



## ***Woodside Newsletter***

I hope this message finds you well. It has been a real pleasure to be part of the Woodside community this half term, and I am truly excited to be joining you as the new Executive Headteacher as we begin the school's next chapter together.

I live locally and bring with me many years of headship experience, having worked in nearby primary schools. During my career, I have also developed a strong expertise in special educational needs where I have led on inclusion for a large, multi-academy trust. Making a positive difference to the life chances of children is something I am deeply passionate about, and I am really looking forward to working closely with the children, families, and dedicated staff here at Woodside.

For now, I wish you all a wonderful and restful summer break. I can't wait to see you all back in school come September and to continue this exciting journey together.

Wishing you all well.

Miss S Green

### **Goodbye and Good Luck**

As I step into the role of Executive Headteacher at Woodside, I would like to take a moment to say a sincere thank you and goodbye to two very special leaders who have shaped this school community so profoundly.

Firstly, to Mrs Bloomer, who has served as a Headteacher for an incredible 23 years—13 of those here at Woodside. What an outstanding achievement! Her dedication and leadership have left a lasting legacy, and we are truly grateful for all she has done for our children and families.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Turner, who has been the Executive Headteacher at Woodside for the past 3 years. While Mrs Turner will continue her important work as Executive Head at her other schools within the Hales Valley Trust, we will miss her presence here dearly.

Though Mrs Bloomer is retiring from headship, she is not stepping away entirely; she will be taking on a central role with the Estates team within the Hales Valley Trust, continuing to make a difference at a broader level.

Please join me in wishing both Mrs Bloomer and Mrs Turner all the very best in their new roles. Their commitment and dedication to Woodside over the years have been extraordinary, and they will be greatly missed. I know I have a big challenge ahead to fill their shoes, but I am excited to carry forward their legacy with the wonderful community here.



### ***Uniform Reminders***

As we prepare for the new school year, we'd like to gently remind families of our school uniform expectations. We understand that getting everything organised can be a challenge, and we're here to support you wherever we can.

Children should come to school each day in their full school uniform, and bring their PE kits in a small pump bag so they can change for PE lessons (PE days will be shared in September). Please note that due to limited space, we are unable to store large rucksacks—small bags help us keep our learning spaces tidy and safe for all.

The Woodside uniform is something we are very proud of—it helps our children feel a sense of belonging and pride in their school community. We know how smart our pupils look in their uniforms, and we're really looking forward to seeing them start the new term dressed with confidence and pride.

Please remember to label all items of clothing!

If you need any support or would like to make use of our pre-loved uniform, please don't hesitate to contact the school office—we're always happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

We are delighted to announce that CRESTED SCHOOLWEAR in Dudley are now stocking our school uniform. [\*\*Please click here to access their website and see our uniform.\*\*](#) Be sure to pop into the school office to collect a leaflet for a 15% discount (limited time only).

### ***Action Required: MyChildAtSchool App***

As part of our transition to a new school management information system, *BromCom*, we will soon be moving away from *ParentMail*. Instead, all communication and key information will be shared through the *MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)* app.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to download the MCAS app as soon as possible. This will be our main platform for sharing messages, school updates, attendance information, reports, and more.

[\*\*Apple users can click here to download the app.\*\*](#)

[\*\*Google Play users can click here to download the app.\*\*](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance with the setup, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We appreciate your support in helping us move to a more efficient and streamlined system.



### **Next Year's Class Teachers**

We wanted to take a moment to update you about some last-minute changes to next year's class teacher allocations. We completely understand that any change—especially when unexpected—can feel unsettling for both children and families. Please be assured that these changes have not been made lightly. As a result, we have planned additional transition activities this week to give those classes an opportunity to spend time with, and begin building relationships with, the teacher they will now be having in September.

At times, school leaders are faced with difficult decisions that must be made in the best interest of all pupils across the school. While we know some children may have been looking forward to being with a particular teacher, the final decisions reflect our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for every class and ensuring a strong start to the new academic year.

We truly appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support as we work together to do what's right for our school community.

***Please click on the stack below as a reminder of next year's Class Teachers.***

**Reception - Year 1**

***1RW Mrs R Wood (Key Stage 1 Leader)***

***1SW Mr S Woodyatt***

**Year 1 - Year 2**

***1W - 2S Miss I Sutton***

***1G - 2G Miss Z Gamble***

**Year 2 - Year 3**

***2S - 3S Mrs J Swanepoel***

***2HA - 3B Mr T Brown***

**Year 3 - Year 4**

***3S - 4G Miss F Grove***

***3P - 4MA Mrs H Millar / Miss C Attwood***

**Year 4 - Year 5**

***4G - 5H Miss M Hassan***

***4H - 5W Miss M Wood***

**Year 5 - Year 6**

***5H - 6BE Miss H Bennett***

***5B - 6BA Mr N Bate (Key Stage 2 Leader)***

***Reception September 2025 Class Teachers***

***Miss A Shabir (Early Years Leader)***

***Miss E Harvey***

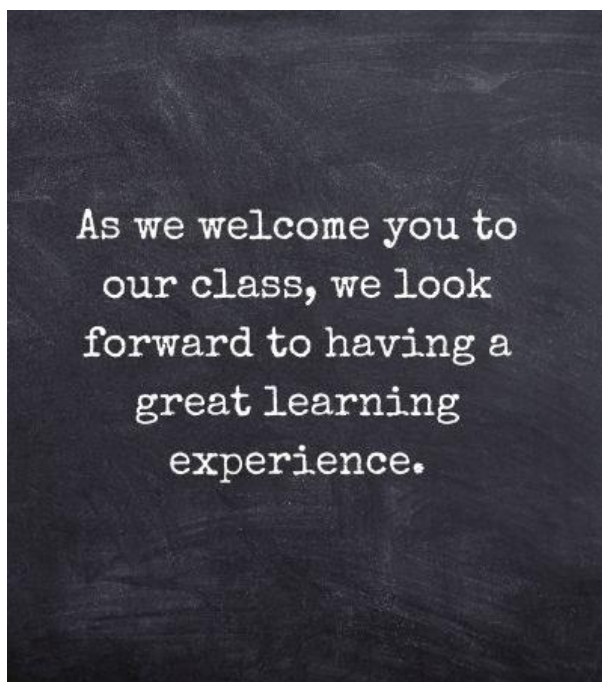
***Nursery Manager***

***Miss E Griffiths***

***Orchard Class***

***Mrs J Walford***

**Miss L Guest**



### ***Next Year's Term Dates***

Please make a note of next year's term dates.

#### ***Autumn 2025***

Term Start- Monday 1 September

Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

Term End - Friday 19 December (school closes at 2pm)

***School will be closed for INSET on the following days: Monday 1 September, Monday 20 October, Friday 7 November***

#### ***Spring 2026***

Term Start - Monday 5 January

Half Term - Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

Term End - Friday 27 March

***School will be closed for INSET on the following days: Monday 23 February***

#### ***Summer 2026***

Term Start - Monday 13 April

School will be closed Monday 4 May for May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term - Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

Term End - Monday 20 July

***Pupils will break up on Friday 17th July (school closes at 2pm)***

***School will be closed for INSET on the following days: Friday 26 June, Monday 20 July***



### ***Let's go to the beach, beach!***

We are currently exploring the exciting possibility of organising a whole school trip to Weston-super-Mare in July 2026 – and we'd love to include our wonderful parents and carers too!

This would be a very special day for our whole school community to come together and enjoy a classic seaside experience. From building sandcastles to enjoying an ice cream on the pier, we hope it would be a memorable and joyful day out for everyone involved.

At this stage, we are simply gathering expressions of interest to see whether this is something our families would welcome and enjoy. Your feedback will help us shape the planning and ensure it's a trip that works well for as many people as possible.

If you think this would be a lovely idea for the children and wider school community, please let us know. We will send out an expression of interest form in September to collect numbers.



*We look forward to welcoming Years 1-6 back to school on Tuesday 2nd September. Children starting Nursery or Reception will have been given their individual start dates.*

*Wishing you all well. Sarah*

