



Co-op Academy
Woodslee

Dear Woodslee Families,

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to our Summer Term 1 Woodslee Word, this is where we share with you the learning journey of our children during the last half term so you know more about what your child learns as well as the Love Learning events we have, the termly reports, the pupil progress conferences and the assemblies the children lead. A big thank you- to our families and friends of Woodslee - who continue to support and speak so positively about our academy and our children. We are very lucky to have your support.



A huge well done to all of our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils who completed their SATs examinations this half term. We are so proud of them and we tell them every day that a test does not measure who they are. We look ahead to a fantastic final half term filled with lots of events and learning!

As is usual at this time of year, there are always updates to the staffing profile in readiness for the new academic year. Following the 31st May, schools are in a position to share with families the new staffing schedule for the next year and we intend to share this after the half term break.

Miss Bergman, the new Executive Headteacher, will be working at Woodslee from 19th June 2023. She will be working alongside myself and is eager to meet you and our children. Please do say hello and introduce yourself when you see her, she is excited to really understand the Woodslee community. I will continue to serve Woodslee until I start my new position as Headteacher at Stanton Road Primary School. Miss Bergman and I will continue to work and support each other as Stanton Road Primary where I am moving to is within the same Bromborough and Bebington cluster group in Wirral.

We hope that by having Miss Bergman here for a month earlier than expected, this will settle some of the feelings of uncertainty that some of you have shared about the change of headteacher and it will give you, our families and children, time to adjust, an understanding of her vision for education and reassurance before the new academic year begins.

Change can be unsettling and it is a process, not an event. Woodslee has had a really interesting history and those parents who have had older children attend the school will have experienced lots of changes in staffing. It has been such a privilege to have brought stability and pursue stronger outcomes in all areas over the last six years but it's time to make Woodslee even better with new ideas and experience. Miss Bergman will strengthen

Woodslee and bring a fresh perspective that the community needs. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further. I am here.

We congratulate Mrs Haggett who has been appointed as the Deputy Head of Co-op Academy Woodslee. Mrs Haggett has been the Assistant Headteacher at Woodslee for over six years. She will have less time as a class teacher in her new role from September but will strengthen the leadership of the school as she has knowledge of our families, curriculum and our community- she will be a great support to Miss Bergman.

Miss Kelly will not be returning in September 2023. She has made the very difficult decision to leave Woodslee and stay closer to home and pursue further education in the educational psychology field. We wish her all the very best of luck in her learning journey and of course her incredible motherhood journey. She has given our community such a lot and we are so grateful.

We also congratulate Mrs Morris who has successfully been appointed as the Assistant Headteacher of Castleway Primary School. This means she will not be returning in September 2023. We are so pleased for her and although we will really miss her as part of our Woodslee community, this career progression is fitting for her and her family.

We welcome Mrs Leyla Lindley who has joined our office team in May, we thank families for their patience as recruitment has been very tricky over the last two years and our office staff, the lynchpin of our school, has been affected by this.

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Claire Henderson, is stepping aside to support the new Co-op Academy on Wirral, Co-op Academy Hillside. Mrs Sarah Wolstenholme, the Vice Chair of the AGC will replace her as Chair of Governors for the foreseeable future. Mrs Wolstenholme has a lot of experience and has served the community of Woodslee as a Governor since Woodslee joined the Co-op Academies Trust in 2018.

A very warm welcome to the children and families and Co-op Academy Hillside who have recently joined the Trust. This is now the fourth school in Wirral who are part of the Co-op MAT.

Thank you parents and carers for your attendance to our key events during this very busy half term. We really appreciate it as you're balancing work life and family life- it is a hard balance to strike. Our Love Learning Event, class assemblies, educational visits and sports days have been really well attended! We are so blessed to have such a supportive community.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to Co-op Academy Woodslee on [Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 8:50am](#) for your child's final Summer Term! We hope that you all had a wonderful Whitsun break. I hope that you had some quality time with your friends and family. Please look after yourselves and each other.

Susannah McShane

Headteacher

Reminders and Notices:

Squirrel Club is available during all half term holidays including Easter and the Summer break, so if you wish for your child to attend, please give Mr Carrington a call to book a place: 07808248555 or our school office 0151 3341406.

Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Age	Cost
AM	7:30am	12pm	3-11	£11.00
PM	1:00pm	Monday to Thursday - 6pm Friday - 5:40pm	3-11	£11.00
Full Day	7:30am	Monday to Thursday - 6pm Friday - 5:40pm	3-11	£24.00 per day 1st child* Siblings £20 per day

If you ever need school uniform, please pop in to our school office, we have pre-loved and washed uniforms for free. You can start to order uniforms from our school office ready for the Autumn Term- just pop into our school office to pick up an order form.

Our A-Corner Shop will be available during the half term break as Squirrel Club is running everyday 7:30-6:00 pm so please grab a bag and stock up on those essentials! A member of the Squirrel Club staff will be able to assist you.

Book amnesty- we are missing a lot of our reading books! Please have a good look at home for any school books and return them. No questions asked- we would just be so happy to get them back so that future children can benefit from them.

We need volunteers for our annual Woodsfest which is held on our school field every year.



If you would like to get involved, please contact our Chair of the Pta via email: coopacademywoodsleepta@gmail.com We are so blessed to have you as part of our community and your input helps every child at Woodslee to thrive.

We are holding a meeting at school on Wednesday 7th June at 2:30pm. Please popo in before collection time and sign up so that we can make this the best ever Woodsfest that the community has to offer.

Too Good To Go at Woodslee- Don't forget, you can order food and collect it at the end of the school day. We are trying to help our families by giving them healthy and fresh ready made meals at a reduced rate of £1, please look out for the email or contact our school office team for information.

Careers' Fair

Nationally, there had been a monumental shift for families in finding the right balance for family and working life. We are inviting all families to join us at our Annual Careers' Fair on Wednesday 14th June 2023 10:00am- 12:00pm.

Pick up times

All parents and carers are reminded that pick up times are in place to ensure the safe departure of our children from the academy site.

Nursery: 3:15pm

Reception→ Y2 3:20pm

Y3→Y6 3:30pm

Parents, who are running late can always call the school office to let us know if they're running late and your child can move into Squirrel Club.

Important Dates for your diaries: It's always a really busy half term so please note down the events coming up!

Summer Term 2023

HALF TERM May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023 Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023	
SUMMER TERM 2 7 Week Term 34 School Days 1 Bank Holiday 2 INSET DAYS	

SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
JUNE	Monday 5th	All Day	INSET Day Children do not attend school on this day
	Tuesday 6th- Friday 23rd	3 week period	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Period
		Before and After school	Woodsfest Raffle Tickets on sale
	Monday 12th	All week	Phonics Screening Check Week for all Year 1 pupils
	Friday 9th	All day	Class Photos Tempest Photo Day
	Wednesday 14th	1000-1200	Careers Fair- for Year 6 and families from Fs1-Y6 Parents from any year group can host a stall or visit
	Friday 16th	After School Playground	Father's Day Gift Shop
	Saturday 24th	1100-1500	WOODSFEST Our Summer Fair
	Wednesday 28th	1330-1520/ 1530	Love Learning Event Parents visit their child's classroom EYFS-Y6
	Thursday 29th	1730-0830	<u>Year 6 Sleep Under the Stars</u> <u>£5 per child</u> -Children stay overnight on the field. They can go home in the morning but must return to school by 10.30am. Sleep Under The Stars 2023
	Friday 30th	0915-1015	Blossom Class Assembly Theme: What is special about our community? Parents welcome
1330-1515 *Last car at 1500		Year 6 Fundraising Event Car Wash £5 per car- parents can book their car wash via the school office.	
After school		Year 6 Fundraising Event Ice Lolly Sale 30p each	
SUMMER	DATE	TIME & PLACE	EVENT
JULY	Weds 5th July	All day	Transition Day- all children meet their new class teacher for the next academic year Year 6 → visit their new Secondary schools
	Friday 7th	0915-1015 School Hall	Birch Class Assembly Theme: Community-Love your Neighbour Parents Welcome
	Monday 10th	All week	All Pupils' Summer Term Reports shared with parents Scholastic Book Fair (Before and After School)
		1400-1520	Y6 End of Year Performance: Buggy Malone Dress Rehearsal Families welcome
	Tuesday 11th	1530-1700	Y6 End of Year Performance: Buggy Malone Families welcome

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	Thursday 13th	7pm The Village Hotel Bromborough	Y6 Prom Prom 2023 Letter
	Monday 17th	1545-1700	Pupil Progress Conference
	Tuesday 18th	1100 Bromborough Evangelical Church	Y6 Leavers' Service Families welcome
		School Hall 1415-1515	Half Term Hero Assembly
		School Hall	Summer Disco EYFS and KS1 1600-1700 KS2 and Birch 1715-1815 Pay on the day £3:50 per child includes crisps, sweets and drink £1 for sweet cone
	Wednesday 19th	Main School Field 1330-1445	Own clothes day- All Pupils Picnic on the field with friends and teachers Water Fight: Reception-Y6- Children bring in donations for A-Corner Shop
		1300-1530 Hall & Foundation Stage Field	Foundation Stage 1 Graduation (Hall) and Teddy Bears Picnic with parents (Field) *For all children in Apple Class moving into Blossom class in September 2023*
	Thursday 20th	All Day	INSET Day Children do not attend school on this day
<p>Summer Break begins for children on Thursday 20th July 2023</p> <p><u>Children return to the academy on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 8:50am in Autumn uniform</u></p>			
<p>Total: 190 School Days for pupils 39 weeks including 5 INSET days</p>			

Whilst school is closed, families, please remember there are lots of local services that can enhance and enrich the school break experience for every family.

[Wirral Mind](#)

[Family Matters](#)

[Things to do with the kids in Wirral \(Free\)](#)

[Days out with the kids](#)

[Wirral foodbank](#)

[NSPCC](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

[Family Toolbox](#)

Buttercup Class

This half term Buttercup class has really enjoyed getting to know each other and settling into our new classroom. We have loved exploring all of the new resources and sharing them with our new friends. Together we have learnt about our classroom routines and our expectations.

This half term Buttercup class has been learning about 'My Garden'. We have been focusing on the story *'The Hungry Caterpillar'* by Eric Carle. We really enjoyed making a giant caterpillar using all of our handprints for the caterpillar's body and decorating butterflies using different materials. The children have learnt some of the vocabulary from the story and were able to use their fine motor skills to separate the egg, caterpillars, butterflies and cocoons and name each one. We have also been learning to draw simple shapes, we had lots of fun using the lightbox to make our marks.



We talked about our favourite fruit and had a tasting session, where we even had a go at cutting the fruit ourselves. We blended all our favourite fruits together and made a Buttercup Class smoothie, it was yummy!



To celebrate the King's Coronation we learnt all about King Charles. We decorated crowns, splatter painted the King's silhouette, built castles and read stories about the King's underpants!

Apple Class

This half term Apple class has been learning about growing. We have been focusing on two stories, *'Jaspers Beanstalk'* by Nick Butterworth and *'It starts with a seed'* by Laura Knowles. All of the children have planted their own seeds and watched them grow like Jasper. In maths we have been counting the correct number of flowers into the pots, subitising to match the dominoes, creating repeating patterns and finding out how much a ladybird weighs!



We have been investigating printing, using the heads of flowers and different items around the classroom, such as lego, to print on our flower template. Some of us even used our maths learning to create repeating patterns on our flowers.



We have been working extremely hard at writing out names correctly and to write some of the sounds that we have been learning correctly also. The adults in EYFS have been so amazed by all of our writing. We have all started to write more independently in the continuous provision this half term.

Blossom Class

Blossom class have loved our topic on growing. We have grown cress from seeds and we have learnt that plants need water, food (soil), sunlight and space to grow.



We have even been looking after a Venus Fly Trap plant, we know the bright colours and the scent attract insects and then the leaves close and the plant actually eats the insect!

We visited Brotherton Park to look at the different plants and leaves and we loved playing a 'Hug the Tree' game.



We have learnt about the primary colours - red, yellow and blue. We practised mixing colours to make green and brown to add to our paintings of plants and then we labelled the roots, stem, leaves and petals.

In the construction area, we have been focusing on drawing plans of what we are going to make which has really helped us to explain our ideas.



Jack and The Beanstalk has been our focus book in English lessons. We have done really well with learning how to sound out words to improve our writing and we have increased our vocabulary through using words such as scrambled and furious.

We have learnt how to double and halve in maths. Ask us to double any number between 1 and 5 and we can use our fingers to help.

Mrs Morris

Willow Class

In Year 1 this term we have been reading the fabulous book 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. We have all really enjoyed this story, especially when we got to plan a party for Hootopize so that we can share our wonderful work with our friends in Year 2.



In Maths we have been learning about measurement. We have been busy looking at volume and mass. Did you know that just because something looks bigger it does not mean it will have a greater mass than something smaller than it!



Our Art lessons have been all about Andy Goldsworthy; we have been in our the Forest School area creating our own pieces of 'Nature Art' and returning to investigate if they have stayed in place or if they have changed over time.



In Computing we have been learning how to programme a robot. We have all fallen in love with the BeeBot and know how to make it move in a range of different directions.



Our Music lessons have been very loud this term! We have been learning the different notes on the Glockenspiels and playing along to the song 'Use Your Imagination'.

We have been learning about the history of transport in History. Do you know the name for an early bicycle? We went out to see which forms of transport we could see in our local area and discussed how this would have looked different in the past.

What a fun and exciting term we have had. We are looking forward to our final term as Year 1s!

Miss Tappin

Cherry Class

It has been another wonderful half-term in Year 2, full of learning and fun (and a few SATs papers!) Children have truly worked so hard over the past few weeks and I am immensely proud of their attitude towards their learning.



In English we have been reading *'The Last Wolf'* by Mini Grey. Children engaged in debates about the heroes and villains of this story, considered the effect of deforestation on animals and even went on a litter pick to help save our environment. We ended the unit by writing a letter to Rishi Sunak, the Prime Minister, to encourage citizens of the UK to plant more trees!



In our reading lessons, we have been developing our confidence in reading aloud and using appropriate 'voice choices'. Some children were brave enough to be the teacher and read the story at the end of the day! We have also taken advantage of the sunny weather and enjoyed story time outside.

During our Maths lessons we have been focusing on fractions and time. Year 2 have worked to find halves, quarters and thirds of a number or shape and have applied this to two-step problems. Children have also learnt to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and have been very keen to spot when the clock strikes 10:45 and it is break time!

Our Science lessons this half-term have centred on how we can change the shape of materials and how this affects their uses. We loved using play-dough to twist, stretch, bend and squish. Children also particularly enjoyed learning about John McAdam and the invention of modern-day roads. They were shocked to find out that before him, roads were made of chalk!



In Music we have been learning all about 'Peter and the Wolf' by Sergei Prokofiev. We've considered the timbre of different instruments, learnt what a conductor does and performed a musical walk through a forest! We are really looking forward to our trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic in June.



Have a lovely break and I can't wait to see you at the start of Summer 2!

Miss Bennett



Rowan Class

It's been another half term of incredible learning and fun in Year Three! We invited Bruno, the therapy dog, into the classroom so children could learn how to care for other living creatures. I'm not sure who enjoyed the grooming the most- Bruno or the children! A highlight of the half term was the swimming lessons that every Year 3 child participated in. The children couldn't believe their eyes when they saw their very own pool on the playground and their enthusiasm and tenacity for learning to swim was extremely impressive.





Our history topic this half term has been 'The Romans'. Children have learned a lot about how the Romans have influenced life in Britain today and they were all big fans of Boudicca- our very own female role model of strength and bravery against adversity. We linked this series of learning with art and children created some lovely mosaics, drawings of centurions and sketches of Roman emperors.

In music, we have been learning how to read music and play tuned percussion instruments. The children are doing such a good job of keeping the beat and hitting (mostly!) the right notes!



Science has been all about plants! Children have been investigating the ideal conditions for a plant to grow.

To learn about the way that water is transported around the plant, they introduced dye into a white flower's water and followed it as it was absorbed into the leaves and petals.

They wondered what would happen in extra cold and extra warm conditions, so they left one flower by the oven in the kitchen (thanks for your help Tonia!) and put ice cubes in the water of another. Have a chat with your child to find

out what happened. We were all quite surprised by the results.

Coronation and Eurovision fever gripped us this half term. Children learned about the history of the monarchy and the crowning of King Charles III and made flags and collages to celebrate. Hopefully you will have all seen our fantastic TikTok video that we created for Eurovision. It's on our social media pages so do have a look if you haven't seen it yet. The video of our 'Woodslee Does Eurovision' will be released shortly- please vote for Rowan Class! We represented Ireland and the children treated the whole school to a rousing performance of the Irish traditional song 'Tell Me Ma.' They are such a musical bunch. Well done, Rowan class!



The year is absolutely flying by and I can not believe that we are just about to enter our final term of Year Three. Let's make it the best one yet! Have a wonderful half term break and I can't wait to see you when you get back.

Mrs Haggett

Birch Class

It has been another busy term in Birch Class! We have loved spending lots of time outside enjoying the sunnier days engaging in team building activities such as den building and role play. Birch Class have been reading '*The Paperbag Prince*' by Colin Thompson in English and loved researching why throwing litter is so damaging to our environment and came up with great ways to help our planet.

The children have been learning about Ancient Greece in History and found learning about their laws and rules extremely interesting. In RE the children have loved learning about Sikhism and asked lots of questions whilst respecting other beliefs and opinions.



We are a very creative class who love to draw, paint and create. This term we have explored the artist Henri Rousseau and re-created some of his artwork using pencil, watercolours and acrylic paint. We have also created and painted many clay models and sketches. We would love our families to see these during the next Love Learning Event in our classroom.



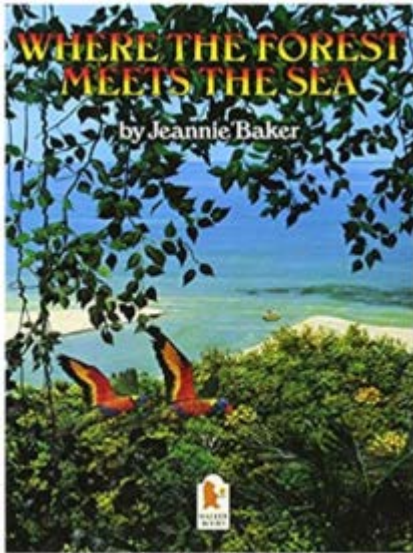
We have also been lucky enough to have two very special little visitors this term! The children loved meeting baby R and baby J and were so kind, loving and interested in how to look after them!



Have a lovely break Birch Class.
Miss Ball

Hazel Class

Well that's a wrap on another successful half-term for our wonderful Hazel class pupils and what a busy one it has been! In English, some of our budding actors have had the opportunity to shine through a range of drama and freeze frame activities that have inspired some fantastic pieces of writing. The children have been developing their knowledge of the rainforest and the different threats to all of its wonderful inhabitants.



This has linked in well with our science unit of work on 'Living things and their habitats'. The children have been classifying animals in lots of different ways and learning all about animal adaptations. We have also had the opportunity to Skype with a farmer from Dorset to learn all about how different animals are looked after on the farm. The children asked lots of interesting questions about the animals and how the cost of living crisis is having an impact on business for farmer Wakely. We will continue with this unit of work after half-term.



This term we have continued to enjoy some exciting lessons delivered by Mr Harrison, particularly in history. We have been learning all about the Shang Dynasty, Fu Hao and oracle bones.

In PE, the children have taken part in a variety of athletics events leading up to sports day. They now know a range of different field and track events and how to throw the javelin and shot put using the correct technique.

We have continued with our violin lessons and we can't wait to perform for you all in summer term 2!

Have a restful break and I look forward to seeing you all back for our final term in year 4! Time flies when you're having fun!!

Holly Class

It has been another busy and successful half term for Year 5 these past 6 weeks. Everyone has worked so hard in every topic and have really shown how much they understand. This is extremely clear in their understanding of pollution! In English and reading, we have delved into the disastrous consequences that landfill, ocean pollution and greenhouse gases cause to our environment.

We have been exploring some very challenging maths topics, but every child has shown a real commitment to understanding as much as they can. From coordinates, reflection and now measurements, they have done so well in growing their mathematical knowledge.

In History, Year 5 has travelled back in time to Ancient Greece! We have learnt about the power and influence of Sparta and Athens, the development of democracy and the start of the Olympics!

We have also developed an amazing understanding of forces! By completing our own experiments, we have tested the nature of gravity, air resistance and friction. Try asking one of our Year 5 students about push and pull forces!



We have been to Anfield! The LFC Foundation led we travelled to Anfield stadium and found out a lot of key information about ocean pollution which really helped aid our English writing.

Woodslee does Eurovision! I was so impressed with the Year 5 performance of German months of the Year. A special thanks to A for being brave enough to complete not one, but TWO solos! What an unbelievable achievement!.



Finally, Holly class really showed their athletic abilities this term on Sports Day! The sun was out and so were our young athletes. We excelled in the relay race, 100m sprint and penalty shootout!

Enjoy your half term break Year 5, it is well earned!

Mr Prescott

Oak Class

What an interesting half term we have had! As we get closer to saying goodbye to our wonderful Oak class, we continue to learn new skills and engage in exciting activities to help us grow. I am so proud of everything the children have achieved this half term, they have been incredible Mighty Oaks!

In English, we have had an insight into the life of Jacques Cousteau and how the deep-sea diver chose to live a life of wonder and curiosity in the deep depths of the Mediterranean Ocean. We have looked at his life through the book *'Manfish'* by Jennifer Berne. The children loved learning about his life and everything he accomplished during his time in the ocean. Using the skills they have learned, they have been able to create their own biography in the style of the author which showcases their fantastic grammar skills!

During maths this half term, the children have been exploring shape, coordinates and how to find the mean, median and mode in different problems. They have been able to explore a range of questions and have developed their ability to justify their answers with detailed explanations, showing their ideas in a range of ways.



Well done to each member of Year 6 for being so fantastic when swimming this half term. So many children progressed from being unsure when in the water to swimming lengths confidently! Our Year 5/6 sports day was also a huge success this year, thank you to all of the effort put in from the children as well as the support

we received from our families!

In Science, we have been looking at the circulatory system and how it delivers oxygen and nutrients to cells and takes away waste. The children loved making their own blood smoothies as they learned the different components that keep our blood healthy and pumping around our bodies!



What a fantastic time the children had on their Year 6 residential to Colomendy! They were able to take part in activities such as rock climbing, caving and even swinging in mid air! They were incredibly resilient and absolutely loved trying each activity, even if they were unsure. Well done Year 6, it is fantastic to see how far you can push yourselves to try new things!

We can't wait for the exciting things we have planned for the next and final half term of Year 6! There are activities such as our Careers Fair to help them on the next step of their journey!



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MAY HALF TERM



Squirrel Club



FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

out door games , music,
forest school , board games, urban farm visits and more

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