Head of School Newsletter



Half-termly update - **Autumn 1**

Thank you to everyone for contributing to such a successful half term. The children have settled quickly, routines are established, and it has been wonderful to see the progress being made across the school. We are particularly pleased with the improvements in pupils' books, especially in handwriting and basic sentence structure which have been key whole-school priorities this term. We look forward to sharing this progress with families during our book look events next half term!

It has been a busy half-term!

We have:

- welcomed a story-teller
- supported Jeans for Genes
- taken part in Learning Circles
- supported Show Racism the Red Card
- Year 3 and Year 4 have also enjoyed their first trip of the year to the Norfolk Broads.



Our Aspiration Day was another real highlight of the half term. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the visitors who generously gave up their time to speak with our pupils about their careers and experiences. Pupils gained fascinating insights into a wide range of professions: property; film-making; ICU paediatrics; marketing; graphic design; retail; construction; sustainable energy; and being self-employed. Alongside learning about different career pathways, pupils explored important transferable skills that help people succeed in any job:

- listening carefully
- asking thoughtful questions
- being punctual
- professional presentation
- teamwork
- effective communication
- problem-solving
- showing resilience
- demonstrating creativity

The day was a fantastic opportunity to broaden horizons, raise aspirations, and help pupils make connections between the skills they are developing in school and their future ambitions.





I would like to shine a spotlight on **Mr White**, who, with the support of **Miss Redgrave**, has been leading our work on sustainable strategies to support pupil regulation whilst maintaining high expectations for all. Their approach focuses on helping children develop the skills, confidence, and self-regulation needed to succeed in the classroom, without lowering the standards we know they can achieve. This important work has had a positive impact across the school and reflects our commitment to ensuring every child can thrive. We are delighted that this work has been recognised through a published case study: *Regulation by Design: Exceptional Mainstream Practice at Woodland View*. You can read the case study **here.**

CARE is at the heart of our school community. Through Community, we support and celebrate one another; through Adventure, we embrace new experiences and challenges; through Respect, we value ourselves and others; and through Excellence, we always try to do our very best. Together, these values help our children grow into confident, kind and successful learners.

House Points are earned by children demonstrating our school CARE values.

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1351 points	1212 points	894 points	1035 points

Attendance Matters!

Our whole school attendance is **96.16%** so far this year!

Congratulations to Wizard's Woods class for an impressive **98.21%** this half-term

Our target is **96.2%** or more!
https://www.woodlandview.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/attendance/

Key Dates

3rd Nov - Year 6 Residential Meeting
4th Nov - Friends AGM 2:30pm
5th Nov - Family Learning: Maths through games
10th Nov - Friends BINGO event
16th Nov - Odd Socks Day
17th Nov - Year 6 NHS measurements
19th Nov - NSPCC Assembly
20th Nov - Children in Need
23rd Nov - SENCO Drop-in event
24 / 25th Nov - Book Looks 3:10 pm
Week of 20th Nov - Teacher Meetings
7th Dec - Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit
10th Dec - Friends Fair
14th Dec - Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
15th Dec - Year 5/6 Christmas Poems and Songs
17th Dec - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
18th Dec - Last day of term



Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November for another exciting half term of learning and achievement!

Community Adventure Respect Excellence