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Exploring, learning, and growing
together—one day, one lesson,
and one success at a time!
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This Half Term at Woodlands

As we come to the end of another successful academic year at Woodlands School, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on everything we have achieved together. It has been a busy and rewarding final half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable celebrations and special events that have showcased the enthusiasm, resilience and achievements of our amazing students.

We are incredibly proud of every one of our students for the positivity, determination and kindness they have shown throughout the year. This time of year is always filled with mixed emotions as transitions take place. Our students, teachers and support staff prepare to say goodbye to familiar faces and look ahead to new classes and new opportunities. While it is always a little sad to say farewell, there is also so much excitement for the adventures and experiences that lie ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our entire Woodlands School community. Your continued encouragement, support and partnership make such a difference, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

We wish all of our families a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break. To those who are moving on to new schools or new adventures, we send our very best wishes for every success and happiness in the future. To everyone returning to Woodlands in September, we look forward to welcoming you back for another fantastic year of learning, growth and achievement.



Spotlight on School Life!

Our final half term has been packed with memorable experiences. We celebrated Birdwatch Week with a special visit from some feathered friends, giving students a hands-on opportunity to explore the natural world.

Students also embraced new challenges during our Duke of Edinburgh residential, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and independence.

Our colourful Carnival-themed Sports Day brought plenty of fun, energy and friendly competition, while WoodFest was a fantastic celebration of our school community, with wonderful performances, activities and fundraising. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.



Our leavers had a fantastic time at our Woodlands Prom, where students celebrated this important milestone with an evening of music, dancing and lasting memories.

We have loved celebrating the achievements of our brilliant students with Duke of Edinburgh awards and our annual Prize Giving Assemblies. What a great opportunity to praise the talents, progress and accomplishments of students across the school.

PMLD ended the term on a high with their much-loved Beach Day, where students enjoyed beach-themed games, outdoor fun, and tasty treats to celebrate the end of the year.

WISERR also celebrated in style with a splash-tastic transitions pool party, bringing students and staff together for a fun-filled afternoon.

Finally, we are preparing to say a heartfelt goodbye to our much-loved Headteacher, Sandra, who is moving on after 14 wonderful years at Woodlands. We look forward to celebrating her incredible contribution at our end-of-term assemblies—pass us the tissues!

Local Days Out

Dunstable Town Council:

- Saturday 18 July. Party in the Park – Dunstable. FREE family entertainment, live music, activities and stalls.

Luton BID:

- July 29th - August 27th. A range of FREE family events based at Market Hill, ranging from family games, music & entertainment and arts & crafts. Check out lutonbid.org

Luton Culture Trust:

- 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.
- July 28th - July 30th. Stockwood Garden Party - FREE drop in suitable for all ages. Wander through the gardens and discover a vibrant programme of live shows (ROAR was co-created with pupils from Woodlands!), storytelling and hands-on activities.

Marsh Farm Outreach & Revolution

Arts:

- 1st & 2nd August from 12pm onwards. Luton Henge Festival. A joyful day of music, creativity & community, celebrating & enjoying local nature

Luton Libraries:

- July - September. Check out the Summer Reading Challenge and the range of creative workshops & family fun.



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

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 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 every day until Sept 6th 2026 BELLA ITALIA Children eat free Sunday - Thursday BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026 BREWDOG 1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August CAFE ROUGE Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week CHIKUITO Kids eat free during all school holidays COCONUT TREE Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase FARMHOUSE INNS 2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays FLAMING GRILL PUBS Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays 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 HARVESTER Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026 HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays 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 every day this summer with a 65p spend TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App) THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026 TURTLE BAY Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app VILLAGE HOTELS Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept 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...

As you begin preparing for September, don't forget about the Luton School Uniform Exchange, who provide good quality pre-loved school uniform items for free, helping families cut out the expense of purchasing new uniforms. Donations and collections are available throughout the summer, making it a fantastic way to save money while supporting sustainability. Please contact the Luton School Uniform Exchange directly for details of collection points and opening times.

Located in Frasers Plus Luton, you can contact them on 01582 550 070 or admin@leveltrust.org

Thank yous...

As we bring this newsletter to a close, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible businesses and organisations within our local community who continue to support Woodlands School. A huge thank you to Frasers Plus Luton, Tesco Luton Town Centre, Wenzel's Luton Town Centre, Bookers and Farm Foods for their generous donations towards our Leavers' Prom, helping us create a truly unforgettable evening for our students.

A very special thank you goes to Star Platforms Luton, whose generous financial donation added those extra special touches to the celebration. Having supported both our Christmas Fair and now our Prom for another year, they have become valued, long-term supporters of our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued kindness and generosity.

Your support helps us create memorable experiences for our students, and we simply couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th July 2026

Last day of term for students

Friday 17th July 2026

Last day of term for staff

Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday

2nd September 2026

Staff Training days

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Students return to school

17th, 18th & 21st September 2026

Hepatitis B / Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Parent Coffee Morning (Clubs)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

October Half-term break

***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 Summer break!