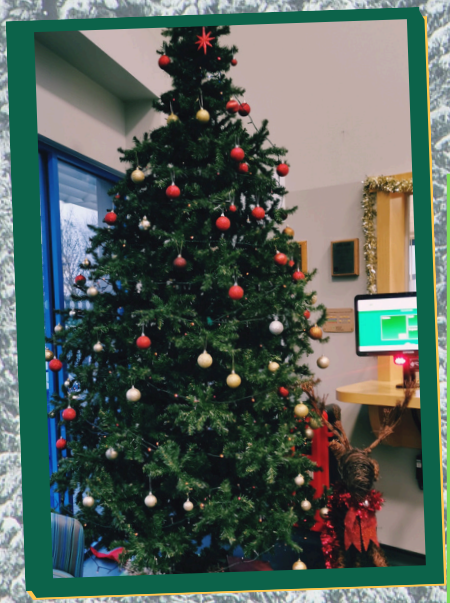
THE WOODLANDS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2, 2025

🎅 A Festive Season at Woodlands School 🎅

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Woodlands Newsletter! The festive spirit has filled our school this half term, and it's been wonderful to see your children enjoying every moment. Inside, you'll find highlights from this term, details of upcoming events, and important information to keep you connected. As always, if you have any questions about your child, please reach out to their class teacher by email. For advice or support with family matters, our dedicated family team is here to help on 01582 572 880 (option 2). Thank you for your continued support throughout 2025 — we truly value and appreciate our Woodlands family.



🎵 It's the most wonderful time of the year...

...And we're so delighted to share it with our amazing Woodlands families! Your generosity and enthusiasm have truly made our celebrations shine. From the thoughtful donations for our Christmas raffle, to the treasures for our White Elephant stall, and the excitement of raffle ticket purchases — every bit of support has brought joy to both staff and students. We couldn't do it without you, and we're so grateful to have such a caring community making this season extra special!

The Christmas Fayre!

On Friday 12th December, we were delighted to host our much-anticipated Christmas Fayre. We were thrilled with the fantastic turnout, with so many parents and families coming along to support their children and our school community.

The Fayre was fun, festive, and wonderfully busy, and it was a joy to see so many smiling faces enjoying the occasion together. Our fantastic stallholders showcased a range of beautiful products, and it was lovely to see the variety of items on offer. The raffle was also a great success, with many of our wonderful families winning prizes and sharing in the excitement.

It truly was a fantastic morning for all involved, and we are delighted to share that over **£1,500** was raised in support of our students! This incredible achievement would not have been possible without your continued support.

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, and helped make the event such a success – from all of us at the school.

Christmas week celebrations!

This week has been a wonderful week of celebration for our students. The festivities began with our fabulous Christmas Concerts, led by the amazing Maria. This year, Maria introduced a new approach designed to make the concerts as inclusive, interactive, and learner-centred as possible. The relaxed format allowed for a flexible flow, enabling students to come and go as needed to best support their individual needs.

The performances were truly immersive, featuring lights, instruments, singing, and dancing, with a special contribution from the choir. It was a joyful experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Throughout the week, students have also enjoyed delicious Christmas dinners in the hall, prepared by our fantastic kitchen staff. There was plenty of laughter, cracker pulling, and festive cheer.

To finish the week on a high note, there may be a very special visitor 🎅 coming to school on Friday to surprise our lucky students... Ho, ho, ho! 🎄

Thank you to...

LOCAL BUSINESSES

WE WERE SO LUCKY FOR THE HUGE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE WITH RAFFLE PRIZES AND CAKE DONATIONS. A BIG THANK YOU TO;

GO BOWLING DUNSTABLE, ACTIVE LUTON, SNAKES AND LADDERS, STAR PLATFORMS, BURNS BARBERS, MOTO SERVICES TODDINGTON, CS JEWELLERY, STOCKWOOD ILLUMINATED, STRAND HAIRDRESSERS, ROAM CAFE LINMERE, PLAYFUL POTTERY, RAZORS BARBER SHOP, THE MARKET CROSS, LASH LOUNGE, SENSORY 5, WENZELS, THE MOAT HOUSE, GREYSTONE SOLICITORS, NEW YORK NAILS,

THE HORSE AND JOCKEY, WOBURN SAFARI PARK, WOODSIDE ANIMAL FARM, THE HALFWAY HOUSE, SUNDON PARK MOT CENTRE, PAWSOME PET SITTING, LUTON POINT, DOGO'S DAY SALON, MEAD OPEN FARM, POPLARS GARDEN CENTRE, LUGUS CERAMICS, CAKE BOX, FARM FOODS, DON MILLERS BAKERY, ASDA - LUTON AND DUNSTABLE, AND TESCO EXPRESS LUTON.



Hygiene Bank Luton

THE HYGIENE BANK

SINCE 2023, OUR SCHOOL HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ONGOING SUPPORT FROM HYGIENE BANK LUTON. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS ALONE, THEY HAVE DONATED AN AMAZING 437KG OF TOILETRIES AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO OUR SCHOOL – THAT'S ROUGHLY THE WEIGHT OF THREE GIANT PANDAS! THESE ESSENTIAL ITEMS HAVE MADE A REAL AND MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE TO MANY OF OUR STUDENTS.

HYGIENE BANK LUTON WORKS WITH MORE THAN 60 LOCAL PARTNERS ACROSS THE TOWN, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND FAMILY WORKERS, FOODBANKS, HOMELESSNESS CHARITIES, PROBATION TEAMS, MIDWIVES SUPPORTING VULNERABLE MOTHERS, BABY BANKS AND WOMEN'S REFUGES. IN THE LAST SIX YEARS, WITH THE HELP OF JUST 10 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, THEY HAVE DISTRIBUTED OVER 60 TONNES OF TOILETRIES TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM MOST.

UNFORTUNATELY, HYGIENE BANK LUTON IS NOW FACING CHALLENGES IN CONTINUING THEIR VITAL WORK DUE TO A LACK OF FUNDING. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, DONATIONS OF NEW AND UNUSED TOILETRIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THEIR COLLECTION POINTS AROUND LUTON:

- BUSHMEAD CHRISTCHURCH
- DUNELM, DUNSTABLE
- BOOTS, THE QUADRANT
- BOOTS, THE POINT (THE MALL/ARNDALE)

OR ALTERNATIVELY PEOPLE CAN LIKE AND SHARE THEIR POSTS ON INSTAGRAM OR FACEBOOK @HYGIENEBANKLUTON OR IF SHOPPING ONLINE, SIGN UP TOEASYFUNDRAISING AND DONATE WITHOUT ANY COST AT ALL:

EVERY DONATION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, HELPS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU HYGEINE BANK LUTON FOR ALL YOU DO!

Half Term

With the Christmas half term already upon us (Week beginning December 22nd), we have been on the hunt for some activities in the local area...

- **Saturday 20th December**

Step inside a giant snow globe and sing along to Christmas carols with Music 24 Community Choir. Warm up with a delicious cup of hot chocolate, available to purchase, presented by Luton BID.
Snow Globe 10 am to 4pm
Carols 11am to 2.30pm
Cost: Free

- **Saturday 20th to Wednesday 24th December**

Visit Mrs Claus' gingerbread kitchen – decorate a sweet treat and take home a delicious memory! Join the festive celebrations in Central Square, courtesy of Luton Point, with free family fun from 11am to 5pm Plus, don't miss Luton Point's magical Christmas trail! Explore the centre and discover festive surprises along the way.

- **Saturday 20th to Wednesday 24th December**

£2 Family Films with Cineworld!
Looking for the perfect way to entertain the whole family this Christmas? Treat your kids (and yourself!) to an unforgettable movie experience at Cineworld for just £2 per ticket! (book online at www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/luton/)

- **Whipsnade and London Zoo are offering tickets for as little as £3 per person for families in receipt of Universal Credit and other qualifying benefits listed on their website. Tickets must be booked in advance, online only. www.whipsnadezoo.org**

- **Don't forget to visit your local library, Stockwood and Wardown Park Museum, and surrounding garden centres for low cost days out with your family - but remember to relax too!**



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS 2025

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
Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BILLS
2 Kids Eat Free on Boxing day 2025

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec – Sun 6th Jan 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARSTONS PUBS
from 29th Dec - Jan 9th 2026 in selected locations

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

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

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

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

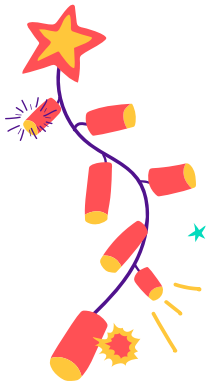
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Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

Dates for your diary…

- **Students and staff return to school** - Monday 5th January 2026
- **Year 9 vaccination catch up's** - Friday 9th January 2026
- **Parent Coffee Morning; Money Matters** - Thursday 15th January 2026
- **END OF HALF TERM** - Friday 13th February 2026

Please have a look at our website for a full copy of this year's term dates www.woodlands.luton.sch.uk

A final thank you for all of your support in 2025, we wish you all a fantastic Christmas break and the best start to 2026!



From all of us at Woodlands!