



WOODWATER ACADEMY

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Newsletter: Friday 1st May 2026

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

Thursday 14th May
Murphy Class Cake Sale

Tuesday 19th May - 3.30pm
Y4 Wildside Parent Meeting

Thursday 21st May
School Disco
(More details to follow)

25th May - 29th May
Half Term

4th June - 5th June
Year 4 Wildside Residential

Wednesday 24th June
Sports Day (Reception - Year 6)

Wednesday 1st July
RESERVE Date for Sports Day

22nd July
Last Day of Term

School Attendance
for April 2026
95.9%

Best Class Attendance
for April 2026

Donaldson
98%

Message from Rachel Olivant

DID YOU KNOW?

- Getting hit by a car is the 3rd leading cause of death for children age 5-9.
- Around 72% of incidents where children are killed or seriously injured by a vehicle happen between 8:00am-8:59am or between 3:00pm and 4:30pm.
- In 78% of cases where children were killed or seriously injured in a road traffic accident the contributing factor was that the adult driver or child pedestrian 'failed to look properly'.



The second most common factor in road traffic accidents which kill or seriously injure children is that adults or children were 'careless, reckless or in a hurry'. School run time increases these risks significantly

Please ensure, if you travel to school by car, that you are parking and driving responsibly and safely.

At the start and end of the day there are cars stopping in bus stops, parking on junctions, blocking drives and dropped kerbs, pulling in/out suddenly and holding up traffic by pulling in (which in turn means other cars swing out around them). All of these actions make it very difficult for pedestrians who have to walk nearby or cross the road, to do so safely.

Primary aged children are not drivers; they do not have the skills/sense to predict when a car will move/pull out or in which direction. They will fail to look properly and are often not tall enough to have clear sight of the road, this is made even more difficult when cars are stopped where they should not be. The yellow zig-zags ensure there is an area which is clear of stationary vehicles and should never be used as a drop off zone.

We can all be in a hurry at the start and end of the day. Trying to save 5 minutes or escape a bit of rain is not worth injuring someone (especially a child) for. Please consider whether you could walk to school from home or park a short distance away and walk the rest. Nobody can improve the situation alone but if everyone prioritises safety over convenience it will help greatly.

Thank you

EYFS

This week the Reception children had a teddy bear day in school. The children took their toys on a teddy bear adventure around the school grounds and then had a day of teddy bear themed learning. It was a great start to our next unit of literacy which is called 'Take a walk little bear'.



Years 1 & 2

This week in PE, the children have been developing their accuracy skills. They practised carefully delivering and receiving a ball, concentrating on aim, control, and precise movements. The children learned how adjusting their force and direction helped them to pass more successfully and catch with confidence. They really enjoyed challenging themselves to improve their accuracy and could see clear progress as they became more consistent and controlled in their movements.



Years 3 & 4

This week, Year 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed making a range of homemade soups as part of their food technology learning. The children first learned about food hygiene, understanding the importance of safety, cleanliness and good preparation when working with food.

They then practised key knife skills, using the bridge and claw grip to safely cut potatoes and carrots. After chopping the vegetables, some children have already worked together to cook their soups. They enjoyed tasting and evaluating the different soups, sharing their opinions and ideas for improvement. More children will cook their soup next week.

Excellent teamwork and enthusiasm has been shown by all this week!

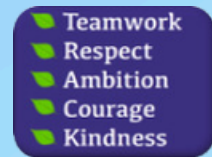


Years 5 & 6

Year 5 have enjoyed an action packed three days in London going on boat trips down the Thames, seeing a show, savouring views of London from the London Eye and visiting various museums and attractions. **(Photos on last page of the newsletter)**

Year 6 are working hard to prepare for their SATs and the whole unit has been researching the 1969 moon landing as part of our English unit and science topic

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE



STAR ACHIEVER

24.04.26

Donaldson - George B
Hughes - Jude O
Murphy - Rudra
Briggs - Freya
Ahlberg - Corey
Smith - Gabriel
Dahl - Eden
Blyton - Yousaf
Morpurgo - Ben
St John - Pedro
Horowitz - Ismat

VALUES CHAMPION

24.04.26

Donaldson - Darcy
Hughes - Maisie
Murphy - Olivia
Briggs - Thea
Ahlberg - Maisie
Smith - Natalia
Dahl - Reyaansh
Blyton - Sana
Morpurgo - Reagan
St John - Raes
Horowitz - Damian

STAR ACHIEVER

01.05.26

Donaldson - Otis
Hughes - Lorenzo
Murphy - Lexi
Briggs - Albie
Ahlberg - Violet
Smith - Gabriel
Dahl - Robyn
Blyton - Theo
Morpurgo - Alex
St John - Junior
Horowitz - Nico

VALUES CHAMPION

01.05.26

Donaldson - Selene
Hughes - Elora
Murphy - Antonia
Briggs - Lizzy
Ahlberg - Skye
Smith - Aurelia
Dahl - Perry
Blyton - Olivia
Morpurgo - Olivia M
St John - Lacey
Horowitz - Evie



Rosen Stars of the Week

24.04.26

Hardy and Harvey

01.05.26

Imogen and Nora



Notice Board



This week, Sam from the Mental Health Support Team led an assembly introducing pupils to Lumi Nova, a free therapeutic app available to children aged 7-12.

Lumi Nova uses a fun, game-based approach to help children understand and manage worries such as fears, anxiety about friendships, sleep concerns, or school attendance. Drawing on proven Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) techniques, the app supports children to break big worries into small, manageable steps, building confidence and resilience over time.

Parents and carers will need to sign up online for their child to access the app.


Summer Term Workshops

Wednesday 29/04/2026 6-7pm

- Lumi Nova Digital Therapy for Ages 7-12

Join us on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 399 221 272 523 28


Passcode: pX3ve2bn  Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 24/06/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting a Successful Transition to Secondary School


Join us on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09

Passcode: Be77Zx35  Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 15/07/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting the Use of Devices


Passcode: Me77Zx35  Microsoft Teams

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