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WOODLANDS PRIMARY & EYC

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Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

It hardly seems possible, but as I write this, we have fewer than 17 school days left before we break up for the summer holidays! It's been fantastic to enjoy some sunshine in May, although the forecast suggests June will be a little more *wet, wet, wet*. Please ensure pupils come to school with a suitable jacket for the weather.

The school is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for Woodlands Got Talent, class trips, and the many P7 leavers' events and P1 transition events still to come. It was also wonderful to welcome so many of you to our newly reimagined Sports Day at the Circuit – the day ran smoothly, and it was fantastic to see so many families cheering on our pupils!

Our staffing allocation for the 2025/2026 session has just arrived. We are currently working hard to finalise class structures and teacher allocations. We appreciate your patience and look forward to sharing this important information with you as soon as we can.

On behalf of our entire team at Woodlands – our janitor, catering staff, support staff, visiting teachers (such as Music and EAL), and our dedicated teaching team – I want to say a sincere thank you for your continued support this year. We are privileged to work with your amazing children every day.

I am honoured to serve as Head Teacher of Woodlands Primary. It has truly been a privilege to get to know our pupils, staff, and parents over the past few months. I'm incredibly excited for what the future holds and committed to making each day the best it can be for our learners.

As we look ahead to the summer break, I understand that circumstances for families can change. If there are any major concerns or issues you feel I should be aware of before the new term starts in August, please feel free to contact me directly by email: gordonwilson@ea365.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

Please note that the school office email & xpressions app will not be monitored during the summer holidays.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

In partnership,
Mr Wilson
Head Teacher

Pupil Reports – Friday 13th June



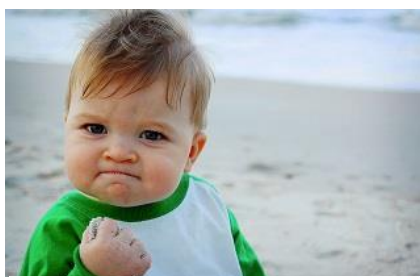
Written pupil reports will be sent home on **Friday 13th June**, along with a **parent/carers comment slip**. We kindly ask that you return the slip, as your feedback helps us understand your thoughts and support your child's learning journey. Please do share any positive comments too – they mean a lot to staff and pupils. If you have any questions about the report, please contact the school office to arrange a follow-up call with your child's teacher.

School Uniform

At Woodlands, we encourage all pupils to wear our school colours: **green, grey, and white**, and we ask that **black is avoided where possible**. Uniform helps create a strong sense of pride and belonging in our school, and this will be a focus for us moving forward. If you have any **unwanted school clothing** still in good condition, please consider donating it to our **used clothing station**. It's there for any family to use, helping make things a little easier as we prepare for the new school year. Come in and help yourself at any point, we currently have plenty of uniform to share.



End-of-Year Rewards Celebration – Thursday 26th June



We're looking forward to celebrating our pupils' hard work and achievements with a special Rewards Afternoon on Thursday 26th June.

Pupils voted for their top choices, and we're excited to announce that the winning treat will be a bouncy castle and an ice cream factory – a fantastic way to mark the end of a successful year!



This reward is for our House Winners and Russell Rewards recipients, recognising their dedication, positive attitude, and contributions throughout the year. Well done to all pupils who have worked hard to earn their place in this celebration – we can't wait to enjoy it with you!

Staffing Update



As we near the end of term, we have a few staffing changes to share:

Firstly, congratulations to Miss Aitken and Miss Denny, our probationer teachers, who are now fully qualified. They've had a fantastic year and will be greatly missed. Thank you both for your hard work and dedication in supporting our pupils.

We also say goodbye to Ms McLelland, who has been with us as a temporary teacher. Her support and care for **P4S** have been hugely appreciated, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Joining our team are Miss Queen and Miss Caldwell, who will take on the role of targeted support teacher, helping us to raise attainment and provide valuable support across the school.

Mrs Blair has now left Woodlands as Acting EYC Manager with the permanent appointment of Abbey Gilchrist as our new EYC Manager. Abbey has already made a positive impact, and we're excited to see the continued improvements in the weeks and months ahead. A warm welcome also to Lindsay McLelland and Laura Johnstone, who have joined our EYC team.

We say a heartfelt farewell to Carol Breckinridge, our wonderful Head Chef, as she heads into retirement. Carol has done a fantastic job running our school kitchen, serving up delicious meals for pupils and staff every day. We're pleased to share that Carole Walker will be taking over the role in August, and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

We also say a fond farewell to Mrs. Craig in the office. Mrs. Craig has been a stalwart of the school for many years and has given outstanding service to the school community. It has been a pleasure to work with her, even for this short time, and I truly wish she was staying a little longer. Wishing you an amazing retirement, Mrs. Craig - and congratulations on a fantastic career!

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Munn, one of our long-serving Depute Head Teachers, who is retiring. Mrs Munn has given so much to Woodlands over the years, offering incredible care and support to our pupils and families. She will be a huge loss to the school, and we wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.



Start the Day Right - Join Our Breakfast Club!

Just a reminder that we have an **amazing Breakfast Club** here at Woodlands - and we're pleased to say it will be running again **next session**. A healthy breakfast is so important for children. It helps them start the day with energy, focus, and a positive mindset - all of which support better learning and wellbeing.

Our Breakfast Club is **completely free** and open to all pupils. If you haven't already, we'd love you to **sign your child up** and give them the best start to their day. More details will be shared before the new term begins!

Strike Up the Band – Music Performance



We're thrilled to announce something new and exciting at Woodlands as we celebrate the talented musicians across our school. Our very first 'Strike up the Band' musical showcase will take place on Tuesday 17th June at 2:00pm, right here at Woodlands Primary School.

Pupils who have been taking part in weekly music lessons with North Ayrshire's Music Service will perform in groups such as choir, strings, violin, and cello. This special afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity to hear their progress and enjoy the creativity they've developed.

Parents and carers of participating pupils will be invited to attend, with up to three adults per child welcome. Invitations will be sent directly to the families involved. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a joyful and inspiring afternoon of music!

P7 Leavers' Events

We still have a fantastic line-up of events planned to celebrate our wonderful P7 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their journey.

We're especially excited to launch our very first Colour Splash on Monday 16th June - a brand new event for Woodlands that promises to be a fun, messy, and unforgettable day! (And no, I definitely won't be wearing a suit that day!)



Then, on Thursday 19th June, we'll host the Leavers' Assembly for all parents/carers of P7 pupils to attend, followed by the much-anticipated Leavers' Disco at Pitchers Nightclub. And of course, the legendary Staff vs Pupils Dodgeball Game on Wednesday 25th June - a hilarious and energetic tradition where pupils (and staff!) get their own back. We hope it's the kind of memory our P7s will carry with them for years to come.

A huge thank you to Mrs Conway, Mrs McMaster, and Mrs Gaw for organising all of these special events. It's a huge task on top of their everyday work, and they're doing a brilliant job.

As for the Leavers' Assembly... they're keeping me completely in the dark! I'll be seeing it for the first time right alongside you - and I'm sure it will be something very special.

EYC Section

We're excited to have our new management team now in place in the EYC. The team are working hard to provide the highest level of care and support for your children, and we're already seeing such positive developments.

Transition events to both our own school and other establishments have been going very well, helping to ensure a smooth and confident start for all our children. Please remember, we're always here to answer any questions you may have around transitions or anything else.



We're also busy preparing for two fantastic upcoming events:

Graduation - Wednesday 18th June

Fun Day - Tuesday 24th June

Both are shaping up to be exciting and memorable days full of celebration and fun for our pupils. More information will be shared directly from Abbey and the EYC team very soon.

Please see below a copy of the final events of the EYC to P1 Transition Programme:



Thursday 5 th June	9.15a.m. to 10.00a.m.	Teddy Bears' Picnic
Your child and their favourite teddy are invited to join in our 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' themed activities, which will take place in the gym hall or outdoors, weather permitting. A small snack will be provided during the session. Please ensure the school is informed of any dietary requirements or allergies in advance.		
Thursday 12 th June	9.15a.m. to 10.15a.m.	Bump Up Morning
Your child will work with their new teacher and other children in their class for a range of 'getting to know me' activities. As part of the session, the children will also spend time in the playground with their senior buddies.		

Diary Dates:

Please find dates attached from now until the end of term, we will update you with any changes or new dates in the next newsletter, in the meantime please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership,

Mr Wilson
Head Teacher

June 2025	
Tuesday 10 th June	P5P Trip to Dundonald Castle
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 Bump up to Greenwood & Marr
Thursday 12 th June	P7 Bump up to Greenwood
Thursday 12 th June	EYC-P1 Transition Event
Thursday 12 th June	Woodlands Primary Bump Up Afternoon
Friday 13 th June	Pupil Reports to Parents
Monday 16 th June	P7 Colour Splash Leavers Event
Tuesday 17 th June	Strike up the Band Music Showcase 2:00pm
Wednesday 18 th June	<u>REARRANGED</u> Summer Fete – Whole school community 3-6pm
Wednesday 18 th June	<u>EY Graduation</u>
Thursday 19 th June	P7 Leavers Assembly and Prize Giving
Thursday 19 th June	P7 Leavers Disco at Pitchers Night Club Irvine 6pm – 7:30pm
Monday 23 rd June	P1-P6 Prize Giving
Tuesday 24 th June	EY Fun Day
Wednesday 25 th June	P7 v Staff Dodgeball 3:15pm
Thursday 26 th June	House Winners and Russell Rewards End of Year Treat
Friday 27 th June	School Closes at 1pm for the Summer break

