

WOODWATER ACADEMY

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Newsletter: Thursday 2nd April 2026

Dates for your diary:

Monday 20th April
Start of Summer Term

Monday 20th April -
Wednesday 22nd
Year 5 London Residential Trip

Thursday 30th April
Briggs Class Cake Sale

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

25th May - 29th May
Half Term

22nd July
Last Day of Term



School Attendance
for March 2026
95.8%

Best Class Attendance
for March 2026



Message from Katie Chown



As we come to the end of what has been a busy and enjoyable half term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and families a happy, restful and safe Easter holiday. We hope this time provides a chance for you to relax together, enjoy some precious family moments and, hopefully, make the most of some spring sunshine. Over the past two weeks, it has been a real pleasure to see the range of Easter activities and learning experiences the children have been involved in. From creative crafts to thoughtful discussions and classroom learning, the children have shown great enthusiasm and engagement, and we are very proud of their efforts.

We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 20th April, refreshed and ready for the summer term. With any luck, the sun will have made an appearance over the holidays and will stay with us as we move into the warmer months ahead.

As we approach the summer term, we would also like to remind families of our school uniform expectations. All school shoes must be black. Trainers are acceptable; however, any markings, soles and labels must also be black. Please note that open-toe shoes are not permitted, even in warmer weather.

Children may wear trousers, summer dresses, skirts, shorts or shorts. Shorts should be tailored school-style shorts and not cycling shorts, which are suitable for PE only. Regarding jewellery, children may wear small stud earrings only. For health and safety reasons, bracelets and necklaces should not be worn to school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

EYFS

The Reception children loved having their parents come and visit them to see their fantastic learning from this term. The children performed some spring songs to their visitors and then enjoyed making some crafts with the help of their parents. The children planted sunflower seeds to take home, and we are looking forward to seeing their progress!



Years 1 & 2

Key Stage 1 had a fantastic trip to Paignton Zoo, where they were excited to see a real cassowary—perfectly linking to our geography learning about the Daintree Rainforest. The children were especially lucky to spot the baby cassowary, Dennis, who at just seven months old was a wonderful surprise. They showed fantastic school values throughout the visit, and we'd like to say a big well done and congratulations to them all!



Years 3 & 4

The Year 3 and 4 pupils became budding botanists as they dissected tulips to explore the different parts of a flower. They carefully examined petals, stamens, pistils, and sepals, discovering how each part helps the plant grow and reproduce.

The children were excited to spot details they'd never noticed before and confidently used scientific vocabulary to record their findings. It was a hands-on lesson that sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of the natural world.



Years 5 & 6

During Science in years 5 and 6, we have been learning about how gravity affects the speeds of orbits around the sun. We simulated the varying orbiting speeds of the planets, by setting up three orbits at different distances from the sun, and compared the speed and laps that each person could complete, proving that planets further away complete orbits slower than planets closer to the sun.



THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE



STAR ACHIEVER

27.03.26

Donaldson - Aiden
Hughes - Jaxon
Murphy - Vyla
Briggs - Briggs Class
Ahlberg - Hawa
Smith - Alana
Dahl - Harvey
Blyton - Adeeb
Morpurgo - Oliver
St John - Kayla
Horowitz - Kieran

Teamwork
Respect
Ambition
Courage
Kindness

VALUES CHAMPION

27.03.26

Donaldson - Stanley
Hughes - Frances
Murphy - Murphy Class
Briggs - Briggs Class
Ahlberg - Ahlberg Class
Smith - Precious
Dahl - Jay
Blyton - Evin
Morpurgo - Yevhenii
St John - Logan
Horowitz - Rhys

Rosen Stars of the Week



27.03.26

Max and Orlando



Meat Bingo 24th April – Event Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this event due to a lack of volunteer support for WAPTA. The PTA plays an incredibly important role in supporting the children at Woodwater, helping to fund enrichment opportunities, resources, and memorable experiences for our school community. This work is only possible thanks to a small team of committed parents who give their time and energy. With a reduction in the number of volunteers, events such as the Meat Bingo, cakes sales and school discos will be unlikely to run .

If you are able to offer any support—big or small—and would like to join our wonderful team of volunteers, please contact Lousie Warren: louisewarren83@gmail.com.

Your help truly makes a difference.

Thank you for your understanding.