



Woodbury C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM • ISSUE 3

9th October 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome to our third newsletter of the Autumn Term.

Inside this issue, you will find important reminders about Parents' Evenings, illnesses, collection arrangements and smart watches, along with information about flu immunisations, holiday club, playing field survey and primary and secondary school applications.

We hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful and informative.

A few important notes for families

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM

Thankfulness

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:2

"Living life in all its fullness"

Our Christian values of Love, Endurance, Thankfulness, Wisdom, Respect and Generosity are at the heart of our school community.

♥ Love Your School Morning ♥ – Tomorrow

Reminder - We are holding a **'Love Your School Morning'** tomorrow **Saturday 10th October**, and we would be very grateful for *any* help you can give. If you can spare **an hour or two** to help and make our school grounds look their best and bring these areas back to full use, we would love to see you!

Please arrive **any time between 9.30am and 11.30am tomorrow Saturday 10th October**. Please bring any **garden tools** you have. ♥

Collection Arrangements

If another parent or adult will be collecting your child from school, please make sure you let us know in advance. You can contact the school office, tell the class teacher at morning drop-off, or send in a written note for your child to pass on.

On occasion, parents of children in **Year 6** may feel that their child is ready to walk home from school independently. If you would like your child to do this, **please email the school to let us know and give your permission**. Children will not be allowed to walk home independently unless we have received permission from a parent or carer.

For safeguarding reasons, it is important that we are aware of any changes to normal collection arrangements before the end of the school day.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

If your Year 6 child walks home independently, you may wish them to bring a mobile phone to school. Any mobile phone brought to school **must be handed to the class teacher on arrival**. It will be stored securely during the school day and returned to the child at home time.

Smart watches that can take photographs, record video or audio, or have other recording capabilities are not permitted in school. Any child wearing one will be asked to remove it, and it will be kept safe until the end of the school day

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all our children safe.

School Driveway – Safety Reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers **not to use the school driveway to drop off children**.

We have noticed some vehicles stopping in the driveway and then reversing back out into the road, at times when other parents and children are crossing. This creates a potential safety risk, particularly during the busy morning drop-off period.

Please use the appropriate drop-off areas and **do not stop or turn around in the school driveway**. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep everyone safe around the school entrance.

Illness and Infection Reminder

We currently have a number of illnesses and infections circulating, including coughs, colds, sickness bugs and threadworms.

Please help us reduce the spread by reminding children of the importance of washing their hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and warm water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating.

We will continue to reinforce good handwashing routines in school. Thank you for helping us keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on **Tuesday 3rd November** and **Thursday 5th November**, with the following exceptions:

Willow Class will be holding their meetings on **Monday 2nd** and **Thursday 5th November**

Cherry Class will be holding their meetings on **Monday 2nd**, **Tuesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 4th November**.

Beech Class will also be offering an **extra hour on Friday 6th November with Mrs Harwood**.

Please sign your child up via your **MCAS account**, under **Parents Evening**, from **7pm this evening**.

Bookings will close at **midnight on Sunday 1st November**.

The **Mental Health Support Team** will be in school during Parents' Evening on Tuesday, from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Miss Hogan will also be available to offer advice and support.

Both will have tables set up in the KS2 cloakroom area, so please feel free to pop along if you would like to speak to them.

Key Dates
Please keep these dates handy

DATE		EVENT
10 th October		Love Your School Morning • 9.30-11.30am
13 th October		Years 3 • Lyme Regis Trip
14 th October		Years 5 & 6 Parent Math's Workshop • 3.30 & 6pm
15 th October		KS2 Parent Reading Meeting • 6pm
2nd-6th November		Parents Evening • 3.30pm- 6.00pm
5 th November		Year 1 • Tiverton Museum Trip
6 th November		Flu Immunisation
7 th November		Open Morning • 10am-1pm
13 th November		Children in Need
16 th November		Odd Socks Day
18 th November		Individual Photos
4 th December		Year 5 • Exeter Trip
8 th December		Rocksteady Concert • 9.15am
15 th December		KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm & 5.30pm
16 th December		KS1 Nativity • 2.15pm
17 th December		KS2 Carol Concert • St Swithun's Church • 6pm
18 th December		Last Day of Term
AUTUMN TERM 1 7th September – 23rd October		AUTUMN HALF TERM 26th October – 30th October
AUTUMN TERM 2 2nd November – 18th December		
SPRING TERM 1 5 th January – 12 th February		SPRING HALF TERM 15th February – 19th February
SPRING TERM 2 22 nd February-25 th March		
SUMMER TERM 1 13 th April-28 th May		SUMMER HALF TERM 31 st May-4 th June
SUMMER TERM 2 7 th June-22 nd July		

Upcoming Events

Flu Immunisation

You have all been emailed a letter regarding the nasal flu immunisation. This needs to be completed by midday on Friday 17th October.

Complete the flu immunisation form

Please ensure you enter the full unique reference code DV113440.

PTFA Autumn Disco - Thursday 22nd October

We are very excited to be hosting our first PTFA event of the academic year – our Autumn Disco! Children are welcome to come along in optional fancy dress and enjoy an evening of music, dancing and fun.

Please see the details below, along with the attached School Disco Guide, which contains all the information you need about the event. As part of the disco, we are also trialling a new booking, arrival and collection system, so please take a moment to read the guide before booking.

New Autumn Disco Ticket Booking System

To book:

1. Scan the QR code (sent by WhatsApp) or click the booking link below to complete a Google Form for all children attending

<https://forms.gle/6HbSMu1xWjEQ47d57>

2. Once you have submitted the form, you will be taken to SumUp to pay for all tickets in a single transaction.

As this is our first time using the new system, we would really welcome your feedback afterwards. Please let us know how easy you found it to use and whether there is anything we could improve for future events.

KS2 Virtual Gym Competition

If your child is in KS2 and would like to be considered for the Virtual Gym Competition in January, please email Mr Bampton at sbampton@cedartreefederation.org with a short 20-second video.

The video should include a tuck and a straddle.

Please send your video by Friday 23rd October. Good luck! 🤸



Volunteers Needed for Our School Library!

Do you have a little time to spare? We are looking for volunteers to help keep our school library tidy and welcoming.

Tasks may include straightening shelves, organising books and keeping the library looking neat and inviting for our pupils.

If you can help, please get in touch with the school office.

Join Our Parent Forum

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would be interested in being part of our **Parent Forum**. The forum is a great opportunity to share ideas, give feedback and help us continue to develop and improve our school.

If you would like to be involved, please **email the school office to register your interest**. We would love to have parents from across the different year groups represented. You can find more information on our website [Parent Forum](#)

Primary Sports Holiday Club

There will be no holiday club at Woodbury school this half term, the nearest camp is the Beacon Primary school in Exmouth.

Please see [The Beacon Primary School - Holiday Camps - October Half Term 2026](#) for more information and how to book.

PTFA Dates

Autumn Term

- 22 October – Disco
- 10 December – Christmas event

Spring Term

- 15 January – PTFA meeting
- 11 February – Disco
- 24 March – Colour Run
- 25 March – Easter Tea from 3:15pm

Summer Term

- 23 April – PTFA meeting
- 27 May – Silent Disco and BBQ
- 10 July – Summer Fair

Secondary School Admission Applications for September 2027

If your child has just started Year 6 you can apply now for their place at secondary school for September 2027.

Once you have chosen a school(s), use their online application form to express your preference(s). You can name up to three different schools, and these are equally ranked preferences, which means you can apply for the schools you most want without affecting your chances of a place at other schools.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. Applications close on 31st October 2026.

Primary School Admission Tours for September 2027

We have dates on our website of when we are doing tours for children who will be starting school in September 2027. We are also having an open morning on Saturday November 7th from 10am – 1pm, please email woodburyadmin@cedartreefederation.org if you would like to attend.

The OPENING date for reception applications is 15TH November 2026 [Apply for a reception place at a primary school \(devon.gov.uk\)](#) and applications deadline is 15th January 2027.

Woodbury Playing Fields Survey

Please see the link below to the Woodbury community playing fields survey for children and parents. The survey will be open until the end of October so all responses by then would be greatly appreciated. [Woodbury Community Playing field & Playground Survey](#)

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Miss Gillian Pyle

Headteacher

Living life in all its fullness John 10:10

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