

# May 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our May newsletter! It's been a great start to the term, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school. We're proud of the children's hard work and enthusiasm.

## School Photos

Class photos will take place on Wednesday 17th June. Please send all children to school in school uniform even if it is their PE day.



## INSET DAYS

Thursday 7th May  
Tuesday 1st Sept  
Wednesday 2nd Sept  
Friday 23rd October  
Friday 4th December

## Tasty Thursday

On Thursday 21st May, we will order a school dinner for all children who are entitled to free school meals or universal free meals. This is to give them the opportunity to taste the school lunches that are on offer to them. Children can still bring in their own packed lunch if they want to.



## Access to School

To ensure the safety of staff and pupils, please do not to enter the school building via the playground. Only access the school building via the school office, where you will be able to arrange to speak to the relevant member of staff.

## PE Days

### (Summer Term 1)

Year R - Thursday's  
Year 1 - Friday's  
Year 2 - Monday's & Tuesday's  
Year 3 - Wednesday's & Friday's  
Year 4 - Wednesday's & Friday's  
Year 5 - Monday's & Thursday's  
Year 6 - Tuesday's & Thursday's

**Please note that Monday 4th May is a bank holiday, and Thursday 7th May is an INSET day.**



## Uniform Reminder

### School Uniform

- Gold or white polo shirts
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses
- Yellow gingham dresses can be worn in the warm weather
- Black shoes (black trainers without logos are permissible) - all shoes should be low heeled
- Plain coloured flat sandals are permitted in the summer term (no flipflops)
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (ideally with the school logo)
- Book bag (ideally with the school logo)



**Please note:** a small bag can be brought into school if not using a school book bag

### PE Kit

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit, on their PE days. They will wear their PE kit all day. This will allow the children to spend more time engaging in physical activity. Our school PE kit is:

- House coloured t-shirt (school logo optional)
- Plain black shorts
- Plain black plimsolls or trainers
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black zipped hoodie



**Please note:** Logos, stripes, designs and pictures should not be worn on clothes or footwear.

### Diary Dates

**Whole school assembly Olympic Sport Event** - Friday 1st May

**Bank Holiday** - Monday 4th May

**Year 4 Stubbington Study Centre Residential** - Tuesday 5th May until Friday 8th May

**INSET Day** - Thursday 7th May

**Year 6 SATS** - Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May

**Walk to School Week** - Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May

**Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip** - Tuesday 19th May

**Tasty Thursday** - Thursday 21st May

**Friday 22nd May** - Break up for half term

**Return to school** - Monday 1st June

**Assessment Week** - Monday 8th June until Friday 12th June

**Class Photo's** - Wednesday 17th June

**Year R Wild Beach School (Weather Dependent)**- Monday 22nd June

**Wednesday 24th June** - Sports Day 9:00am - 12:00pm

**Year 6 Leavers Party** - Monday 6th July

**Parent Meetings** - Tuesday 7th July - 15:30pm - 18:00pm

**Parent Meetings** - Wednesday 8th July - 15:30pm - 18:00pm

**Year 5&6 Show** - Thursday 16th July 2026 - 2pm - 3pm & 6pm - 7pm

**Summer Disco** - Tuesday 21st July **KS1** 4:00pm - 4:45pm & **KS2** 5:00pm - 5:45pm

**Last day of term** - Wednesday 22nd July - **Early finish 1:30pm**

**INSET Day's** - Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

**Return to school** - Thursday 3rd September 2026

**Individual School Photos** - Thursday 12th November



### Primary age children undertake the following

#### National Assessment Tests:

##### Year 1

National Phonics Check

**Week commencing 8th June 2026**

##### Year 4

Multiplication Checks

**Week commencing 1st June 2026**

##### Year 6

Key Stage 2 SATS

**Mon 11th May – Thurs 14th May 2026**

**Please note** - Guidance from Hampshire County Council states that parents will be fined if children miss a national test for any unauthorised reason.

### Attendance

If your child is unwell, please phone, text or email [admin@woodcotschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@woodcotschool.co.uk) We must be notified on each day your child is absent.

The school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school

If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, within the last 100 possible sessions, a penalty notice (fine) can be issued.

**Holidays will not be approved under any circumstances**

### Holiday Dates

Click the link below for our school term time and holiday dates:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

### **Pre-loved Uniform**

Our Pre-loved Uniform Hub is available to everyone. Pop along to our coffee mornings and have a look through to see if there is anything you need. Alternatively, contact Mrs Wood, via the school office and she will be able to help you. you can swap clothes or just take what you need (small donations are completely voluntary).

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

As a school we are seeing a significant increase of children being unkind to each other via social media. Despite us being proactive in our efforts to educate the children in safe use of the internet and social media, the trend still appears to be increasing to the extent where we have now had police involvement in two separate incidents. This is obviously a huge concern not only to the victims and their parents and carers but to every parent whose child has access to social media. Could we please urge all parents and carers to be vigilant in checking their children's phones regularly, to ensure conversations are appropriate and healthy, deleting, blocking and reporting anything and anyone that causes a concern, we hope that by working together we can reduce these incidents and protect our children from the damage these negative experiences can have on their emotional wellbeing.

***Please also take time to read our Spotlight Safeguarding newsletters, available on the school website, for further information, advice, and support.***

### **Attendance Matters**

At Woodcot, we believe good attendance is vital for a child to achieve their **full potential**.

We aim to promote good attendance by providing a **safe and motivating environment** for all children.

We believe that: **every child matters, every day matters, every minute matters**

**Therefore**, it is really important that your child attends school, on time, every day.

We monitor attendance and lateness closely. If we notice a concern , we will contact you via text, phone call or letter.

If you need support with your child's attendance, or getting them to school on time, please reach out to a member of the attendance team or your child's class teacher.

### **Every Minute Counts**

<b>Always on time!</b>	<b>No hours missed!</b>	<b>No learning missed!</b>
<b>5 minutes late each day</b>	<b>15 hours missed</b>	<b>3 days learning missed</b>
<b>10 minutes late every day</b>	<b>32 hours missed</b>	<b>6.5 days learning missed</b>
<b>20 minutes late each day</b>	<b>65 hours missed</b>	<b>13 days learning missed</b>
<b>30 minutes late each day</b>	<b>95 hours missed</b>	<b>19 days learning missed</b>

**'90% attendance' or 'only 5 minutes late' may sound like small issues, but the amount of learning missed is huge!**