Woodlands News

JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back — we made it through January! We hope you had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the spring term.

This half term, our whole-school focus will be **'Be Ambitious'**. On **Friday 13th February**, as part of our values afternoon, we would like your child to express themselves by coming to school dressed as what they would like to be in the future, or as someone who inspires them to be ambitious as they grow up.
This has always been a great success in previous years, and it is always wonderful to see how the children's ambitions grow and change over time.

We have a few events coming up this spring term, including the **Cake Bake on Tuesday 10th February 2026**, just before we break up for half term on **Friday 13th February 2026 at 3.20pm**.

Free School Meal Vouchers Information.

We have been informed by HCC on 4/2/26 regarding a message from the Director of Education outlining the **changes to the Holiday Food Voucher Scheme for benefits related Free School Meals Children**. We have been asked to send the following message below out to all our parents.

"Since December 2020, the Local Authority has been able to provide supermarket vouchers to families, supported through government funding streams. From October 2021 onwards, this was funded through the Household Support Fund, a national programme from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) designed to help households with the cost of living.
The government has now confirmed that the Household Support Fund will come to an end in 2025. Unfortunately, this means we will no longer be able to

issue vouchers to children who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals for the holiday periods.
We understand that this change may be difficult for some families, and we want to reassure you that support is still available. If you feel you may need additional help, we encourage you to visit the Hertfordshire County Council 'Cost of Living Support' pages on the council website, where you can find information about a range of services and assistance options."

Warm wishes,
Miss Woode

ClassDojo

Arbor

Enrichment Activities

Year 3 Magnet/Force Workshop

Year 1 Walk Around Borehamwood

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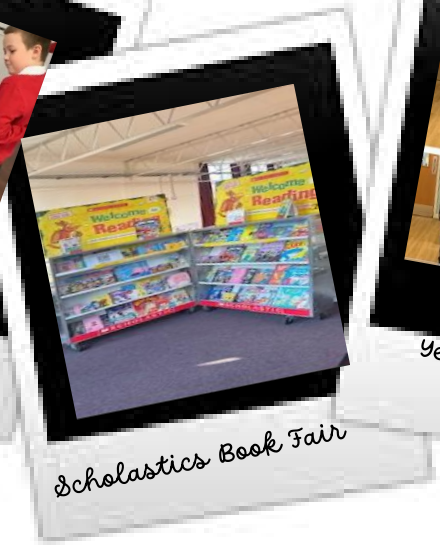


Scholastics Book Fair

Year 2 Great Fire of London

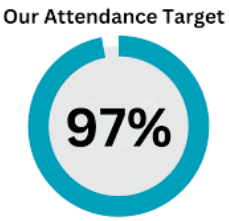
Break up Friday 13th February 2026 at 3.20pm and return on Monday 23rd February 2026 for Spring Term B.

Reminders

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

Attendance 5th September 2025- 30th January 2026

Year	%
Reception	**90.6**
Year 1	**95.1**
Year 2	**91.8**
Year 3	**96.3**
Year 4	**92.5**
Year 5	**94.5**
Year 6	**94.9**



Remember to reach out if you are struggling financially. We may be able to support you.