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# WOODLANDS PRIMARY & EYC

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Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into this busy and exciting term, we are looking forward to a range of fun and memorable experiences for our pupils. With the weather improving, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for both sunny and changeable conditions.

There are lots of exciting events coming up, including *Woodlands Got Talent*, where pupils will take the lead in showcasing their incredible skills and talents. Each year group will also enjoy their annual fun trip, helping to create lasting memories and valuable shared experiences. We are also looking forward to Sports Day, which is always a highlight of the school year.

We hope the children thoroughly enjoyed *World of Work Week* last term. A huge thank you to Miss Queen for organising such a valuable experience, including arranging a range of visitors to come into school and speak with pupils about the skills they use in their real-life roles. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn more about the world beyond the classroom.

We also hope you enjoyed attending our Learning Conversations. It was wonderful to see so many families take part, and the new online booking system proved to be very successful. We look forward to continuing to use this in the future.

At Woodlands, we greatly value our strong partnership with parents and carers. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch, we are always happy to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Warm regards,**  
Mr Wilson  
Head Teacher

## Chocolate Eggs

A big thank you to our Parent Council for the chocolate eggs/gifts they generously gave to all pupils before the Easter break. The work they do to raise funds for the school is fantastic and helps provide those special extras that make a big difference for our pupils.

If you're interested in joining the Parent Council, please get in touch with the school office and we'll happily connect you. We're really keen to welcome more parents and carers along to meetings to share their views and ideas, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make it to the next one.

As an added incentive, there will be tea, coffee, and cakes available... we can't promise life-changing decisions, but we *can* promise decent biscuits (which, let's be honest, is just as important!).



## Summer Fayre – Friday 15th May 2026

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Fayre, which will take place on **Friday 15th May from 3:00pm to 6:00pm**. We hope you can come along and join us for what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for the whole school community.

There will be a wide range of activities and stalls for everyone to enjoy, including games, refreshments, and the new “**Soak the Head Teacher**” stall! It's always a fantastic event and a great opportunity for families, friends, and staff to come together.



A detailed letter with full information has already been sent out, but we would also appreciate your support in the following ways:

- **Bottle Stall Donations:** We would be very grateful for any bottle donations (e.g. juice, fizzy drinks, alcohol, toiletries).
- **Crazy Hair Day:** This will take place on **Friday 8th May**—we can't wait to see all the creative styles!
- **Raffle Tickets:** These will be on sale from **5th May to 14th May**, with some great prizes to be won.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you there.

## Woodlands' Got Talent



We're excited to announce that *Woodlands Got Talent* will take place again this June. A talent show open to all pupils from both the school and nursery. Pupils will initially take part in class heats, with winners from each class moving on to the grand final.

The whole school will come together to enjoy the final event, where the overall winner will be chosen by a panel of judges.

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the wide range of talents within our school community, from singing and gymnastics to dance, magic tricks, and more! Please encourage your child to get involved and support them to practise at home.

The judging panel will include staff members and special guest judges, making the final even more exciting for the pupils. This final of this event will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A letter with more detail will come soon.

## Transition to the Academy


A range of transition events are currently taking place to support our P7 pupils as they prepare for their move to the academy. Some visits have already taken place, and there are many exciting challenge days planned, giving children the opportunity to experience the academy environment and take part in different subject areas.

The main "bump up" days will take place on **27th and 28th May**, when pupils will spend extended time in the academy.

All P7 families have already received a letter with full details of the dates and arrangements. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch, we are very happy to help.

## EYC – P1 Transition

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

<b>Parent/Carers Only</b>		
Tuesday 5th May	3.15p.m. to 4p.m.	Parent/Carer Information Presentation
<p>Parents and carers will be invited to attend an information presentation with Mr Wilson, which will outline procedures for starting school and provide an opportunity to ask any questions. A Transition Pack will be distributed at this time, and there will also be a short tour of the infant classrooms, open areas, and key spaces throughout the school.</p>		
<b>Parents/Carers and Children to Attend</b>		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	3:15pm – 3:45pm	Visit to Primary 1
<p>Children should be dropped off at the P1 entrance door. They will then have the opportunity to meet their teachers, spend time in their new classrooms, and take part in a range of activities designed to help them become familiar with the P1 environment.</p> <p>At the same time, parents and carers are invited to the main gym hall, where tea and coffee will be available. This provides a valuable opportunity for families to connect with one another while children take part in their transition activities.</p>		
<b>Parents/Carers and Children to Attend</b>		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30a.m. to 12.15p.m.	School Lunch Taster
<p>Your child, accompanied by an adult, will have the opportunity to visit our dining hall. Our new Primary 1 pupils can enjoy a complimentary school meal as part of this experience. Please note that meals will not be available for accompanying adults. Some of our current Primary 6 pupils—soon to be Primary 7—will also be present to support the children in their role as lunch hall “buddies”, helping to make the experience welcoming and enjoyable.</p>		
<b>Parents/Carers and Children to Attend</b>		
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10a.m OR 1.30p.m.	Sports Day
<p>Sports Day will take place at The Circuit (K A Leisure), Irvine. The morning session for EYC and Primaries 1 - 3 will begin at 10a.m. and our afternoon session for EYC and Primaries 4 - 7 will begin at 1.30p.m. If your child attends another Early Years establishment, we would love you both to come along and join us at one of the sessions.</p>		
<b>Children to Attend</b>		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15a.m. to 10.00a.m.	Teddy Bears' Picnic
<p>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.</p> 		
<b>Children to Attend</b>		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15a.m. to 10.15a.m.	Bump Up Morning
<p>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.</p>		

## Who to Contact

Following recent feedback, we understand that some parents and carers have been unsure about who to contact within the school. We want to make this as clear and straightforward as possible so that you feel confident reaching out whenever you need to.



For absences, day-to-day queries, or general information, our office team should be your first point of contact. They are always happy to help and will ensure your query is directed appropriately if needed.

For stage-specific matters, you can also contact the relevant member of our leadership team:

- Early Years Centre (EYC): Mrs Gilchrist
- Primary 1–4: Mrs Sneddon
- Primary 5–7: Mrs McGrath

If you have a question or concern about your child's learning or something happening in the classroom, we kindly ask that you arrange to speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. They know your child best on a day-to-day basis and are well placed to support you quickly and effectively.

As Head Teacher, I want to reassure you that I am always available to all families, whether you wish to share a success, discuss a concern, or seek further support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time; working in partnership with you is very important to us.

### School Trips:

Over the course of the last term, all stages will have the opportunity to go on a fun-filled trip, providing pupils with memorable experiences beyond the classroom. We are committed to making these opportunities accessible to as many families as possible, so the school will subsidise half of the cost to help reduce the financial burden. These trips are extremely important for pupils, as they support learning in a real-world context, encourage independence, build confidence, and strengthen friendships. We believe that every child should have the chance to benefit from these valuable experiences.



P1: Little Play Planet

P2: Dean Castle

P3: Amazonia

P4: Kelvingrove Museum

P5: To be Confirmed

P6: To be Confirmed

P7: Blair Drummond Safari Park

## 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*

April/May/June 2026	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Learning Café 3 1:45pm or 2:20pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	P3 Trip to Amazonia
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (children not in school)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC-P1 Transition Event for Parents/Carers
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Irvine Royal Staff to visit P6 Classes
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Irvine Royal Challenge Day P7
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Crazy Hair Day – Bring a Bottle
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Irvine Royal Staff to visit P6 Classes
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC-P1 Transition Event – Visit Classes
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Fayre – Whole school community 3-6pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at St Matthews
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at St Matthews
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Irvine Royal Staff to visit P6 Classes
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Irvine Royal Challenge Day P7
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School Inservice Day – Pupils not in school today
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	M and M production Performance whole school(In school)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at Irvine Royal
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at Irvine Royal
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC-P1 Transition day Lunch 11:30am
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	HWB Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P4 Trip to Kelvingrove
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day held at the ‘Circuit’
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at Greenwood
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	P7-S1 ‘Bump Up’ days at Greenwood

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC-P1 Transition Teddy Bears Picnic
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Written Reports to Parents today
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodlands Got Talent Finals Afternoon
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC-P1 Transition Teddy Bears Picnic
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodlands Primary Bump Up Afternoon
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	House Winners and Shooting Stars End of Year Treat Boucy Castle and Ice Cream Factory
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent Council Meeting 3:15pm at Woodlands
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	P6 iCycle test
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Assembly and Prize Giving AM
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Graduation PM
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Disco at Pitchers Nightclub 6pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Cinema Leavers Trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-P6 Prize Giving
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 v Staff Dodgeball 3:15pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes at 1pm for the Summer break