

## Weekly Newsletter

*Dream big, fly high*

### Merry Christmas

It is safe to say we are all in the Christmas Spirit here at school. The children were A-MAZ-ING in their Christmas Performances. We heard singing that raised the roof and some fantastic story telling. You guided us through the Nativity story brilliantly - a massive well done to everyone!

This week we have enjoyed our Christmas lunch together with lots of laughter and watched the Pantomime that performed in school. Thank you so much to the PTA for treating the children to such a wonderful experience. We said a tearful Goodbye to Mrs Parnell-Thickbroom today in her leavers assembly and tomorrow we will finish the term with a day of festive activities, involving party games, arts and crafts and lots of fun to be had.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break with your families. Have a great Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025 for all the adventures our next term will bring. We will see you back in school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

### Reception Admission 2025

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2025** and you can apply for a place [here](#). If you or anyone you know would like to look round school, we are holding a final tour on Monday 13th January which can be booked through the school website.

### A Big Thank You

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff at Woodford Primary School when I say a very heartfelt **Thank You** for all of the incredibly thoughtful gifts and beautiful messages we have received from our school families this week. Your words of thanks really do mean a great deal to us all.

*Thank you!*

### Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. If eligible, registering your child for free school meals ensures that our School receives the additional funding even if you choose not to take up the offer or are currently on universal free school meals. Any benefits that you currently receive will not be affected. You can check if your child qualifies for free school meals online via the following website: [Online FSM Application](#)

If you would like school to complete the check on your behalf, please contact the School Office. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### Christmas Bookshelf

There are so many wonderful Christmas books out there so to celebrate this, we thought we'd share a special festive bookshelf which we hope may inspire some enjoyable festive reading.



### Important Dates

20th Dec	Christmas Party - Non School Uniform
20th Dec	Last day of term
3rd Jan	INSET - School closed to pupils
6th Jan	INSET - School closed to pupils
7th Jan	School reopens for pupils
8th Jan	Reception - Traditional Tales Day
13th Jan	9.30 School Tour

[For a full summary of dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here](#)

### Poppy Appeal



Thank you to all those who supported the Poppy Appeal by donating money to the charity box in school. We raised £100.26 and have received a letter of thanks for our donations.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness