



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 13

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



Dear all, I am sure you will all agree that this half term has gone by in the blink of an eye! We have plenty to update you on, as well as a full agenda for the rest of this academic year, see below.

## Event Dates

Please see attached a list of Woolgrove events and activities further on, plus some local events happening for the remainder of the school year.



## Driving in/out of the premises



We have had a complaint from a local resident regarding lack of thought for other road users.

Please can I remind you that Woolgrove is situated in a residential area and as such, care and consideration should be taken when driving in the vicinity. This includes, but is not limited to; parking correctly and safely, manoeuvring with care, obeying to local speed restrictions (as well as the 5mph school limit) and being courteous and kind to others.

The entrance to our school also crossed over the local bridleway, known as the Greenway. This is a large route which is used by pedestrians and cyclists alike. When turning off of Prior Way into the school, please approach with care in order to allow the Greenway users to cross safely in this area.

## Amendment to 2025/2026 Term Dates

Please note that the Occasional Day in our Autumn Term next year has moved from Friday 5th December to Friday 28th November 2025. This is to ensure we are aligned with other schools in the area who coincide their inset day with Black Friday. Please see updated calendar attached.



## INCo

Welcome to Kate Chiddy who is our new Inclusion Coordinator (INCo). You will all get the opportunity to meet Kate when you next attend your child's EHCP annual review. If you need to contact Kate her email address is:

[inco@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:inco@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)

or you can call the school office. This term Kate is non-class based on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## EHCCO Update

Our Hertfordshire Local Authority EHCP Coordinator (EHHCO), Sami Willson, recently moved to another role within HCC. Brooke O'Donoghue has now taken on this role and she can be reached by email at:

[Brooke.ODonoghue@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Brooke.ODonoghue@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

if you have any queries related to your child's EHCP that is the Local Authority's responsibility. Please note that this is for Hertfordshire children only.

## Friends of Woolgrove Meeting



We are having a meeting of the FoW on Friday 6th June from 9.30 - 10.30 to make plans for the biggest fundraising event on the Woolgrove School calendar - the summer fair!! All are invited and welcome and we really do need your support to make this event a success. If you cannot attend in person but would like to join us on Teams then please let the office know and we will sort it. I look forward to seeing you there.



## 50/50 Club



A lucky Parent from Sphere Class has won the draw this month. There is still time to join the 50/50 club and you could win a cash prize to share with the school! Pay £3 for entry to every draw from now until the end of this academic year (£1 per month!). If your entry is picked at random, you win 50% of the prize pot with the other 50% supporting our school.

## Year 6 Activities

Our Year 6 pupils have been celebrating their last summer here at Woolgrove with a week of activities. We are so proud of how they all managed to take part and so much enjoyment was had by all. Please see our special pages below celebrating wonderful moments with wonderful children.



## School Meals

If your child is having school meals and is not part of the Universal or Free School Meals schemes, please



ensure you check your balance on Parentmail and ensure your account is in credit. School meals are charged at £3.50 per day. Letters will be going home to advise any outstanding debt. If not cleared, any outstanding accounts will be frozen and no further meals will be provided. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or are experiencing financial hardship.

## Teddy Bear's Picnic



The Friends have decided to postpone the Teddy Bear's Picnic until early in the Autumn Term. Look out

for the new date coming very soon – we look forward to seeing you and your Teddy friends then!

## Class Celebration Afternoons



Thank you to all that came along to our Class Celebrations. The children enjoyed sharing their work with you and it's

always lovely to see Parents and Carers face to face, particularly over a cuppa and a biscuit!



## SEND Music Festival



On Thursday we welcomed children from Southfields and The Valley to share in a joint SEND Music Concert!



Each school took a turn to perform for the rest of the children. It was lovely to welcome some familiar faces back as some of the children who used to attend Woolgrove returned with The Valley.



## Keeping safe during the holidays

Holidays can sometimes be a difficult time for families. Please see below for some useful contacts if you need support during the break.



**Children's services: 0300 123 4043**

**Police non-emergency: 101**

**Police emergency: 999**

Our phones are not manned, but school admin email is always monitored during the school holidays. If you require advice or support from us, please contact: [admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)

If you have a safeguarding query or concern, please contact: [dsl@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)

## Finally....

Please do check the diary dates for next half term. We have a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of this academic year, so it is important to keep up with the events calendar (below).

Have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Photo Day!**



Lisa Hall,  
Head Teacher

May	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
June	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day – <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Photos
<b>POSTPONED</b>	<b>FoW Teddy Bears' Picnic</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Willows Farm: Sphere, Cube, Cone, Pyramid, Hexagon, Star
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Electric Umbrella visit Woolgrove!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	FoW Fathers' Day Gift Shop
	Open Afternoon: 2.30 - 3.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Willows Farm: Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Purple, Gold
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening: 6-7pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Puberty Information Sessions: 9.30-11am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition Morning at The Valley
July	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Parents Transition Evening at the Valley: 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Transition Morning at The Valley
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: Pyramid, Hexagon, Star, Gold, Cone
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day: Green, Purple, Yellow, Cube, Sphere, Blue, Red
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hertfordshire Transition Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair 4-7pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Assembly: 1:15-2.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Term: 1.15pm Finish
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>



## 2024 - 2025 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>SUMMER</b>	Pupils start	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
	INSET	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	Term ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	INSET	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## 2025 - 2026 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>AUTUMN</b>	INSET	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	All Pupils start	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
	Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
	Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>SPRING</b>	Pupils start	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
	INSET DAY	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January
	Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Term ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>SUMMER</b>	INSET day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
	Pupils start	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
	Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
	Pupils back	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	INSET	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026

# Year 6

## Wymondley Woods



# Year 6 Activity Week



£6,000

Our Target

Soft Play Refurbishment

£10,000



Thank you!

Bag to School

Christmas Cards

MBDA Donation

Easter Egg Hunt

Mother's Day

Asda Cash Back

# Your Opportunity

Help for  
young disabled  
adults aged

18-24



## What can I apply for?

The grant programme aims to enhance the life of disabled, or seriously ill, young adults, aged 18 to 24 years old, who are living at home. Grant items include digital equipment, clubs and activities, driving ambitions, furniture and white goods.

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Find out more



**Family Fund**

Helping disabled children

[www.familyfund.org.uk/grants](http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants)

# Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025



## Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

**Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am**

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

## Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

**Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm**

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

## Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

**Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am - 11.30 am**

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

## Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

**Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

## Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

**Tuesday 24 June 9.30am - 11.30am**

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

## Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

**Monday 16 June 7.00pm - 9.00pm**

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



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The poster is designed to look like a piece of crumpled paper with a green and yellow color scheme. At the top, there's a banner with the text 'THE ARENA' and 'North Herts' Football Facility' alongside silhouettes of football players. The main title 'HTFC HALF-TERM CAMPS' is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, the dates 'TUES 27<sup>TH</sup> - THURS 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025' are also in green. A yellow bird icon is on either side of the text 'EARLY CANARY OFFER! BOOK BEFORE MIDNIGHT 4TH MAY & GET 5% OFF WITH CODE XZE119'. The time '9.30AM-3.30PM' and the cost '£25 PER DAY / £60 PER 3 DAY WEEK' are in green. Below that, '4-14 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS\*' is written in green. To the left, 'FOOTBALL FUN AT THE ARENA, BALDOCK' is written in green next to a soccer ball icon. To the right, there's a photo of children playing football with a green callout box saying 'HTFC PRIZES & CERTIFICATES'. Below that, 'MULTI-ACTIVITIES AT PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, PRESTON, HITCHIN' is written in green next to a basketball icon. At the bottom left, a photo of a group of children and adults is accompanied by a green callout box saying 'HTFC 1ST TEAM PLAYERS & COACHES!'. The bottom of the poster features contact information in yellow text on a green background.

**THE ARENA** North Herts' Football Facility

# HTFC HALF-TERM CAMPS

**TUES 27<sup>TH</sup> - THURS 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**EARLY CANARY OFFER! BOOK BEFORE MIDNIGHT 4TH MAY & GET 5% OFF WITH CODE XZE119**

**9.30AM-3.30PM**

**£25 PER DAY / £60 PER 3 DAY WEEK**

**4-14 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS\***

**HTFC PRIZES & CERTIFICATES**

**FOOTBALL FUN AT THE ARENA, BALDOCK**

**HITCHIN TOWN F.C.**

**MULTI-ACTIVITIES AT PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, PRESTON, HITCHIN**

**HTFC 1ST TEAM PLAYERS & COACHES!**

Hitchin Town Community FC, The Arena, Norton Rd, Baldock, SG7 5AU  
01462 720088 info@htcfc.co.uk  
BOOK ONLINE: [www.northhertsarena.co.uk](http://www.northhertsarena.co.uk)

# Can you help change the lives of bereaved families?



Stand-by-me provides life changing support for bereaved children and young people in North Herts & Stevenage.

Join Us on  
**7th June**  
**10-12 noon**  
to find out more



## Bereavement Support Volunteers Needed

Do you have a background in Education, Health or Social Care with strong interpersonal and listening skills?

We are looking for compassionate individuals to train as volunteers, supporting children, young people, and their parents or carers as they navigate grief and loss.

### As a volunteer, you will:

- Receive training and ongoing support
- Develop valuable skills
- Make a meaningful impact in your local community

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To book your place please email:  
[info@stand-by-me.org.uk](mailto:info@stand-by-me.org.uk)

[www.stand-by-me.org.uk](http://www.stand-by-me.org.uk)

Charity Number: 1161035



## CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY

A Free Range Experience



### Camping at Church Farm

At Church Farm Ardeley we have very large camping fields which offer a wonderful opportunity for larger groups of families to book school class camping trips as well as individual family stays.

Accommodation includes the hire of bell tents and cabins (with or without 'glamping' options), as well as multiple woods and fields to pitch your own tents. All large groups are allocated roped private areas so that they can all camp together.

We offer a variety of options to enhance your stay: camp fire packs, BBQ hire, straw bales, and delicious food that can be ordered in advance from our website or purchased from our on-site farm shop. There is also a pub and restaurant (The Jolly Waggoner) as well as our café for the all-important teas, coffees and bacon rolls.

Camping at the farm also includes free farm passes (usually £6.95pp per day) for the duration of your stay. Get to know the animals, explore our woodland play area, follow the farm trail, and find out about growing and horticulture in our polytunnels and kitchen garden. And there are plenty of beautiful family walks in the peaceful, rolling Hertfordshire countryside.

Additional bookable activities include Egg Collecting, Goat Walking, Fairy Trail, Animal Feeding and (from Feb-April) Lamb Bottle Feeding.



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[www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk](http://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk)

Letchworth  
Community  
Research  
Project

citizens  
advice

North  
Hertfordshire

## Join us for a Community Chat!

Do you live in the **Jackmans, Grange, Wilbury or Westbury** areas of Letchworth? If so, the Letchworth Community Research Project wants to hear from you!

We're inviting local residents to take part a friendly, informal chat about what it's like to live in your area.

We want to know:

- What do you **love** about where you **live**?
- What would you **change** if you could?
- What really **matters** to you day-to-day?

Whether you've lived here all your life or just moved in, whether you live alone or with family, whatever your age, background, gender, or circumstances — your voice matters!

As a '**Thank You**' for taking part we are able to offer participants either a pair of tickets for the **Broadway Cinema** or a family day ticket for the **Standalone Farm**.\*

**Curious to know more or ready to take part?** Contact Kate at [beedk@nhdcab.org.uk](mailto:beedk@nhdcab.org.uk) or call 07551 275413

\*tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis.



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## Weekly online Workshop and Support: Every Tuesday 10am-12pm during term time.



Each week there will be an hour long workshop on a specific topic that you can listen to and ask questions. Following this there will be an hour where we open to discussions/chats about **any topic or concern** and can offer help support and guidance.

Weekly topics are detailed on our programme.



Our podcasts series “Neurodiversity Chats” cover a wide range of topics, search “Neurodiversity Chats” on Spotify or Apple Podcasts or listen on our website:

<https://angelssupportgroup.org.uk/podcasts/>

Follow us on social media for updates:



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<b>Zoom every Tuesday</b> 10am-12noon	<b>Letchworth</b> 10am-12noon	<b>Stevenage</b> 10am-12noon	<b>Zoom Thursday eve</b> 7.30pm- 8.30pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> Emotionally Based School Absence	<b>Thu 5th June</b> Meet Up and Chat		
<b>10th June</b> Q&A with EP Sarah Lewis-Hayes		<b>Thu 12th June</b> Meet Up and Chat	
<b>17th June</b> Charley Crowe - Specialist Advisors Support Service - Transitions			<b>19th June</b> Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
<b>24th June</b> Tribunals	<b>Thu 26th June</b> Meet Up and Chat		
<b>1st July</b> Supporting your child's sensory needs		<b>3rd July</b> Meet Up and Chat	
<b>8th July</b> Nice2Meet Ya - Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria			<b>10th July</b> Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b> Surviving the summer holidays	<b>Thu 17th July</b> Meet Up and Chat		
<p align="center"><b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b></p> <p align="center">For support during this period please contact <b>The Neurodiversity Support Hub:</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Tel: 01727 833963</b></p> <p align="center">lines are open from 9am-1pm weekdays</p> <p align="center"><a href="http://www.add-vance.org/parents/neurodiversity-support-hub/">www.add-vance.org/parents/neurodiversity-support-hub/</a></p>			

SAUSAGE & GOBBLER PRODUCTIONS PRESENT...

# Todd in the hole Festival

TODDS GREEN, SG12JE, HERTFORDSHIRE

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

3 DAYS • 6 STAGES • 80+ ACTS

**FRIDAY** **MASSAOKE**

**SATURDAY** **DEFINITELY COULD BE OASIS**

**SUNDAY** **FURNACE AND THE FUNDAMENTALS**

RULE THE WORLD • TASHA LEAPER AS MADONNA  
 REM BY STIPE • SHAPE OF YOU - THE MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN  
 KINGS OF LYON • WRONG JOVI • BLURD  
 RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS EXPERIENCE • ABBA LUSH • THE UK STROKES  
 THE POLICE ACADEMY • JUST LUTHER BY HARRY CAMBRIDGE  
 PIANO FACTOR • DIRTY HALF HUNDRED • THE NASHVILLE NIGHTS • EMERGENCY BREAK BAND  
 SCALLYWAGS • EGG & BACON BAND • ALLERGY • MR RAINMAKER  
 KIT BOTTOMLEY • MAX RYAN • COMMUNITY CHOIRS • ZEROES • SNUBCAT

**AFTERPARTIES IN THE WOODS**

**FRIDAY** **ALEX P** • **SATURDAY** **CLUB DE FROMAGE**

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 DANCE DEN IN THE WOODS • KIDS ARENA HOSTED BY AIDAN O'NEILL  
 VINTAGE FUNFAIR • CABARET • VIP AREA

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