

Thursday 5th September 2025-Newsletter 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome back -I hope you all had a lovely summer. I would also like to welcome all our new families who have joined Woodbank this year in EYFS and across school.

Please remember to check our school website, Parent Hub app and Facebook page on a regular basis for news and information. Our school email address is Woodbank@bury.gov.uk

Start and Finish Times

School opens at 8.45 and gates will close at 9.00 a.m. Anything after 9.00 a.m. will be classed as late. **Please ensure your child is on time for school-we are having a big push on punctuality and attendance this year.**

Finish times are:

Reception & KS1 classes= 3.25pm

Nursery & KS2 classes = 3.30pm

Staffing



We are so pleased to welcome Miss Catterall to Woodbank as our new teacher in Maple class.

Please be aware that we have reduced capacity in the school office at the moment due to staff absence. Mrs Darrock and other staff members are currently covering the role and are learning systems as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust.

Start to new school year

REMINDER: Our 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in for parent/carers takes place on **Tuesday 9th September**. A chance to see your child's classroom and meet staff. Classrooms will be open from 3.45pm-5.00pm.

We will be sending out new Trust updated contact form, medical form, photograph permission and other required forms shortly. Children in Reception and Nursery will not receive these forms as they have already been completed before the end of last year however if any information has changed over the Summer then please do inform the school office as soon as possible. It is important that all information that school has is the most up-to-date.

For Nursery, Reception and any new starters please download SCOPAY app. This is our school online payment system for trips, events, snack, Oscars, etc (NOT school meals). You should receive your unique link code next week. If you have not received this by 12.09.25 then please contact Mrs Darrock in the school office.

REMINDER: Changes to PE sessions

Due to the limited space and time for changing, we are trialling from September that children from **Year 1 to Year 6** will come to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. Our PE kits remains the same with a **black** tracksuit and white t-shirt with **black** PE trainers. Black leggings are also suitable and black shorts can be worn on warmer days. Children will no longer need pumps. Class teachers will inform you of PE days via newsletters/parent hub and initially send out reminders.

This will NOT apply to Reception children as it is part of the EYFS curriculum for children to be able to dress/undress independently. They will still need a PE kit in a pump bag (not backpack) with black shorts or black leggings or black jogging bottoms as well as a white t-shirt and black school pumps. Nursery children do not need a PE kit and staff will inform you of suitable clothing for children to come in once any hall time begins for them.



PARENT HUB & SCHOOL GRID



*Please change class 'channels' on your parent hub app to your child's new class and remove yourself from their previous class.

* Order school meal choices for each day and make payments via School Grid

Diary Dates

Please add these dates to your diary.

03.09.25 - **School re-opens**
03.09.25 - Nursery home visits start
03.09.25- staggered starts for Reception and Squirrels children
09.09.25 - Meet the teacher drop-in (3.45pm-5pm)
11.09.25- Bury Music Service Demo
15.09.25- Y6 swimming starts (2 weeks)
15.09.25 - Extra-curricular clubs start
26.09.25 - Macmillan Bake Sale at breaktimes
02.10.25 -Reception & KS1 Parent Phonic meeting (2.45pm)
06.10.25- PTA AGM
14.10.25 - SEND Coffee Morning
14.10.25- EYFS Stay & Play
21.10.25- Individual/sibling Photo Day
22.10.25 - KS2 Harvest Festival at 2.30pm
23.10.25 - HALF TERM
03.11.25 - School Opens
03.11.25 - Halloween Discos (TBC)
14.11.25- Children In Need
18.11.25- Parents' Evening
27.11.25 - PTA Movie Night (5.30pm - 8.30pm)
04 & 05.12.25 - Breakfast with Santa (TBC)
08.12.25 - Whole school Panto
09.12.25 - Xmas Dinner/Xmas Jumpers
12.12.25- Elf Day/Act of Kindness day
16 & 17.12.25 - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 2pm
19.12.25 - **END OF TERM**

Please also see attached our annual events calendar so that you are aware of key dates for your diaries over the year. It may be that some dates need to change which you will be informed of via newsletters, parent hub and school calendar on our website.

School Uniform



Our children always look very smart in their school uniform. Please ensure your child wears black shoes **not** trainers. Nail varnish is not permitted. A watch may be worn and small, studded earrings. Hair styles should be smart and appropriate with long hair tied back. Coats needed in school daily.

Below are links to order any uniform items online:

<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/woodbank-primary-school-urn-105292>

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/woodbank-primary>

Pre-loved and some new school uniform items can be requested via our pastoral team. Please speak to Miss Lilley or email: acorns@woodbankprimary.co.uk

Other School Reminders

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It is important that your child has all necessary equipment at the start of the week and each day so that they are 'school ready.'

They will need their coat, reading glasses, reading book bag (EYFS/KS1) or a small rucksack (KS2 only).

In KS2 pencil cases/personal stationery are now permitted though not required. School will always provide stationery for those that require any in lessons. Cases must be able to fit in trays or will have to remain in lockers.

Please make sure all uniform is LABELLED. (We already have new jumpers in lost property!!)

If your child has an inhaler we must have one sent into school that can be kept in school.

School is a NUT FREE school due to children having severe allergies-no NUT products whatsoever.

Please do not send children in with fidget toys/other items unless this has been agreed with class teachers & SENCOs. We do have a range of sensory resources in school for when a need has been identified.

