



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 13th January 2023

E-Safety Session for the Whole School Community

Once again we have organised an external company ECP, to visit and talk to all our children in years R to 6 about e-safety. This is now very much an annual event. They will be in school on **Wednesday 18th January 2023**. **This year they will also host a face to face, e-safety hour long session for parents on the same day from 9am to 10am. The session is open to all parents and relevant to all age groups.**

This will help parents understand the wide array of current and popular games, apps and websites. They will also talk about how children are taught to be safe online, whilst also giving parents tips and ideas on how to stay in control at home. The session is up-to-the-minute, and is a must for all those who are concerned about the safety of their children when using the internet.

The session will be 9-10am in the KS2 hall. We are expecting quite a large turnout of parents.

Please book via [Arbor Trips](#). We are allowing for a maximum of 2 seats per family. You can register your wish to attend by accepting a place for one child in your family.

Links to Recent Events/Information on the School Website

[Link to Spring Term Diary Dates 2023](#) – Sent by email before Christmas

[Curriculum Letters Spring Term 2023](#) – Nursery to Year 6 – An overview of what your child/ren are learning this term.

Celebration School Assemblies on Fridays

It is always lovely to celebrate achievements of pupils from things they have done outside of school. A reminder that if your child has been awarded, for example a certificate, trophy or medal please do bring it in to the school office and I will present it in our weekly Friday celebration assembly.



Relish New Packed Lunch Offer

From Monday 16th January, if you wish your child to have the packed lunch option please pre-order on the [Relish website](#) (preferred option: instructions of how to pre-order can be found on the [school menu page of the school website](#)).

Alternatively, your child can order the packed lunch option in the classroom on the day.

Years 3 to 6 – Payment for meals is now via your [Arbor](#) Parent Portal. Your **balance** can be seen on the **Relish website**. Please note the balance is not updated daily, but every 2 weeks (when the funds reach their bank account). We advise that when you make a payment you approximate the number of meals you are paying for and look at your balance in Relish, before topping up in the Arbor Parent Portal. Thank you

New Packed Lunch Offer

We have a variety of delicious lunch boxes on our system, here are some examples...

- Cheese and Crackers, Yogurt and Fresh Fruit
- Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Carrot Cake Muffin and Fresh Fruit
- Crunchy Vegetables, Cheese & Biscuits & Fresh Fruit
- Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack
- Bread Sticks & Cream Cheese, Salad and Fruit Jelly
- Crunchy Vegetables, Cheese & Biscuits & Fruit Yogurt
- Crunchy Vegetables & Cream Cheese, Chocolate Malt Brownie and a Melon Wedge

Check your school menu to see what's on today...

To order a packed lunch...

You can either pre-order from home via the parent portal or
Pupils can order in class



Parent Consultation Evenings – Tues 7th Feb 3.30 – 6.30pm and Thurs 9th Feb 3.30 – 6.30pm (times now the same on both evenings)

We are using the online appointment booking system via Arbor Parent Portal (quick link at the top of the school website), which will open on **Tuesday 24th January**. An email giving full instructions will be sent to every parent/carer on Friday 20th January. Please 'book' **one** 10 minute time slot, on one of the two days available for each of your children.

Only make an appointment with Mrs Millar (SENCo) if you wish to discuss anything concerning your child's Special Educational Needs and/or Disability. She will be available for appointments on Tuesday 7th February only. The meeting with Mrs Millar will take place in the SAGE meeting room, off the KS1 hall.

If you would like to use a school computer and/or need help with signing up, please call the school office.

Deadline for sign up is **8am Tuesday 31st January 2023**.

Timetable for Nursery Admissions 2023

Admission Timetable for Nursery Schools	
Apply online from	Monday 9 th January 2023
Application deadline	12pm Monday 6 th March
Offer date	Monday 20 th March
Accept your place by	Monday 27 th March

To find out all about our fabulous Nursery and the admissions process, please visit [our website](#) for lots of information including 30 hour funded places. The deadline for application for Nursery places is 12pm Monday 6th March 2023. Before and after school care available from Sept 2023.

15th January 2023 is the deadline for applications for Reception Places in September 2023. For further details please go to the admissions page on our [school website](#).

The Learning Hub Diary

As you will have seen, we now have the builders on site to start our new learning hub project. Our thanks to all those that have kindly donated. Our Just Giving page (link below) will be open for the rest of the year. Please do share this with any local businesses that you think would like to support us as well. Together we can help to create a wonderful space for our children and future generations to enjoy.



FoWE 'Fund the Learning Hub'

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/Fund-the-Learning-Hub-with-FoWE>

Further information from FoWE below.



Wood End School Parent Questionnaire 2022

Many thanks to those that filled in our parent survey. It was incredibly positive with over 94% of responses saying they either agree or strongly agree across most questions.

The exception was that only 85% of responses said that 'The school supports my child's wider personal development.' As ever, I am always looking at ways we can improve the school and have taken on board the comments that were written. Your constructive feedback is very welcome.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

www.nhs.uk

Link to advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Welcome back and First FoWE meeting of 2023!

On behalf of the whole FoWE committee a huge welcome back to everyone following the Christmas break!

We have lots of exciting plans underway for this year's events; as always we couldn't do it without our fantastic team of reps and volunteers so thank you for all the time and effort that goes into making these fundraisers a success and thank you to the whole school community in supporting them! As you know all the money raised from fundraisers this year goes towards the **Learning Hub Fund**. If you would like to **pledge a donation** and have an **engraved item on the copper tree** in the new learning hub

entrance, please follow the attached link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Fund-the-Learning-Hub-with-FoWE>.

Our **first FoWE meeting will be held at 7.45pm on Thursday 19th January** in the school staffroom; we have an action packed agenda, wine and lots to celebrate so please do come along to hear more about plans for this year - everyone is welcome! For a copy of the agenda and to register your attendance please send an email to fowe@woodend.herts.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary - Spring Term

19th January - FoWE Meeting

20th January - 'Break the Rules' Day

4th February - Quiz Night

Save the Date - Summer Term

Sunday 21st May - Fun Run

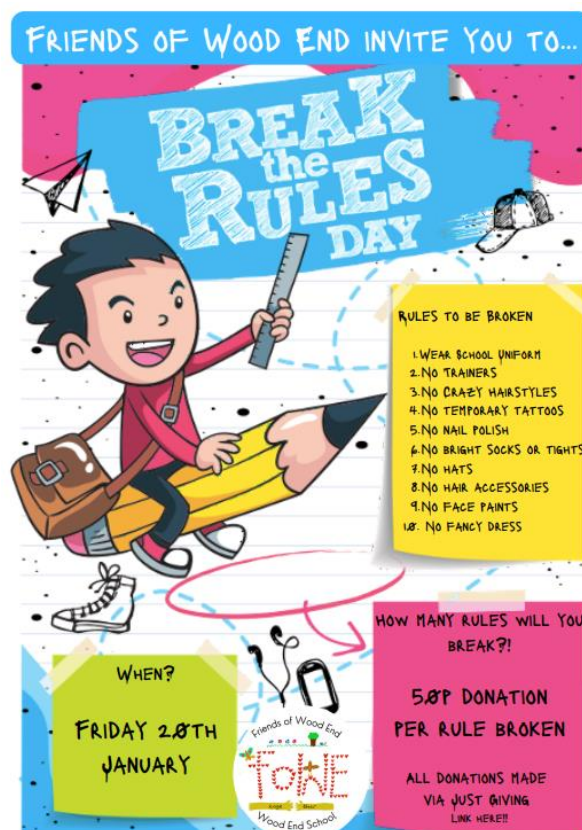
Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair

BrEaK tHe RuLeS

Following last years feedback, 'Break the rules' day returns on **Friday 20th January** for its 2nd year! Children are invited to Break as many of the listed (see poster attached) rules as possible; from crazy hair styles to wearing fancy dress! We are hoping to achieve 50p per rule broken and payment is being made through the following just giving link (closes 25th January!).

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/FOWE-Break-the-Rules-Day-2023>

We are looking forward to seeing all your colourful outfits on the day! Challenge - can you encourage your teachers to dress up too?!



Saturday 4th February – Quiz Night 2023

Rally the troops for 2023! Tickets are selling fast for the **Wood End Quiz evening on 4th Feb** with a broad variety of questions and several categories, there is something for everyone!

Create a group table name (max 8 people) and we will join your bookings together, or individual / smaller bookings are just as welcome, and we can help to connect you with others. to form the winning team! Be quick as bookings for tables will close on 30th January.

For further info and to purchase tickets please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/woodend/#.Y5HFFHbP02w>



Post Christmas clear out to support our clothes bank?

Thank you to everyone that has steadily been filling the clothes bank in the KS2 playground over the last few months, we know it has been a great point of discussion for the children in encouraging them to recycle items and preventing them from going to landfill. The clothes bank has already been emptied twice and a monetary donation made on our behalf to support the fantastic work they do at the **Rocking Horse charity** (www.rockinghorse.co.uk). Did you know as well as clothes and shoes, the charity will also accept bric-a-brac items as well as DVDs, books, CDs and handbags so if you have had a post Christmas clear out and have any good quality items listed above, please do pop them into the

clothes bank too - Thank You!



Your School Lottery - Win a Years subscription to Hello Fresh

Your School Lottery has partnered with Hello Fresh to offer a fantastic prize for one lucky family this half term... every ticket purchased between now and 25th February will be

included in the prize draw to Win a Years subscription to Hello Fresh! Be sure to purchase your tickets before February 25th via the following link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/wood-end-school>



FoWE (Friends of Wood End School)

Charity name: Wood End School Parent Teacher Association

Charity number: 1055324

Email us: fowe@woodend.herts.sch.uk

Find out more: <https://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/whats-on/about/news>



Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodEndPTA/>



Follow us on instagram: [@wood_end_school_pta](https://www.instagram.com/wood_end_school_pta)

Support Friends of Wood End each time you shop – sign up to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

QUIZ NIGHT!

Sat 4th Feb
7.30pm (bar opens 7pm)
Wood End School KS2 hall

Quiz & Godfrey's meal
Bar & pre-order drinks
£16 per ticket

Tickets now available!

Tables of 8 & individual bookings
Sign up at www.pta-events.co.uk/woodend

Raise **FREE** donations for us every time you shop online.

Over **4,000** shops and sites will donate!

Logos for various partner shops: ebay, Argos, Debenhams, Booking.com, JUST EAT, 150, Sainsbury's, GAP, ASOS, H&M, SCREWFIX, moonpig.

Thank
You

May we say a big thank you for all the kind gifts and best wishes given to the staff at Christmas. The office staff are currently working their way through the biscuits!

St Albans Music School | Hertfordshire Music Service

Does your child play the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Bassoon, Recorder, Euphonium, Cornet, Tenor Horn?

*Join us at St Albans Music School for a fun-filled day of music making on **07 February 2023!** Develop your musical skills, play together in an ensemble, build confidence, make new friends, find your musical voice, and generally have a great time! The day will culminate in a performance for parents at the school, helping us to develop our performing skills too.*

All primary aged wind players are welcome to attend this wonderful event.

*All abilities and skill levels welcomed from beginners upwards. The tickets will be **£24.54** per child.*


Please note, this event takes place during school time at St Albans Music School - please obtain permission from your child's head teacher to attend the day.

St Albans Music School is based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis so sign up quickly to avoid disappointment!

To join us, please visit <https://bit.ly/3ifs4BT>

If you have any queries, please email us on stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or visit <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school/>.



HARPENDEN CHORAL SOCIETY
Registered Charity
Number 275986

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023
HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH, HARPENDEN

HARPENDEN CHORAL SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO

COME & SING

BRAHMS SONG OF DESTINY
RUTTER THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU
MENDELSSOHN HEAR MY PRAYER

Conductor
Deborah
Miles-Johnson

Piano
Vivien Powles

Soprano
Leila Saleh

with highly acclaimed
singer and choral
director, Deborah
Miles-Johnson

- Registration from 1.30pm
- Workshop from 2.00pm to 6.00pm
- Non-members and members welcome
- Score and afternoon tea included in ticket price
- Free informal performance from 5.30pm to 6.00pm. All welcome

Tickets: Adults £17 in advance, £20 on the door.
Students (18 or over) £10 in advance, £12 on the door.
Available from tickets@harpendingchoralsociety.org
or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/harpendingchoralsociety

making music



Living with an Anxious Child

A workshop for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 who worry, and show signs or symptoms of anxiety.

We will cover :

- ⇒ **What anxiety looks and feels like**
- ⇒ **When anxiety becomes a problem**
- ⇒ **How to respond to an anxious child**

Monday the 27th of February 2023

9:30am-11.45

At Wood End School

Fully funded by Harpenden Plus Partnership

Call : 01582 623676

or email : dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Please be aware that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beeches, Kimpton, Lea, Marland, Redbourn Schools, Wood End, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, St Hildas, St Nicholas, Wood End, Katherine Warrington School

[Link to information re all our External Clubs on our website](#)

NETBALL CLUB

**WOOD END SCHOOL
Y5 FRIDAYS**

3.20PM-4.20PM

2 WEEKS
27TH JAN & 3RD FEB
FEE: £14

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING
[KAY@NEXTLEVELNETBALL.CO.UK](mailto:kay@nextlevelnetball.co.uk)

NETBALL CLUB

**WOOD END SCHOOL
Y3/Y4 TUESDAYS**

3.20PM-4.20PM

2 WEEKS
24TH & 31ST JAN
FEE: £14

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING
[KAY@NEXTLEVELNETBALL.CO.UK](mailto:kay@nextlevelnetball.co.uk)



((BOUNCE)) Harpenden - Here at Wood End School

((BOUNCE)) improves weight loss up to 3 times faster than floor-based exercise due to the addition of gravity and g-force, it builds core strength quickly, is a cellular workout and detoxifies the body efficiently thanks to the lymphatic system being pumped as we jump. There's oodles of scientific research on the health benefits of rebounding, but most impressively we're aiming to lose over 700 calories per session, and have fun of course... that's what trampolines were made for!

You can find classes in the infant school hall every:

Monday 7:30-8:30

Thursday 7:30-8:30

Booking links below

www.bookwhen.com/bounceharpnden

www.bookwhen.com/bounceharpndencentral



Our art project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's inventions has come to an end. We looked at his visionary drawings of machines and devices like the self-propelled cart, the air screw, first ever idea of a robot and scuba

diving gear.

Please find here the [Wood End Art Gallery](#) of the children's artworks.

The e-flyer for the next art project in January-February 2023 is available on the [school website](#).

www.myafterschoolartclub.com

Finishing Touch Sports

Thank you to you all, our active community, for making our inaugural term such a welcoming and fun active opportunity for all at Finishing Touch Sports Ltd. and Wood End Primary School! We have thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of your school sports community, offering **over 60 children** within the school the opportunity to stay active with Finishing Touch Sports Ltd. weekly!

Our **Active After School Clubs** for **Spring Term 2023** at **Wood End Primary School** are now **LIVE** for booking via our **secure online booking system** (link below):

<https://www.finishingtouchsports.com/booking-online>

Please note clubs resume in Spring 2 due to the increased risk of poor lighting/adverse weather during Spring 1.

Please also note on your school specific flyer, how to sign up should you be owed a session credit for a postponed session.

- Y3 Football (Mon)
- Y2 Football (Tue)
- Y1 Football (Wed)
- Y4 Football (Fri)

Clubs are capped at 16 chd. per session and sign up is on a first come, first serve basis.

Please read further terms & conditions via your school specific flyer.

Kew Dance – Places available – please see the school website for contact details