

Friday 24th April 2026

Article of the month: 15

School Value: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nice to see the sun again this week. As we are entering the summer term, we will be reminding the children about sun safety. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day, and a sun hat if required. We have a large collection of lost property again. If belongings and clothing are labelled it can be easily returned. Please could you label all items of clothing etc for your child/ren. Thank you.

Year 3 have now completed their second week of swimming with their assessment and fun sessions. They have all done extremely well and shown much improved technique with greater water confidence and awareness of water safety. Year 4 will start their sessions on Monday.

A huge well done to all our Key Stage 2 Drama Club actors for a stunning performance of **A Mid-Summer Night's Dream** yesterday evening. Thank you to Woodthorpe Friends for all their help and to our parents and carers who came to enjoy the show. Mrs Sheldon will be running the club again next academic year.

The summer term **Calendar of Events** is attached to the newsletter.

Good luck to all our children, families and staff taking part in the Mini London Marathon this weekend. Our classes have enjoyed completing their **mini-marathon** events this week in school.

Ms McGrath

Pupils of Week

Rec: Panth – Superb effort and progress in English, especially with handwriting which is beautiful.

Y1: Xaria – For a wonderful start to the summer term and writing some amazing sentences in English.

Y2: Freddie K – For being a team player and always helping his peers in lessons as well as the playground.

Y3: Bethany – Super effort in swimming.

Y4: Rahma – Great presentation and improvement across the board.

Y5: Violet – Settling into Woodthorpe really well.

Y6: Isabella – For representing the school brilliantly at the BCLM and being thoroughly engaged.

Ms Carrington: Lily (Y6) for her engagement and positive contribution in writing.

House Points Weekly Leaderboard

Dawberry – 971

Brandwood – 961

Jasmin – 947

Highbury – 890

Attendance & Punctuality

w/c 13.04.26

Year Group	Present marks (%)	No of Lates
Reception	98.3	4
Year 1	95.2	5
Year 2	98.0	8
Year 3	94.8	2
Year 4	98.7	2
Year 5	97.2	5
Year 6	95.5	3
Average % / Total Lates	96.8	29

Notices, Updates and Reminders

Arbor App

If you are not receiving notifications, please check you Arbor App settings & ensure you have selected - *allow notifications* & for the app to be *running in the background*, to receive real-time notifications.

Meal Information – *Summer Menu Week 3 (attached). Please also find attached New Summer Menu Week 1 & 2.*

Please let us know your child's Meal Pattern, if this is changing for summer term one, as soon as possible. Please could we ask that all meals are paid for promptly, where required, via Arbor App – Payment Section – Meal Account. Please continue to report any discrepancies to the school office. If your child requires a school meal (instead of providing packed lunch from home) as a one-off emergency, please let the school office know at the beginning of **the day or as soon as possible**.

A reminder that you do not need to select your child's meal preference or order your child's meal, as this is generated automatically from your child's 'Meal Pattern'. Any changes of meal patterns, please notify school office at the end of each half term. Thank you – School Office Team

KS2 Fruit available to purchase in School Shop – 45p per item

Daily Fruit for junior children will now be available from the School Shop on Arbor App. A selection of apples, oranges and bananas will be available to purchase.

School Fund Contributions

School fund contributions kindly welcomed.

Final total raised for **Brain Tumour Research** was **£469.10** – thanks everyone!

Diary for the Week

Summer Menu Week Three - see attachments

Y4 swimming daily (week 1) 13.30 -14.15

Monday 27th April

8.30 – 8.45 am The Daily Mile

Guitar lessons

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Multi-Sports (Inspired Sports – Richard Stedman)

Tuesday 28th

3.15 – 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/Y2 Football (Aston Villa Football Club)

No Choir (start date tbc)

Wednesday 29th

8.30 – 8.45 am Wake -Up, Shake Up

**No Street Dance this week*

Thursday 30th

8.30 – 8.45 am The Daily Mile

Brass and Keyboard Lessons

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 T1 Rugby (Moseley Rugby Club)

Friday 1st May

3.15 – 4.15 pm Rec/Y1/Y2 Multi-Sports (Premier Education)

Remaining staff training days 2025-26:

- Polling Day 7th May
- Monday 20th July



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Clubs and Activities



Position	Year Group	Distance Travelled
1 st	Year 2	16.61
2 nd	Year 4	16.31
3 rd	Reception	11.17
4 th	Year 6	6.19
5 th	Year 5	4.68
6 th	Year 3	3.77
7 th	Year 1	0.00
		58.73 miles

We had an impressive 50 active children this week, travelling a total distance of 58.73 miles! Year 2 were once again our most active class this week – travelling a total distance of 16.61 miles! A great start to the new term!

Don't forget that it takes place every Monday and Thursday morning at 08:30.

Please note Wake-up Shake-up will be on Wednesdays for all year groups.

After-School Sports Clubs – Summer 1

We've had a fantastic response to our after-school sports clubs, with many being oversubscribed. Apologies to any families who missed out this time but there are still some spaces for some of our clubs.

Monday: Multi-Sports (3/4/5/6)

Tuesday: AVFC Football (R/1/2)

Wednesday: Streetdance (1/2/3/4/5/6)

Thursday: Moseley Rugby (3/4/5/6)

Friday: Multi-Sports (R/1/2)

!!!NO Streetdance ASC Next Week!!!

There will be no streetdance session on Wednesday 29th April 2026. The missed session will take place the week after the half term break.

TCS Mini Marathon @ Woodthorpe

All children completed- or exceeded- our 2-mile challenge this week at school to celebrate the Mini Marathon. Children used their PE lessons and 'brain breaks' during the school day to run or walk 14 laps (or more!) of the playground. A fantastic effort by everyone!

TCS London Mini Marathon 2026

We look forward to hearing about how our children get on down in London tomorrow. It is lovely that so many Woodthorpe pupils will be running the streets of London! Good luck!



Year 3 Curriculum Swimming

Year 3 have now completed their 2-week swimming block at Cocks Moors Woods swimming pool. They have shown great progress and skill over the 10 sessions. Next week, it is Year 4's turn to shine and enjoying their intensive swimming block.

Active Travel - Travel Tracker Update – March 2026

ACTIVE JOURNEYS TAKEN	NUMBER OF BADGES EARNED	LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT
2828 = 90%	 136	78%

136 badges were given out this week for the month of March – a great effort! We had 2828 active journeys completed, with 78% engagement. This is hot on the heels of such success in the recent 'Big Walk & Wheel' initiative too! Keep it up everyone!



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Personal Bests

Our Personal Best challenge for this half term is a skipping challenge. There are three levels for children to work through – Bronze, Silver and Gold – each with its own set of skipping challenges. Children can choose which level they would like to start at, allowing everyone to challenge themselves at a level that feels right for them. Lots of children have already had a go at the challenge and have absolutely loved skipping at lunchtimes with the BAs.

out for more details in next week's newsletter.



Lunchtime Sport Provision – Summer Term 1

Tuesdays – Aston Villa Foundation - Handball

Wednesdays – Mr Trevor - Football

Fridays – Premier Education – Four Square

Blackwell Adventure – Year 3/4 Residential

A reminder that the deadlines for the forthcoming residential visit to Blackwell are as follows:

Payment 2 – 28/02/2026

Payment 3 – 31/03/2026

Payment 4 – 30/04/2026

Thank you to ALL parents/carers for completing and returning the medical/dietary forms this week. Don't forget that all information for the forthcoming visit can also be found of the Year 4 class blog site: [Blackwell Adventure 2026 – 4TS – Year 4 Blogging Site](#)

Woodthorpe in the Community

Amelle (Y4) attends Brookhouse Farm Riding Club every Thursday, where she has made excellent progress. She has earned her 'Stop and Steer' rosette and has also achieved her 'Rising Trot' rosette after riding her favourite horse, Teddy Bear. Amelle often rides Peanut, and last week she confidently cantered three times and practised trot poles, which she really enjoyed.

[Brookhouse Farm Riding School - BHF | Horse, riding, lessons, tuition, offroad, hacking, Solihull, Birmingham, equine, diploma](#)



Aston Villa Foundation Curriculum Support

The Aston Villa Foundation will be starting a fresh programme from next week. Look



Alex (Y6) had an excellent weekend of football. He won his final tournament playing for South Birmingham and also secured the league title with his Sunday league team, Northfield Town. In recognition of his outstanding performance,



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Alex was awarded Man of the Match, earning himself a free pair of football boots!

Ajuni (Y3) successfully passed her latest Shotokan Karate grading at Cocks Moors Woods last weekend. She passed her Purple Belt and advanced to Purple & White Belt. Amazing effort!

Alfalfa (Y4) won his Junior Park Race (4-14 age category) last weekend with a time of 9 mins 25 seconds! Amazing to hear about his achievements, especially when competing against children a lot older than him! Enjoy showcasing your talents in London at the weekend!

Pupil Voice

"This week in school we have been doing the mini-London marathon- where we have had to complete 14 laps at random points during the day. I am sure everyone has enjoyed it."

Daniel (Y6), Mini Marathon

"We played a game called four bats and then two bats as this week's session was based on cricket. I really enjoyed it and can't wait for a new sport next week!"

Reuben (Y6), Multi-Sports ASC

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th April- The Daily Mile

Tuesday 28th April- Connect Padel @ Billesley Common

Wednesday 29th April- Wake-up Shake-up

Thursday 30th April – The Daily Mile

Active April 2026

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS Happier · Kinder · Together

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 Do a body-scanner and really notice how your body feels	7 Get natural hair shine by turning the lights in the evening	8 Give your hair a boost by laughing or making someone laugh	9 Turn your hair into a fun form of exercise	10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement	11 Set yourself a goal or sign up to an activity challenge	12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside
13 Make sleep a priority and get a good night's rest	14 Reduce your body's mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation	15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing)	16 Do an exploring around your local area and notice new things	17 Be active outside, plant some seeds and encourage growth	18 Try out a new exercise, sport or dance class	19 Spend less time sitting today, get up and move more often
20 Focus on eating a multi-colored vegetable today	21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day	22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	23 Go out and dance for a loved one or neighbour	24 Get active in nature, feed the birds or garden	25 Have a 'no screen' night and take time to recharge yourself	26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes
27 Find a fun exercise to do for the week to ball	28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat	29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in	30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today			

ACTIVE JOURNEYS TAKEN

2828 = 90%

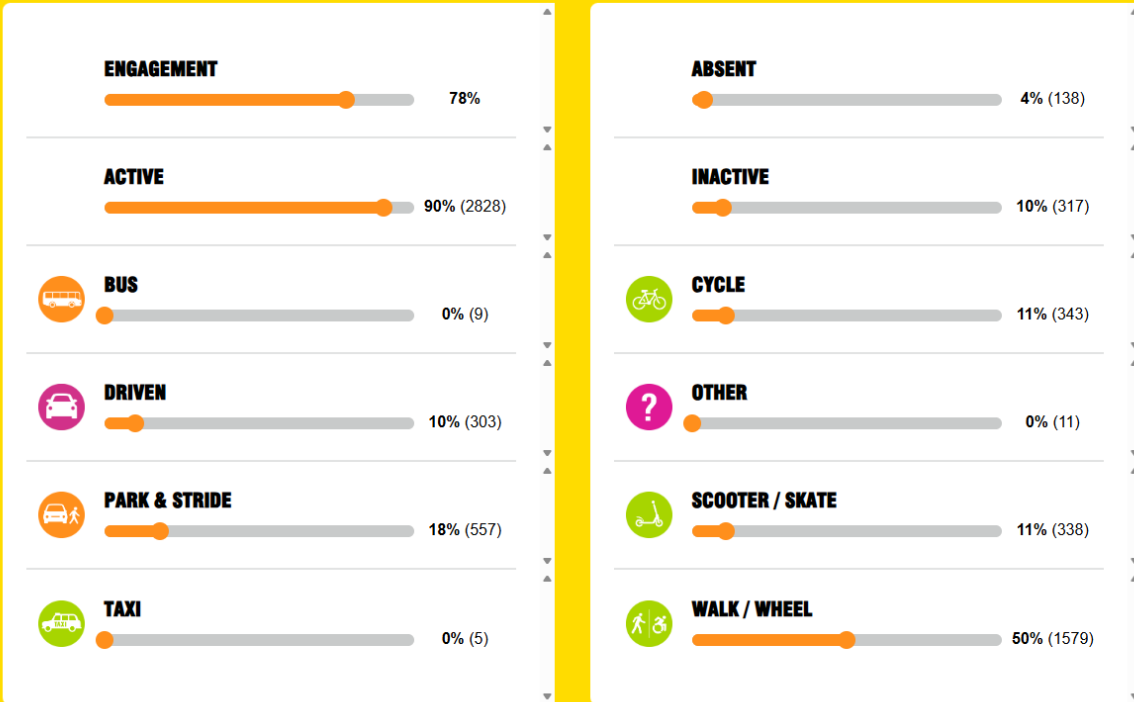
NUMBER OF BADGES EARNED

 136

LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT

78%

TRANSPORT MODE BREAKDOWN



Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School Calendar of Events – Summer Term 2026

April		
Monday 13 th	Children return Arts Week	8.55 am
Wednesday 15 th	Y6 BCLM Visit World Art Day (textiles)	All day
Friday 17 th	House Celebration Event - Dawberry	2pm
Tuesday 21 st	Drama Club dress rehearsal	1.30-3pm
Thursday 23 rd	Drama Club production for parents/carers	5.30-7pm
Tuesday 28 th	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight checks (NHS)	am
Saturday 25 th	London Mini Marathon	All day
May		
Monday 4 th	Bank Holiday – school closed	All day
Thursday 7 th	Polling Day – school closed to pupils	3.30-4.15pm
Monday 11 th	Year 6 SATs week (Year 6 SATs breakfast club) Mental Health Awareness Week	Mon- Thurs
Thursday 21 st	Character Assembly and Values Celebration Day (Respect)	9.05 am
Friday 22 nd	Break up – Half Term	3.15 pm
Half Term – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May		
June		
Monday 1 st	All return Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check begins	8.55 am
Wednesday 3 rd	Triathlon Brownlee Foundation	10am
Friday 5 th	Y6 Tennis Activation @ The Priory	All day
Monday 8 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check begins	
Friday 12 th	drb Ignite MAT Sunshine Festival	All day
Tuesday 16 th	Safeguarding Champions Annual Conference – Birmingham Airport	All day
Wednesday 24 th	Year 5 and Year 6 Careers Day	All day
Friday 26 th	Coffee Morning	am
July		
Thursday 2 nd	KS2 Sports Day - Moseley Secondary School Woodthorpe Friends Summer Fair	9.30-11.30am 2.00-4.30pm
Monday 6 th	National School Sports Week- sport activities daily	All day
Tuesday 7 th July	EYFS/KS1 sports day at Woodthorpe School	9.15am 10.30am
Thursday 9 th July	Summer concert (music & dance)	9.45am
Monday 13 th	Year 6 Leavers Production	
Wednesday 15 th	Youth Proms (choir) Meet the Teacher	10.30am-9.30pm 3.30-5pm
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	
Friday 17 th	Last day of the academic year – break up for summer holidays	3.15 pm
Summer Holidays – Monday 21st July – 1st September		
Please note that some events may be subject to a change of date &/or time due to unforeseen circumstances. Any updates and specific arrangements for all school, class and group events will be sent via your child's class blog page, the weekly newsletter and Arbor App.		

Summer Menu Week 1

13th April, 4th May, 25th May, 15th June, 6th July, 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct 2026

WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Fajita Chicken	Beef Lasagne	Roast Beef in Gravy	Chicken Curry	Fish Goujons
Vegetables	Vegetable Medley	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	White Rice	Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Chickpea Curry	Cheese & Onion Pie	Lentil Bolognaise	Vegetable Lasagne
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Peas
Sides	Diced Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Golden Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Apple Crumble	Chocolate Sponge	Lemon & Orange Sponge	Chocolate Chip Sponge	Somerset Apple Cake



Summer Menu Week 2

30th March, 20th April, 11th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 26th Oct 2026

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Chicken & Pasta with Tomatoes and Herbs	Chicken Goujons	Roast Chicken in Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Tuna Pasta Bake
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Vegetable Medley	Cauliflower	Peas
Sides	Baked Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes	Golden Roast Potatoes	White Rice	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Lentil & Vegetable Flaky Topped Pie	Vegetarian Tikka Masala	Penne Pasta in Tomato and Basil Sauce	Bean Chilli	Vegetarian Cottage Pie
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Vegetable Medley	Green Beans	Peas
Sides	Baked Potato Wedges	Wholegrain Rice	Penne Pasta	White Rice	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Summer Fruit Sponge	Bakewell Tart	Pineapple Sponge	Apple Crumble	Hot Chocolate Brownie



Summer Menu Week 3

6th April, 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 31st Aug, 21st Sept, 12th Oct 2026

Eativerse
A UNIVERSE OF FOOD AND DRINK

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main - Option 1	Cheesy Garlic Chicken	Smoked Paprika & Tomato Chicken	Sliced Roast Chicken in Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Breaded Cod
Vegetables	Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas
Sides	Diced Potatoes	Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Penne Pasta	Oven Chips
Main - Option 2	Cauliflower, Spinach & Lentil Curry	Tomato & Chickpea Gratin	Cauliflower & Broccoli Pasta	Vegetable Quiche	Potato, Cheese & Leek Bake
Sides	Green Beans	Cauliflower	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots	Baked Beans
Carbohydrate	Wholegrain Rice	Baked Potato Wedges	Penne Pasta	Baked Potato Wedges	Oven Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
Dessert	Lemon Flavour Sponge	Apricot Crumble	Jam Sponge	Somerset Apple Cake	Chocolate Sponge





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