

We are reflecting on the words of a hymn:

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so
thank the Lord for all his love."



Year 5/6 Boys' Football Competition

It is always a pleasure taking our children to represent the school at sporting events and on Thursday 27 September I was able to take 8 Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the Acton Shield football tournament. Sporting their new kits, kindly organised by Sarah Carmody, the team played incredibly well, creating lots of goal scoring opportunities, whilst putting in some great tackles to thwart the opposition. The team showed wonderful sportsmanship both to each other and their opposing teams and I, alongside all of the parents who watched them, was extremely proud.

Well done!

Mr Langley

**Mitchell Atkins, Matt Williams, William Harris, Joe Chetwynd, Jake Curley, Harlee Douglas,
Kenny Powell, Christian Mawby**

Year 5 Trip to Bosworth

We were lucky with the weather for our trip to Bosworth Battlefield earlier this week, which allowed us to spend an enjoyable day learning more about the historic battle. Pupils were fully engaged with their learning and represented the school well.

Severn Trent Assembly

Following a visit from Mr Smith from Severn Trent Water, our Eco Committee are working hard to encourage everyone to save water and be more energy efficient.

You can do this at home too by going on to stwater.uk/savewater and ordering freebies to help save water.

