Woodlands School

PARENTS' EVENING

SEPTEMBER 2026

Safeguarding Team



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Purpose of the Evening:

- Opportunity to meet and chat to our Nurses James and Andrea
- Opportunity to **meet your class team** and other parents from the class (6.00 – 7.00).
- Chance to chat and ask questions.
- Opportunity to hear from the FOW
- Hear about updates and things to look forward to over the year ahead

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OUR SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Woodlands School Vision Statement

- At Woodlands we strive to equip all pupils with the skills needed to meet their full potential through an **innovative and specialised curriculum**.
- **Pupil voice is championed** through a strong emphasis on developing autonomy using individual communication strategies.
- As a **team**, we aim to provide a **happy**, **safe** and **stimulating** environment, where pupils are encouraged to develop **independence**, whilst promoting **well-being** for all and building **confidence** for the future.

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WSDP 2026-2027

- To explore AI and its use to support T&L and outcomes for pupils
- To develop individual pupil progress tracking based on previous attainment
- To set up a team to support with pupil regulation across the school

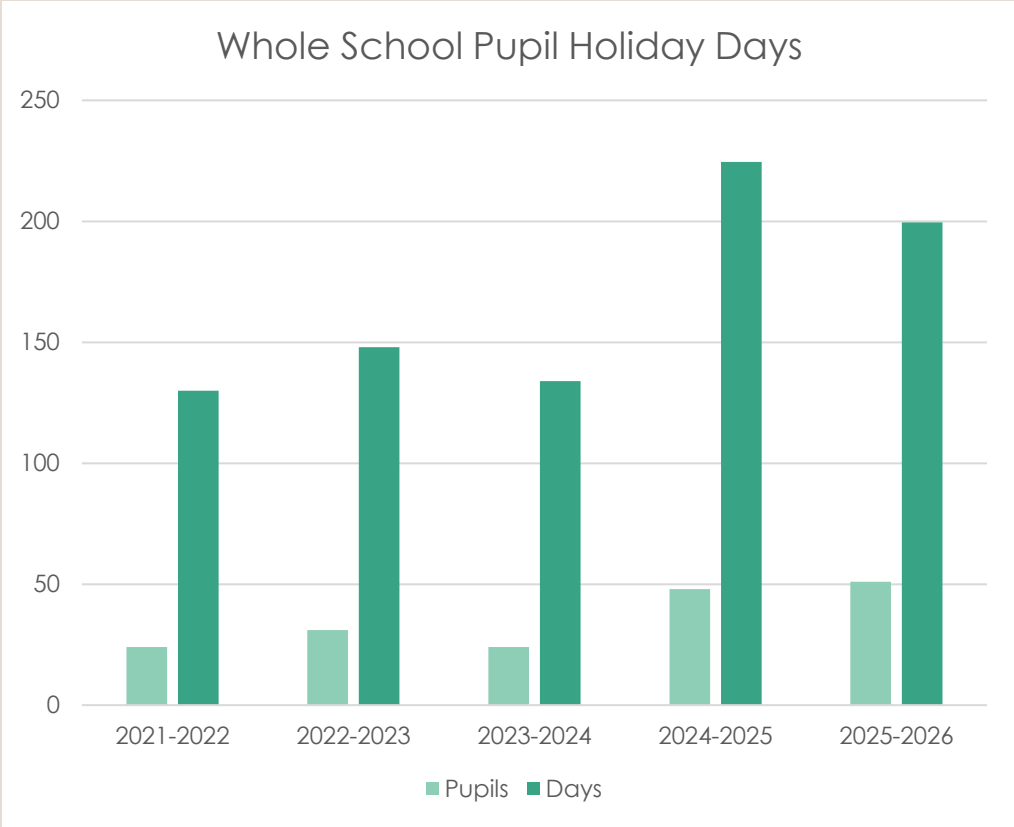
Parent Governor

To bring a **parental perspective** to the issues discussed – you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

No different from other governors.

Attendance

Policy states *'We believe that working together to achieve high attendance at school has many other benefits besides supporting higher levels of learning and progress. Attending school as part of a routine can improve mental health and supports a healthier lifestyle. High attendance at school is an excellent way for our pupils to grow and use their communication and social skills. Social connection is a key factor in determining levels of happiness, and high attendance supports this.'*



2025-2026 - 37% of pupils requested exceptional leave compared to 45% from the previous year
Overall days have reduced by 25 days (5 full school weeks)

New for 2026 AQA – Unit Award Scheme

- Provides certificate pathways for individual modular achievements, the units fall under three primary program areas
- Units Cover all topics from Subject-specific tracks, life skills, outdoor activities, crafts, and work-related learning
- Certificates for end of KS4 and end of KS5

AQA
Questions matter



Music Therapy

- This will continue in class groups or individual blocks as referred
- We expect pupils to access MT every 2 years
- IMM Special Access Music event – 3rd December at St Paul's Church Camberley – details to follow





Enrichment & visits 2025-2026

- Intergenerational Music @ The Beeches
- Art Day – The Dot
- Feeling Good Week
- STEM week
- Panthalon
- Theatre visits - Horton
- Lunch time clubs – Dance, Lego, Ball Club
- Rotary Fun Day @ Chessington
- Nymans
- Tilgate Park

Planned Curriculum Enrichment 2026-2027

Autumn 2026

October	November	December
Black History Month - Drumming World Poetry Day – Peace & inclusion	Remembrance Day Art Day – Sustainability & diversity Anti Bullying Week Diwalli	Lower School Nativity Upper School Christmas Show

Spring 2027

January	February	March
Chinese New Year – Lion Dance Assembly	Number Day – LS Safer Internet Day	World Book Day Science/STEM Week Eid

Summer 2027

April/May	June	July
Earth Day Mental Health & Well-being Week	World Music Day Rotary Fun Day - CWofA Sports Day	Feeling Good Week

High Ashurst & Lea Green Residentials 2026-2027





Building Projects

- **Pool** – awaiting repairs & hoping to be running soon
- **Wildwoods** – awaiting some additional tree work to make sure it is safe for pupils under canopy
- **Lower School Modular** – we have been told the aim is for it to be open over October half-term
- **Upper School** – more activity on the building work starting after October half term