

Week beginning 10 2 25

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for taking time to read this bulletin. It will be shared every two weeks (term time only).

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Attendance Matters

Attendance remains a priority for us at Woodlands and this half term the average school attendance has been around 90%. We want to ensure that children attend school everyday to make the most of all learning opportunities.

Spring term has given us many exciting opportunities in school including:

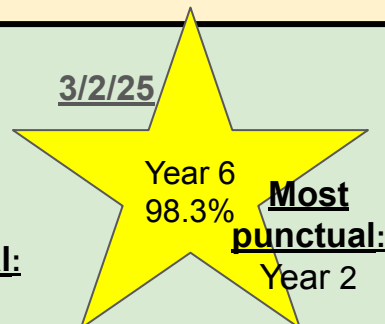
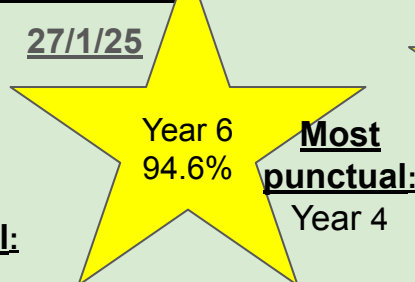
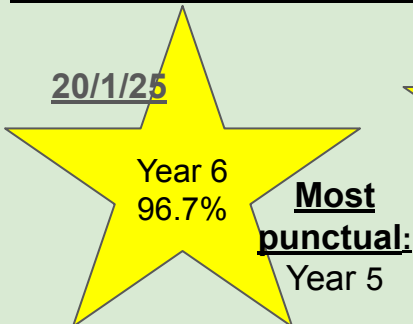
- Year 3 and 4's Poetry Project with @applesandsnakes working with our Poet in Residence Paul Lyalls. Both classes have written and performed some fantastic poems of their own already. Next half term, parents will be invited to a special performance (details to be shared soon).
- Two creative class assemblies from Year 3 on the Human Body and Year 4 on Anglo Saxons.
- Year 6 visited the Royal Albert Hall for a Maths and Music Workshop.
- Eco Refill shop- our Year 4 Eco Ambassadors have been busy with their shop and promoting positive environmental change by reusing plastic bottles.
- Sports competitions run by Featherstone Sports Partnership for our Year 5 Girls football team, KS2 Project Active team and Year 5 mixed Basketball team.
- Children's Mental Health Week was a great success and we celebrated uniqueness at the end of the week with 'We Rock' Day.

This term we have been continuing to track **punctuality** and trying to ensure as many of our pupils arrive to school on time. Well done to all of you who are arriving to school on time and making the most of the Early Morning Work from 8:30am. Arriving after the gate has closed will affect your child's punctuality. Remember: Every minute counts towards learning!

If your child's attendance is **below 90%**, they are considered as a **Persistent Absentee**. We have seen a decrease in children on this list but still would like to have less Persistent Absentees across the school.

Your child's attendance will be shared with you at the upcoming Parents Evening after half term.

The 'Best Class Attendance'



A special mention to Year 6 who have had fantastic attendance this half term. Keep it up Year 6! This positive attendance will help you feel prepared for the upcoming Mock SATS after half term.

When your child attends school regularly they...

Develop new skills

Achieve

Build confidence and self esteem

Make friends



Develop good habits and routines



Safeguarding Spotlight

Be Safe Online

On Tuesday 11th February it is Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.' During the Half Term holiday, parents/carers, please ensure that you have open conversations with your children about being safe online. Here are some useful guides on different topics from UK's safer internet centre. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

There are many things that children could have access to online, some of which may not be age appropriate. Also, children must realise that their actions online can have an impact on others as well as themselves. If they are in Group chats, please remind your child about having appropriate and safe conversations. Please report anything that is inappropriate or is worrying your child. Please take screenshots and block the user.

Be a Scam Spotter!

Here are some terms to be aware of:

A scam-When someone tries to trick us into giving them personal information or money.

Phishing- when someone online tries to trick you into giving personal information, often by pretending to be a trusted company. This is often in the form of a link to click on or an email sent out to many in hope that they will 'catch' some people out.

Scenario 1
You are on a website and a pop-up appears. It says: "You are a WINNER! CLICK HERE to claim your free gaming set worth over £1000! You only have 15 minutes to claim!"

Scam
This sounds too good to be true and it is contact you did not expect. It is very unlikely that you will have won a gaming set, especially if you didn't enter a competition. The scam tries to pressure you to click on it by pretending that you only have 15 minutes to claim the prize.

Scenario 2
You get a text message from an unknown mobile number. It says: "Your package cannot be delivered because of lost address. Pls deal with this immediately. Click on link postbo.xabcde.co.m and update your address and phone number."

Scam
This is contact you did not expect, and it is asking for personal information. The scam is pretending to be a delivery service and is trying to pressure you into clicking on the suspicious looking link "immediately." It also spells "please" as "pls" which is very informal.

[from Purple Mash- click here for more examples](#)

Remind your child and support them to follow the 4CS:

The 4Cs
Online Safety

CONTENT Are you accessing age appropriate information?	CONDUCT Are you behaving responsibly towards others?
CONTACT Do you know who you are talking to online?	COMMERCIALISM Are you aware of the hidden costs and advertising in apps/ websites?

If you have a concern, it is important to take a screenshot of evidence, report it and block the user. Please use the [CEOP link](#) if needed. <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

Useful resources (click the links below)

[Online Safety Website for parents \(click here\)](#)

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM- Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February 2025

Return to school Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025- start of Year 6 Mock SATS week

Wednesday 27th February 2025- Parents Evening (Nursery- Year 5)- until 7pm.

Thursday 28th February 2025- Parents Evening (Year 6 only)- until 7pm.

Thursday 6th March 2025- World Book Day (dress up as a book character)

Please book a 10 minute appointment using the link that has been shared this week.

All upcoming dates can be seen in our [school website calendar](#)

Next bulletin: Monday 3rd March 2025