

Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 11 April 2025



Dear all, I hope you're all ready and excited for the Easter break! We have had a wonderful term with the children and plenty to share with you below in this bumper edition!

End of Term

Friday 4th April is the end of the Spring Term. Please remember that the school closes at **1.15pm** on that day. Children return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Event Dates

Please see attached a list of Woolgrove events and activities further on, plus some local events happening over the holidays.



Mini Police



You will have read in a previous newsletter about Pyramid and

Hexagon taking part in the Mini Police initiative. As you can see, the children had a wonderful time as part of the community day.



Sound Sensations

The children in our instrumental groups have been chosen to take part in a Pilot Music Project called Sound Sensations. We have been working on creating musical ideas inspired by a piece of music called Rainbow Rag.

Hertfordshire Gala - Royal Albert Hall

A group of children have been hard at work this term rehearsing in preparation for the Hertfordshire Gala in March. On Sunday 23rd March, they performed on stage as part of a massed choir at the Royal Albert Hall in London. It was a tremendous performance and a wonderful experience for both the children and their families attending this iconic venue. I was very proud of the children and a big thank you to the staff who supported on the day.



Comic Relief



Thank you for all the generous donations to Comic Relief, we raised a total of £130 for the charity while having some fun!

Arts Fortnight

This year's theme was "Live, Laugh, Learn" – our school motto. The art work created over the past few weeks was on display in our temporary art gallery. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's work and were impressed with the creativity of both our pupils and staff.

What Makes Us Happy?

Woolgrove School – Pupils, Staff and Governors 2025

Mixed materials on paper plates

Made with love, care and attention for all to enjoy! Y2025.03.25.0628

Woolgrove call this artwork "What Makes Us Happy". Working with the school motto "Live, Laugh. Learn" all were given a quarter of a paper plate to express themselves in their own way. The plates are then combined to create this collage of happiness perfectly reflecting the individuality of each and every member of our Woolgrove community.



Pyramid Class



Pyramid class have been learning about EID and Easter this week and made cards to celebrate both.

FoW Easter Egg Hunt



World Book Day – 8th March



A great day was had by all on World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children and staff dressed up. We also had a selection of outfits available thanks to the Friends of Woolgrove. We hope you have all enjoyed the book we sent home which were also funded by the FoW.

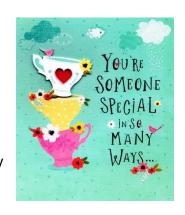
Bag to School



It is time again for our Bag2School collection on Friday 25th April. All funds raised go to the Friends of Woolgrove target. If you are having a clear out, please bag up all of your clothes and donate to the school. We will be accepting donations from next week onwards.

FoW Mother's Day Gift Shop – 28th March

Thank you to the Friends of Woolgrove team for running the Mother's Day gift shop raising over £350. The children enjoyed making their special selections for the lovely ladies in their lives, whoever they may be!



Parent/Carer Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who responded to our recent survey. The results have been shared with our staff and Governors and we are pleased to share them with you further on in the letter. We have an open-door policy here at Woolgrove and are always keen to hear from our Parents. Please do let us know if you wish to share any thoughts on



how we can improve or do things differently.

Toilet Training

We have had a few issues with blocked toilets due to various items being put in them, therefore we have been working with the children about using the toilets appropriately. We have created visuals for the children which are attached for you to use, should you have similar issues at home.



There is also a programme Fatberg, **London Sewers, England** - Go Jetters Season 3 -**Go Jetters** which can be found on you tube here. This explains how sewers can become blocked when items are flushed that shouldn't be.

Goodbye

Laura Claxton, our INCo, will be leaving Woolgrove at Easter to take on a new position. We wish Laura well for the future.



GOODBYE

Welcome back!

I am pleased to announce that Kate Chiddy will be joining the Senior Leadership Team and taking on the role of Inclusion Coordinator from the summer term. Kate worked at Woolgrove last year as maternity cover and we are delighted to welcome her back.

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

If you have a safeguarding query or concern, please contact: dsl@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk

Contact Details

Please be reminded that we must have your most up to date contact details on our system at all times. If there are any changes to your







address, phone numbers or circumstances please inform the office as soon as possible.

If you are considering moving out of Hertfordshire, even if it's just across the border or into another part of Herts, please call the office who will put you through to me to discuss the implications of moving re: school placements.

The 50/50 Club



A lucky Parent from Cube 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 £5 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.



I wish you all a happy and restful break over the Easter holidays.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 22nd April** for the Summer Term, where we have plenty in store for the remainder of this school year.

Have fun!



Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher

"The recent survey of parents was reviewed by the Personnel Committee at its last meeting. On behalf of the Governing Board, we would like to thank you for your participation and feedback. We believe you will find the results very positive and illuminating."





SPRING	INSET day	Monday 6 th January 2025
	Pupils start	Tuesday 7 th January
	Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
	Term ends	Friday 4 th April
SUMMER	Pupils start	Tuesday 22 nd April
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
	Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
	INSET	Monday 2 nd June 2025
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 rd June
	Term ends	Tuesday 22 nd July
	INSET	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

2025 - 2026 TERM and INSET



AUTUMN	INSET	Wednesday 3rd September			
AOTOWN	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 4 th September			
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 5 th September			
	All Pupils start	Monday 8th September			
	Half Term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025			
	INSET day	Monday 3 rd November			
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 28 th November			
	Term ends	Friday 19th December			
SPRING	INSET day	Monday 5th January 2026			
31 111140	Pupils start	Tuesday 6 th January			
	Half Term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026			
	Term ends	Friday 27 th March			
SUMMER	INSET day	Monday 13th April			
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	Half Term	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026			
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 rd June			
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 nd July			
	INSET	Thursday 23 rd July 2026			

Event Dates Summer Term 2025

April				
Friday 4 th	End of Term 1.15pm			
Saturday 26 th April	FoW Easter Egg Hunt			
June				
Saturday 7 th	FoW Teddy Bears' Picnic (weather permitting)			
Friday 12th	FoW Fathers' Day Gift Shop			
Friday 13 th	Open Afternoon for current and new families (2.30pm – 3.30pm)			
Thursday 19 th	Open Evening for current and new families (6.30pm – 7.30pm)			
July				
Friday 11 th	Summer Fair (4pm – 7pm)			

EASTER

TUE 8 APRIL: EASTER EGG HUNT, COOKING & CRAFTS

AT COMMUNITY & LEARNING GARDEN

(AGES 4+) - £6

TIME: 10.00-11.00AM & 11.30-12:30PM

THU 10 APRIL: GO WILD FOREST SESSION AT

HUDNELL PARK (AGES 10-14) - £10

TIME: 13:00-15.00PM

FRI 10 APRIL: TRAMPOLINING AT GOSLING

(AGES 5+) - £6

TIME: 18:30-19:30PM

MON 14 APRIL: PONY DAY AT DANECROFT STABLES

(AGES 6-11) - £25

TIME:10:00-12:00PM & 13:00-15:00PM

TUE 8 & 15 APRIL: DONUTS AT GOSLING

[AGES 8+ OR 6 IF ACCOMPANIED ON SLOPES] - £6

TIME: 14:00-15:00PM

RED 16 APRIL: NINJA WARRIOR WATFORD

[AGES 8+] - £13.50 TIME: 19:00-20:00

THU 17 APRIL: INFLATABLE ZONE AT HATFIELD

LEISURE CENTRE (AGES 8+) - £8.95

TIME:17:00-18:00PM

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BOOKINGS:

potentialkids.org/events

Further event details can be found on our website





Promoting social inclusion, new friendships, physical activity, life skills, learning and social skills



EMBRACING NEURODIVERSITY

Autism-ADHD-Dyslexia-Dyspraxia-Tourettes
www.potentialkids.org.uk







Press Release For immediate release

Autism Friendly Early Opening at Knebworth Gardens & Park this Easter

Knebworth House is delighted to announce the return of its autism friendly early opening on Tuesday 8th April, during the Easter holidays. The Gardens, Park, Adventure Playground and Dinosaur Trail will open early at 8:30am for families with children and adults on the autistic spectrum, with learning disabilities or sensory and communication disorders with the aim to give families the chance to enjoy the facilities in a quieter, more peaceful environment.

This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the 28-acres of tranquil Formal Gardens, spacious Deer Park, Dinosaur Trail with 72 life-sized prehistoric creatures, Gift Shop, relaxing Garden Terrace Tea Room and the Adventure Playground which was designed with a strong consideration of inclusion for all, such as a roundabout with its own wheelchair station, a nest swing and sensory equipment, without the loud and busy crowds.

To attend, simply purchase a Gardens & Park admission ticket for Tuesday 8th April either online at a discounted rate of £14 or full price £15.50 on arrival. Our standard carers admission policy applies, please visit our Accessibility webpage for more details. Please note, from 10:30am the Park, Gardens & Playground will be open as usual to the public, but you are welcome to stay until close at 5:00 pm.

Managing Director, Martha Lytton Cobbold, commented:

"We are pleased to offer our autism friendly early opening again this year and hope that families can enjoy Knebworth Gardens & Park and all it has to offer in a calm and relaxed atmosphere during the busy Easter holidays."

For more information or to purchase tickets visit: https://knebworthhouse.com/Event/autism-friendly-early-opening/



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COACHING CLINICS with Hitchin Town FC



Junior Ability Counts: Mondays, 5-6pm Boys & girls 7-16 years with a physical or learning difficulty but able to walk

Primary & Enhanced Clinics: Wednesdays, 5.30-6.30pm. Boys & girls 5-12 years old, all abilities welcome





Safe Hands Goalkeeping Courses: Wednesdays, 5.30-6.30pm. Boys & girls, all ages and abilities.

Courses are term-time. Visit www.northhertsarena.co.uk for more info, dates & online booking, plus details of Holiday Courses!



APRIL 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS BOOKINGS potentialkids.org.uk/events

Date		Sessions 🔀	Time
3rd	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
4th	fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
8th	Tue	Easter Egg Hunt and cooking and crafts 4 + yrs	10.00-11.00
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8th	Tue	Donuts at Gosling Snow Centre 6 + yrs	14.00-15.00
10th	Thu	Go Wild in the Forest at Hudnell Park 10-14 yrs	12.45-15.00
10th	Thu	Trampolining 5 + yrs	18.30-19.30
14th	Мо	Pony Day 6-11 yrs	10.00-12.00
14th	Мо	Pony Day 6-11 yrs	13.00-15.00
15th	Tue	Donuts at Gosling Snow Centre 6 + yrs	14.00-15.00
16th	We	Ninja Warrior Watford Exclusive session	19.00-20.00
17th	Thu	Inflatables at Hatfield Leisure Centre	17.00-18.00
24th	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
24th	Thu	Trampolining 5 + yrs	17.20-18.30
25th	Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.00
25th	Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
25th	Fri	Skateboarding 10 + yrs	17.30-18.30
25th	Fri	Youth Group 16 + yrs	18.30-20.30
26th	Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00

For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org







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PK Hub & Garden



Therapeutic Gardening 1:1 & Group Sessions. Volunteers Needed





Danecroft Stables



Pony Days







Sports & Social Activities Tutoring Mentoring Therapies 1:1 & Group Work Alternative **Provision Provider** EOTAS

Communication, Learning & Social Support for All















ALL DISABILITIES
WELCOME

AGES 8-16

FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET SESSIONS

GET ACTIVE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

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EVERY SUNDAY 910am-11am

STARTING 8th JUNE 2025

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Remember to stay safe while you walk! Carefully check roads before you cross them and don't get too close to the edge of water.











courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on week commencing 28th April 2025

Wednesday Thursday Mondau Tuesday HATFIELD BOREHAMWOOD HEMEL HEMPSTEAD STEVENAGE Aberford Park Hobletts Manor Junior School Oval Community Centre Birchwood Avenue Community Centre, WD6 1PN HP2 5JS SG1 5RD Primary School, AL10 0PS 4:30 - 6:30pm 5:30 - 7:30pm 5:30 - 7:30pm 5:00 - 7:00pm CHESHUNT WATFORD ** NO SESSION ** ** NO SESSION ** Andrews Lane Leavesden Green Primary School, EN7 6LB Community Hub, WD25 0BW 5:00 - 7:00pm 5:30 - 7:30pm











YOU CHOOSE - Drop-in at any time, pop along to hear the speakers, chat with local support services, stay for all or part of the day

INFORMATION **EVENT**

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Join us to find out information from local providers to help support children with SEND and/or who are struggling with their emotional and mental health. .

> Speakers from 10am to 2:15pm Topics include

Social Media and Sleep

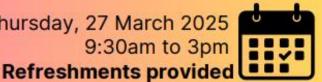
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How to get support Autism & ADHD EBSA - Emotionally Based School Avoidance Undiagnosed Mental Health - signposting and tool for all ages

PROFESSIONALS WELCOME TO ATTEND

The Icknield Centre, Letchworth

Thursday, 27 March 2025 9:30am to 3pm



nhdspl.org.uk Book your place via the website

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