



Education Resources
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Woodie News January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone. Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026! I hope you all had a fantastic festive break and enjoyed the special time with your children and families.



We are back and ready for what is always a very busy and long term!

If your child was lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone or fancy digital watch over the holidays please make sure you have talked through our new Mobile Phone policy with them. This has been sent to you again. So far all children have been following our new policy and adhering to our new rules that phones **must be off from entering the school gates until leaving the school gates**. Thank you for your co operation with this. If you haven't done so already please can you acknowledge that you have read our Mobile Phone policy online via your ParentsPortal.

This term the majority of our classes will go out on their school trip. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has already paid the £5 contribution towards their child's outing. You will receive a letter with specific dates and details nearer the time of the outing so please look out for this.

Now that Christmas is over I need to highlight again the importance of wearing school uniform. It keeps everything equitable, ensuring everyone looks the same and are part of Team Woodie. Not wearing uniform can also impact on behaviour at times with some children. If you require extra uniform we have a supply of preloved pieces, please call our office for these. We are running low on trousers and joggers so any donations would be great. I would really appreciate your support with this as we are all really proud of our children. Our playground becomes a mud pit in the winter months so we would appreciate if all our children could bring a change of shoes for indoors to keep our Gym Hall and school building clean.

This month the SLT will be looking at all the children's jotters across the school. We are looking forward to this as it gives a clear insight into the standards across the school and what our next steps have to be.

Finally, please remember to complete the special postcard which was sent home last term to highlight your child's 'out of school' achievements on our Woodie Wonder Wall. Our aim is to have all 493 faces on the wall by June. If you need a new postcard then we have lots of spare ones in the school office.

Kind regards

Elaine Renwick

Head
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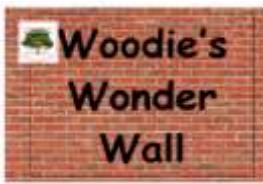
Dates For Your Diary

5th Jan	Primary 1 enrolment online
12th Jan	Class Newsletters emailed this week
6th Feb	Newsletter
16th Feb	Holiday
17th Feb	Holiday
18th Feb	INSET day school closed for children

Parental Views

Your views and thoughts on what we do in Woodside are important to us and help influence change.

Already this session we have sought your opinion on our Homework Policy, new Mobile Phone Policy and how we spend our Participatory Budget. Later this month we will be sending out a questionnaire via Parents Portal seeking your views on teaching and learning in the school. Look out for this coming .



Parent Council The next meeting will be in Woodside on Wednesday 21st Jan at 7pm. All parents are welcome to come along. If you are unable to come along to the school you can join online. Look out for more info on this .

Place2Be

Cal our Place2Be Counsellor is now in Woodside every Tuesday and Wednesday morning.





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**INFANT ENROLMENT
ONLINE**
from
MONDAY 5th JANUARY
Please log on to
www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk and
follow the link

We will contact our new enrolment families during week beginning 12th January. We look forward to speaking with you all.

Festive Fun day Woodside went festive crazy on Wednesday 17th of December. The day was packed full of parties, making jumping elves and Christmas movies. The House and Vice Captains organised an 'obstacle course' for the P4-7 children! It was a very busy day however we still managed to find time to squeeze in two special visits from Santa. He visited all our Primary 1 children and he popped by in the morning with his fire engine (who knew!) A big Thank You to the Parent Council for providing the snacks for the day and to all the parents who donated to the dress down days in September and October.



House Building Day

We have introduced House Building days at the end of every term. On these days our children get the opportunity to participate in a selection of activities with their House mates. Our House Captains and Vice Captains plan all the events and manage the groups on the day. Their Christmas themed morning was a big success with House party games, Christmas stories, House Beetle Drive and their Woodie quiz keeping everyone entertained!

After School Clubs

After consultation with pupils, parents/ carers and staff, our Participatory Budget money has been invested into after-school clubs. This money has allowed us to buy new Sphero Indi's and chromebooks to support our pupils. So far we have offered; football, athletics, running, dodgeball, art, Big Singing group, yoga, multi-sports and STEM clubs.



Coming Soon in the New Year

- STEM Club
- Technology Club
- Big Singing Group (Round 2)
- Hockey
- Diverse Reading book Club
- Football
- Athletics
- Cooking

Coming soon

We have missed sharing updates and photographs you since we closed our X Account. After seeking advice on the safest way to do so we will be launching our new Woodie Facebook soon. More info to follow!

January Rights Of The Month

**Theme:
International
Day of
Education
Friday 24th
January**

Article 28 (Right to Education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.



Article 29 (Goals of Education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

