

This Half Term at Woodlands

What a fantastic half term it has been as we kicked off the summer term. With the warmer weather upon us, students have been making the most of both indoor and outdoor learning opportunities.

Our students are settled, confident, and happy in their classes as they approach the final stretch of the academic year—time has certainly flown by. We are also looking ahead with excitement to a number of end-of-year events, including WoodFest, Sports Day, the Duke of Edinburgh project and the Leavers' Prom.

As always, we are incredibly proud of our students and their positive attitude towards learning. They continue to bring energy and enthusiasm to school life each day.

We hope you have an enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of the summer term.



Exploring, learning, and growing together—one day, one lesson, and one success at a time!



Spotlight on School Life!

The 24th April was a fun filled day for some of our Key Stage 3 students, as they participated in a Goalball event at the John Bunyan Sports Centre. Designed for visually impaired athletes, this sport requires excellent team work and communication. Our students showed fantastic sportsmanship!

On 25th April, some of our talented Key Stage 4 students performed at the Marsh Farm Peoples' Assembly, after weeks of practice supported by Lee. These talented students gave it their all and wowed the audience!

On the 26th April, the amazing Helen took on the London Marathon to raise funds to buy equipment for the school. We are so incredibly proud of her fantastic achievement, completing the marathon and raising £2,889! A HUGE well done and thank you to Helen, and to all of you who generously supported her with donations!



We ended April with another lovely visit from Sarah Owen, MP. Sarah is becoming a familiar face here at Woodlands, we loved welcoming her in to the school cafe for a chat with some of our PMLD students and staff where we were updated about the new inclusive play equipment design for Ashcroft Park.

On 20th May, we were delighted to welcome our fantastic Community Dental Nursing Team back into school for student dental screenings. As always, the visit was filled with smiles and laughter, with students enjoying singing songs, sharing jokes, and even taking part in character drawing competitions alongside the lead Dentist! It was a wonderful opportunity to make the experience both positive and engaging for everyone involved.

To see more highlights and photos, please visit our school Facebook page.

Local Days Out

Luton International Carnival!

- May 24th, 12pm to 6pm.
Travelling from Luton Town Centre to Wardown Park. Free to attend, a spectacular event celebrating it's 50th anniversary, with input from some of our amazing students!

The Culture Trust:

- May 23rd, 2pm. A Noise Annoys! At Stockwood Discovery Centre. A fun hour of wordplay, silly songs and interaction for children and their families. £10 tickets available online
- May 24th - 31st August at Wardown Park Museum. Carnival 50th Anniversary Exhibition. A free drop in, suitable for all ages. Showcasing a vibrant collection of Carnival costume headpieces.
- May 27th, 10.30am. Family Film Club - A Minecraft Movie, with pre-show craft activities included. At Hat Factory Arts Centre. Tickets are £4 or 4 for £12. Book online.

Cineworld Luton:

- May 22nd to 28th, £2 Family Films - choose from HitPig! or Bluey at the Cinema - Playdates

Active Luton Swimming;

- Check out the swimming timetable at activeluton.co.uk for fun time splash sessions across the Luton venues, prices start from just £1.10 per session



Explore More, Spend Less: Half-Term Meal Deals & Activities... !!

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026	
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free	
ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend ASK ITALIAN 2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026 BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult BILLS Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026 BREWDOG Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026 CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week CHIQUITO Kids eat free during all school holidays COCONUT TREE Kids eat free during half terms DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase FARMHOUSE INNS Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026 FLAMING GRILL PUBS Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026 FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids eat FREE during school holidays FRANCO MANCIA Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026. IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day PIZZA HUT Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult PREZZO Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult TESCO Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App) THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free weekdays via the village app WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays ZIZZI Kids eat free via app during school holidays

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Help close to home...

- Please contact the Family Team if you need a referral to Luton Foodbank
- Marsh Farm Futures House run a completely free community fridge every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. There is also access to school uniform, dental health supplies and a computer room
- If you are in need of mechanical work, please take advantage of the Woodlands discount at Sundon Park MOT Centre - 10% off repairs, and MOT's at the discounted rate of £35. 01582 599935

Reminders...

- If you were contacted by travel Assistance back in April, and asked to re-apply for transport, or if you are making your first application for transport for the 2026 - 2027 school year, the application deadline is the 31st of May. You MUST submit your application by this date.

https://myforms.luton.gov.uk/service/SEN_application_f or_travel_assistance_to_school?accept=yes

- Under current UK law, parents cannot authorise absences for children during term-time. If you are considering time off during term-time and believe that your circumstances are exceptional, please fill out a Student Leave of Absence form which can be found on our school website under parents - letters and forms, and send it to the Head Teacher as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary:

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Last day of term

Friday 22nd May 2026

Students and staff return to school

Monday 1st June 2026

Year 8, 9 and 10 DTP vaccinations

Monday 15th June

Sports Day

Tuesday 16th June, 9am to 12.30pm (students only)

WoodFest

Friday 19th June

Prom! (Leavers only)

Thursday 2nd July

Prize giving Assemblies

6th and 8th July (invites to follow)

Music Festival

Friday 10th July

Last day of term

Thursday 16th July

***Please note, parents are required to attend vaccination appointments - without parents present we will not be able to proceed with the vaccination.**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact their class teacher via email. For advice or support with family matters, our Family Team is here to help—just call 01582 572 880 and select option 2.



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Have a brilliant half-term break!