



## Autumn Term 1 2025

Dear parents and carers

We are now well into our autumn term and our Woodhouse children are settling well into their new classes. We are delighted to be getting to know all of the new children and families who are beginning their journey with us.

We are pleased to introduce a new member of staff to our team, Miss Cullen who is working as a teaching assistant in Reception. We are also delighted to see Mrs Tarry and Miss Jones back from their maternity leaves.

After many years, we are sorry that Mrs Maqsood will be leaving us at half-term. We would like to thank her for her hard work and kind approach and hope that she enjoys her time with her grandchildren!

I just wanted to remind everyone of a few things to keep school running smoothly.

We work very hard to keep our children safe in school. We have regularly reviewed practices for getting children in and out of our building safely, and we have limited and monitored access during the day. It would be really helpful if parents could leave the playground as soon as the whistle goes in the morning. This enables us to get the children in as quickly as possible and the site secure.



 The children all look super-smart in their uniforms. Please can I urge you to ensure that every single item of your children's belongings are **clearly named**. Missing uniform causes distress for everyone, and named items can be swiftly returned. We had a huge amount of unclaimed lost property last term.

If your child has packed lunches please can I remind you that we have a **no nut and no egg** policy as we have adults and children with serious allergies in school.



All children should bring a **named water bottle** to school each day. The children have access to this water throughout the day. These bottles must not contain juice. Water bottles should be taken home and washed and refilled each day. Juice is fine for lunchtime drinks.

Please can I encourage **healthy snacks** for break times, avoiding chocolate, crisps and sweets. It's helpful if morning snacks are separate from lunches where possible. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a piece of fruit every day.

A quick reminder about **contacting school**. Absences should always be reported to the **school office** by 9am either by emailing [woodhouse.admin@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:woodhouse.admin@trafford.gov.uk) or calling 0161 748 5844 and leaving a message. Class Dojo is great for quick questions or information but please be aware that teachers are not able to check Dojo during the school day. If your question is urgent or you are advising about a change of pick-up arrangements please contact the office who will be happy to pass on the message for you. Please can you be mindful about messaging staff late in the evening.



As the weather begins to change we know that more children travel to school by car. Please can I remind you to be respectful of our neighbours and **park with care and consideration**. Please do not stop, drop off or park on zig-zag lines or drive across pavements to park. We also had a number of complaints from our neighbors on Widcome Close last term about parents blocking their drives.

Turning off engines while you wait should help to improve the air quality too. If you can, please walk, scoot or cycle, and don't forget to dismount in the grounds!



We are a school full of dog lovers (this one is mine), however we understand that not everyone feels the same way and our furry friends should not be brought anywhere onto school premises. Thank you for your understanding.

Any request for planned **absence** should be made using the 'Leave of Absence' form. This is available from the office or on the website. Forms must be returned to the school office **at least two weeks** before the start of the leave of absence. **Absence for holidays will not be authorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice.** Please can I urge you to check school holiday dates carefully.

**Jewellery** and makeup should not be worn for school. Children may wear small plain stud earrings but earrings should not be worn for PE lessons or swimming. Children should remove earrings themselves before PE lessons and place in a named purse, coin bag or similar and handed to the class teacher for safe keeping. Younger children may struggle to remove and replace earrings themselves. In this case, it is advisable for them not to wear earrings on 'PE days'



Many thanks for taking time to read this newsletter, it's good to have reminders about school procedures near the start of the year.

As ever, if you have any concerns about school or your child please get in touch. We are always happy to work with you to solve any issues and a solution can usually be quickly found if we work together.

Here's to a healthy and happy term, here are some advance dates for school events.

**Mrs O'Connor and the Woodhouse Team**

## Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Friday 10th October	Individual school photographs
13th–16th October	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 24th October	2pm Autumn Sing-a-Long School closes for Half-term
Thursday 6th November	Year 6 visit to Quarry Bank Mill
Friday 7th November	PTA Clothing Collection
11th and 13th November	Parent's Evenings
Friday 5th December	Non–Uniform Day for raffle prizes Year 4 trip to Chester
Tuesday 9th December	10am Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 10th December	2:00pm Reception–Year 6 Christmas Performance
Friday 12th December	
Monday 15th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	School closes for Christmas holidays at 1:30pm