



WOODLANDS PARK  
SCHOOL

# The Woodlands Weekly

## School Newsletter

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### Progress meetings

Thank you to all our Year 3—6 parents and carers who joined us for the progress meetings this week. We hope you found the meetings useful and you now have a good understanding on where your child is with their learning. A reminder that Mr Affleck's rearranged Tuesday appointments will take place next Tuesday (17th October). Parents/carers of children in Reception – Year 2 have now received information about progress meetings for the week after the half-term break. Please book appointments using our new ParentMail system.

### Attendance is on the up

Our whole school attendance is looking good this term. Currently we are at 93.9%. This is a big improvement on this time last year where we were at 91.4%. Whilst we are pleased that attendance has improved, there is still a long way to go to reach our target of 95%. All pupils have been set attendance targets this term and in our celebration assembly next Friday, we will be recognising children who have achieved 95% and above for the first half-term. If your child has not managed to achieve it this term, why not set them the challenge of reaching their target after the half-term break?

### The scaffolding is finally down

At last we are free of the scaffolding that has surrounded the school



Photo: Years 3–6 football club (Thursdays)

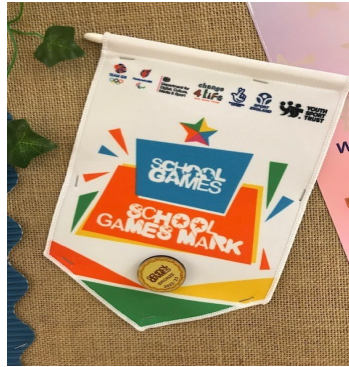


Photo Bronze Sports Mark Award

since July. The solar panels were returned last week and we now have a much quieter site now the workmen have left. If you are one of our close neighbours, thank you for putting up with the noise and the additional congestion of work traffic. We are really pleased the roof is now complete and we are now setting our sites on improving our key stage 2 classrooms and our playground spaces.

### School photographs

Next Wednesday, all children will be having their individual and sibling photographs (only those siblings attending Woodlands Park). Please ensure children are looking smart and presentable. You will be able to order the photographs and we will provide you with details on how you can do this in due course.

### Stay and Play

Our Early Years are hosting a number of events through-out this term. Our first event is on Thursday next week and it is a 'Stay and Play' (9-10 a.m.) opportunity for our current parents/carers. There is not a requirement to let us know you coming.

### Emailing difficulties

You may be aware that we have had some communication difficulties this week. The issue centres around our domain host and we are working hard

to rectify the problem. We have set-up a temporary office email, which you can use to communicate with us. The email address is [office@woodlandsparkshool.co.uk](mailto:office@woodlandsparkshool.co.uk)

### Sports Awards

At the end of the last academic year, we were informed that we had reached the standard for the Bronze School Games Award. These are national standards and only awarded to schools who are showing a good commitment to school sport and P.E. A strength of our PE offer is our swimming programme, with all year groups having access to the outdoor pool. Not many primary schools have swimming facilities and struggle to deliver the national curriculum, which includes a programme of swimming in both key stage 1 and 2. We are really pleased with this award and we will aim to achieve silver by the end of this year!

### Staffing news

Mrs Taylor barely had time to put her feet up, on her maternity leave, before her baby arrived. Thea Taylor (weighing 7lbs) was born on Tuesday. I am sure you will join us in sending our congratulations!



Photo: Thea Taylor, the newest member of the Woody P family

### Clubs

After school club numbers are slowly creeping up but there are still places available. At £2.50 per week, we think it is a bargain! Do check out sQuid if you wish for your child to join one of our activities.