



Friday 4th September 2026

★ Welcome Back! ★

Welcome to a brand-new academic year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. It has been lovely to welcome our children back to school, and there is a real sense of excitement and anticipation as we begin another fantastic year together.

The school has been a hive of activity since the end of the summer term, with our classrooms being prepared, refreshed and transformed ready for the children's return. Our classrooms are looking fantastic, with calm, welcoming spaces designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and a love of learning.

There has been lots of excitement in school as the children have returned, and it has been wonderful to see their smiling faces, hear about their summer adventures and watch them settle back into school life. For those starting a new year group, there is the added excitement of new challenges, new topics to explore and plenty of opportunities to learn and grow.

Due to the late release of the Key Stage 2 data, we weren't able to share the fantastic results our children achieved with you as soon as we would have liked — but they were certainly worth the wait!

Subject	National Level	Woodcote Primary School
Reading – Expected level	75%	83%
Reading – Greater Depth	30%	50%
Writing – Expected level	73%	83%
Writing – Greater Depth	13%	23%
Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation – Expected level	74%	83%
Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation – Greater Depth	30%	37%
Maths – Expected level	75%	67%
Maths – Greater Depth	8%	20%
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	63%	63%

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our children and the determination, resilience and hard work they have shown throughout their journey at Woodcote. Their achievements are a wonderful reflection of their commitment and the support of our incredible staff, families and wider school community.

A huge well done to all of our children. You have made us exceptionally proud!

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and all that it will bring. There will be new experiences, exciting learning, friendships, achievements and lots of special moments along the way.

A new academic year is always a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. We have said goodbye to Mrs Thorne, Mrs Harmer and Mrs Poole, although we'll still see Mrs Thorne in After School Club and we welcomed Mrs Somarakis, Mrs Rastelli and Ms Berks has moved from a Lunchtime Supervisor to a Teaching Assistant role. We are excited to work together with our children, families and the wider school community to make this a happy, successful and memorable year.

Welcome back, everyone — let's make it a wonderful one!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Wornham

Reminder

Primary SWIFT Course

What is it?

SWIFT is a training programme for schools developed by the Communication and Interaction Service (C&I).

SWIFT provides the opportunity for schools to:

- Learn more about the children they support
- Promote a consistent approach across home and school
- Guide parents/carers through practical strategies they can use with their children
- Direct parents/carers to relevant resources
- Give parents/carers the opportunity to meet with other parents who have had similar experiences and to gain support and learn from each other

Who is it for?

Parents/carers who have children with Autism. They do not have to have a diagnosis.

What does it cover?

SWIFT consists of four Modules that explore key aspects of autism, development and learning. Each Module has activities, films, key resources and strategies.

Module One: Understanding Autism

Module Two: Social Communication

Module Three: Sensory Processing

Module Four: Emotional Wellbeing

FOWPS

Hello, hello from your friendly FOWPS team! We are so grateful for all of your support last year, and are looking forward to fundraising this year with the goal of replacing the climbing frame outside KS1. While it has served us well for many years, it is time for a refresh!

Our first fundraising event of the year is the bouncy castle at the Woodcote Village fete on 12th September - the sign-up sheet is live here <https://volunteersignup.org/XWHKJ> and any time you could contribute towards this fundraising event would be greatly appreciated.

We have a full term of exciting events planned, and are looking forward to seeing you there!

FOWPS AGM

Please save the date for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, which will take place on **Thursday 17th September at 3.30pm**.

We encourage every family to be represented at this important meeting as we reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. It's a great opportunity to:

- Meet your new PTA committee.
- Help decide how this year's fundraising budget will be spent.
- Meet other parents, carers and members of staff.

To help make it easier for families to attend, entertainment will be provided for children in yr1-6, including a movie, popcorn and a drink, in return for a donation of £2.50 to help cover costs.

Swimming

Year 4 will be starting swimming at the Oratory School this term, please look out for the communication in ParentMail next week. All children will be required to wear a swimming cap which can be purchased through the uniform shop.

School Meals

With effect from the 1st October 2026 we have been advised that the cost of school lunches will increase to £2.65.

Primary Times magazine

The September edition can be found in the school entrance, please do help yourself to a copy.

Parents of Year 5 & 6

Langtree School – Open Evening and mornings – please read the attached flyer for more information.

Important dates

Saturday 12 th September	Woodcote Village Fete – FOWPS are running the bouncy castle please see poster below for more information
Thursday 17 th September	FOWPS AGM @ 3.30pm. Film Night for years 1 – 6, cost is £2.50 – more info to follow

Thursday 24 th September	Flu immunisations
Thursday 16 th October	FOWPS School disco – more information to follow
Monday 19 th October – 23 rd October	Open Afternoons for Reception 2027 intake (1.30pm) If you wish to attend, please email the office.
Sunday 29 th November	FOWPS – return of the jingle jog – more details to follow
Friday 4 th December	FOWPS Festive candle making workshop – more details to follow
Saturday 5 th December	FOWPS coffee shop
Wednesday 3 rd February	Young Voices – year 5 and 6 – save the date – more details will follow

Other News/Information

Woodcote Village Fete

