



Woodfield Primary School

Friday 17th October 2025

Message from Mr Arnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to share a thank you to all parents and carers who attended our parent consultations this week. It was a pleasure welcoming you to school and chatting to you. We have a further evening planned next week and if you have not yet made an appointment, please either access the email invitation previously sent to you, or contact the school office to speak to a member of staff who will be able to advise you on the available appointments left. If an appointment is not convenient, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time for a meeting and discussion of your child's progress.

Thank you also if you were able to attend our reading for pleasure in-class session, sitting alongside your child. Forever within school, we aim to build children's love and enjoyment

of reading and thank you if you were able to join us. A further session will take place next half term and I will share all calendar dates for autumn term 2 in next week's newsletter.



Many of our parents will be celebrating Diwali this weekend, including Monday - the day of the celebration. On behalf of all staff, we wish you a happy, enjoyable and celebratory happy Diwali.

From my chats with children on the playground, there is a lot of anticipation for the festivities which lie ahead for them and they are looking forward to spending time together as families and with friends. If celebrating the festival, we hope it is a fun and meaningful time for you.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of welcoming new prospective 2026 children and parents to Woodfield and despite only being in the first half term of the school year, we are already thinking ahead to next year's new cohort of children joining us. As part of our school year and welcoming of prospective parents to our school, we host a number of tours and presentations for parents to see and learn of our school's organisation. We have already held two welcoming sessions but for information and sharing with family and friends who will be looking for a reception place next September, we have two further dates planned in the calendar:



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Woodfield Primary School, Woodfield Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV4 4AG

Reception Intake 2026/27

Opportunities to view and hear all about the wonderful things that Woodfield Primary can offer your children as they embark on their full time learning journey.

Open Morning:

Tuesday 30th September 2025 - 9.00am

Thursday 16th October 2025 –2.00pm

Wednesday 19th November 2025 - 10.00am

Friday 9th January 2026 - 2.00pm

To book a place for the tour and presentation please either:

call our School Office on **01902 558835**

or

Email woodfieldprimary@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Belief Ambition Courage





Please share the above information with family or friends who may be looking for a school place next year. Thank you.



Crossing Patrol Update:

As previously explained, we have been in regular contact with Wolverhampton Traffic Department regarding the ongoing absence of a crossing patrol on the zebra crossing on Coalway Road. Unfortunately, the situation remains the same.

Due to staffing shortages within their department, they are unable to provide us with a crossing patrol and there is no foreseeable date for when this will be resolved.

This is the detail received from the council:-

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“The Coalway Rd site has been vacant since January 2022 when the school crossing patrol left. On several occasions we have tried to recruit to this position but without success.

Historically, the Coalway Rd. site has been supported by our small team of mobile SCP wardens. However, recent staff sickness and prioritisation of other high-risk sites have impacted our ability to maintain coverage here as consistently as before.

Please be assured that the allocation of mobile SCP is reviewed twice daily. Should circumstances change, we will reallocate resources accordingly to ensure the safety of children and families at this location.”

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Therefore, please continue to remind your children - especially those who walk to and from school to take extra care when crossing the road. Encourage them to cross with other adults wherever possible and to follow the Green Cross Code.

Please note that school staff are not legally authorised or trained to supervise the crossing.

If you have further concerns regarding this matter please visit this previously shared link to report them to the local council: <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/parking-and-roads/traffic-management/request-a-road-crossing>

Thank you for your continued understanding and support in helping us to keep everyone safe.

For information, here is the green cross code which you might like to share with your child/ren:





A further notable date within the school's and City Council's calendar is Year 6's applications for secondary school placements. For all our Year 6 parents, a reminder that the deadline for applications is Friday 31st October 2025. For information, the following is copied from the City Council's website:

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To apply for a Wolverhampton secondary school place, you must apply through the City of Wolverhampton Council by the October 31st deadline, typically via their website. You should list up to five schools in order of preference, and each school has its own admissions criteria that you should review. Late applications are possible but significantly reduce your chances of getting a place at a preferred school.

Application process

- **Apply on time:** The national deadline for secondary school applications is October 31st. Applying by this date is crucial for maximizing your chances of securing a place at a preferred school.
- **Use the online portal:** Apply through the City of Wolverhampton Council website¹ or a similar portal.
- **List five preferences:** Rank up to five schools in order of preference. This includes all types of state schools, even those outside of Wolverhampton.
- **Understand admissions criteria:** Each school has its own admissions policy, which is available on its website. It is highly recommended to read these policies before submitting your application.
- **Provide accurate information:** Make sure your application is based on your child's usual place of residence. You may need to provide proof of address.

¹<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

- **Consider attending open days:** Visiting schools and attending their open days can help you make informed choices about your preferences. Important considerations
- **Late applications:** Applying after the deadline will be considered late and your preferences will be processed after all on-time applications have been allocated, significantly reducing your chances of securing a place at a school you want.
- **Fraudulent applications:** The council will investigate any allegations of fraudulent or misleading applications.
- **Support:** If you need help with the online application, you can attend a surgery at the Civic Centre on certain Thursdays. You can also get information in large print, Braille, or another language by calling the council.
- **If preferences can't be met:** If a place cannot be offered at any of your preferred schools, the council will allocate a place at the nearest Wolverhampton maintained school that has a place available.



Next week, we will be breaking up for the half term holiday (Friday 23rd October 2025).

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 4th November** given that the Monday of the new term is an INSET day.

The staff training day will provide us with time to undertake more intensive training and this time we will be focusing upon reading and writing within English. In the meantime, have an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes, Mr Arnold.



NETBALL & FOOTBALL CLUB YEAR 5/6:

The last session for this club was Tuesday 14th October.

There will be no session on Tuesday 21st due to parents' evening.

After the half term break, a squad of 30 children will be selected to attend training sessions. Your child will be informed if they have made the squad by the time we break up for half term.

FOOTBALL CLUB YEAR 5/6:

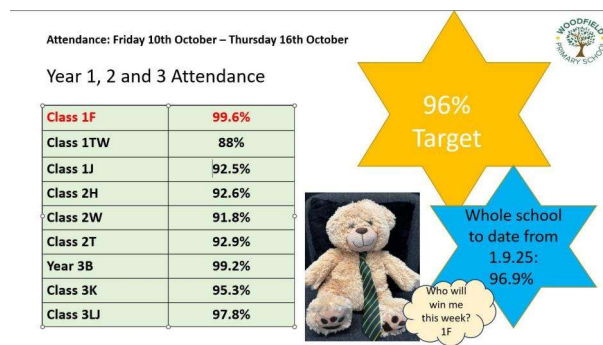
The final session will be on Wednesday 22nd October. A squad of 30 children will then be chosen to attend training sessions after half term. Your child will be informed if they have been selected for the club before the half term break.

All other clubs will remain the same until Christmas.

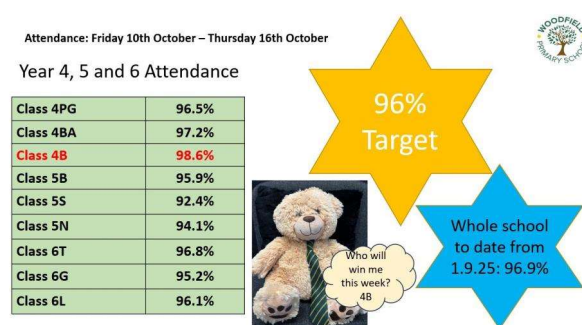
Be an attendance hero!



Attendance: Years 1, 2 & 3



Attendance: Years 4, 5 & 6



Attendance Targets



Dojo Points

Our Woodfield School Houses – which house are you in?



"The ash tree embodies resilience. Ash trees can withstand the cold and the moisture thanks to its ability to absorb water."



"Rowan is the tree of power, causing life and magic to flower through its red, vibrant berries."



"One of the most valuable traits of the willow tree is its flexibility. The willow tree is capable of bending in outrageous positions without snapping."



"The Yew tree is the oldest tree in human history and symbolic of the sum of all wisdom. The Yew contains the lessons of all the other trees and with it all the experiences, knowledge, and understanding of the world around us."



CLASS DOJO HOUSE POINTS





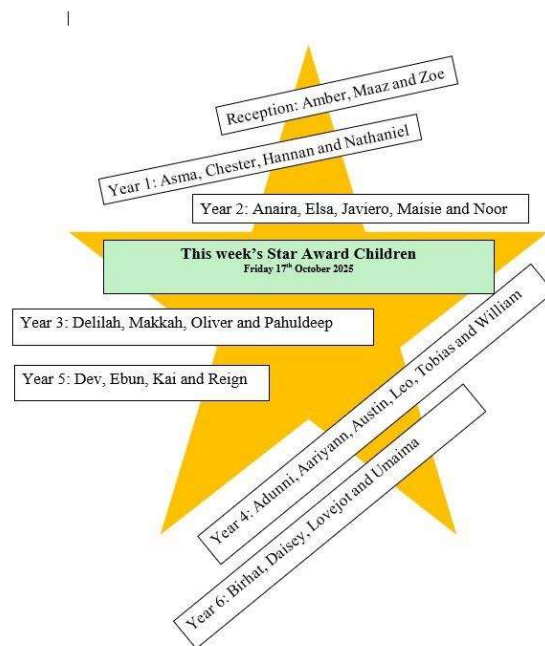




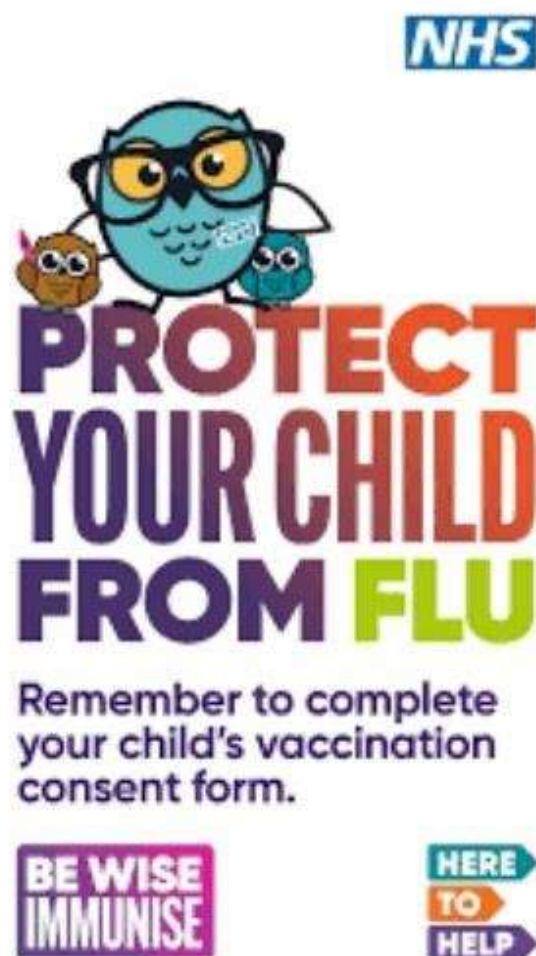
Well done,
Rowan House!



Stars of the Week



Flu Vaccinations



Within our calendar of events, we will be welcoming School Vaccinations UK to Woodfield on the 17th November.

Flu vaccinations are taking place for all children from Reception to Year 6. Parents and carers can give consent online at midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/wolverhampton² or request a paper consent form by contacting Vaccination UK by telephone on 01902 200077 or email at wolverhampton@v-uk.co.uk

If your child is 4 years old but has not started school yet, they can get vaccinated at either:

- a community clinic – if they turned 4 years of age on or before 31 August 2025
- their GP surgery or a pharmacy that offers flu vaccination (from 1 October 2025) – if they turned 4 years of age after 31 August 2025

²<http://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/wolverhampton>

The NHS have produced various promotional posters advising of the reasons for vaccinating children against flu and for further reading and information.

I have included the website for Vaccinations UK which you might like to access for determining if you would like your child to take part in the vaccination programme.

School Vaccinations UK³

Punctuality Pumpkins

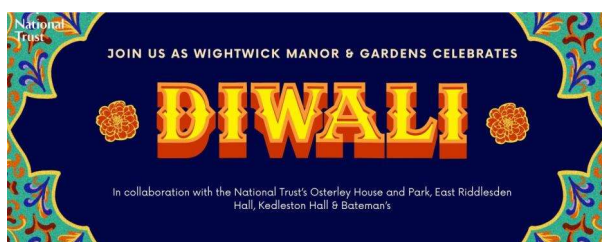


Many children (and staff) have been admiring the pumpkin display in the Medical and SEND office. As an end of term reward, Mrs Fellows has decided to give the display away as prizes.

Each class will receive a pumpkin to award to the child who has been the most 'punctual' throughout this half term. This will be for a combination of attendances, punctuality and importantly, the child who is always 'ready to learn' and trying hard when within school.

Winners will be announced next Friday on Class Dojo

Diwali 2025 events and activities



Where heritage meets light, visitors can join in Diwali celebrations at Wightwick Manor and Gardens for a festival of light, storytelling and design.

This autumn, Wightwick invites you to experience the magic of Diwali 2025 in a way that blends South Asian heritage with the rich arts and crafts legacy of the Manor house.

³<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/>

- **Love & Lamplight: An Evening of Storytelling.** For two special evenings (18 and 19 October), join acclaimed British Punjabi storyteller Peter Chand for a captivating journey through traditional Indian tales told with warmth, wit, and wonder. This event is suitable for those aged 14 and over, and promises an unforgettable night of culture and connection.



- **Fusion: A Diwali Installation:** From 13 - 26 October (open daily from 11am - 5pm, last entry 4pm), explore a colourful new installation in the Manor that reimagines Diwali through the lens of design. Inspired by William Morris's iconic 'Marigold' print, this installation blends rich Indian textiles, bold colours, and traditional motifs to create something truly unique.

Half Term and Halloween events



Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

Head to the Wulfrun Centre, Wolverhampton, for an amazing Pumpkin Patch experience on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th October.

Their 12m x 8m patch features a walkaround scarecrow, a 6ft stand-in family pumpkin photo opportunity, and a fun scavenger hunt with pencils and colouring sheets!

From 11am to 3pm, choose your perfect pumpkin, carve it, and take it home!

Bring the whole family for an unforgettable day of fall fun!

Halloween Safe Trick or Treating



On Friday 31st October from 1pm to 5pm the Mander Centre, Wolverhampton gets spooky!

Head to the lower level to collect your free treat map and set out to find all the sweet treats...no tricks!

There will be free face painting by the cheeky gorgeous events team. Will you be a scary ghoul or pretty princess?





Join in the spooky craft workshop, mask making with all the glitter and gloop you could hope for and meet some great characters who will be visiting for selfies and a dance or two!

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Our neighbouring sports and social club have asked us to share with you details of their planned Halloween Party which is being held on Friday 31st October. (7pm-11pm).

The party is open to all non-members and entrance is totally free.

Well behaved ghouls and ghosts are all welcome.

Free Half Term Travel



Funded by
UK Government

FREE bus travel for parents this October half term

All day, unlimited travel from
27 October until 2 November

Parents, guardians and carers can enjoy
unlimited free bus travel across the
West Midlands during these dates.

How to claim

Applications are open from Monday 6
October until Wednesday 15 October.
Just scan the QR code (or visit tfwm.org.uk/october) to apply!

Once applications close, we'll email you
with instructions on how to redeem your
free travel through your Swift account.



You're Bussing It  West
Midlands
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