



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 7

20th December 2024



Festive greetings to you all, I hope you are all looking forward to a well deserved break with family and friends. We have had a jam packed few weeks since I last wrote, I am pleased to share with you some of the fun we have had this term.

## Inset Day

The last day of this term is today **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** finishing at **1.15pm.**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is an Inset Day and School will be closed for the children. We look forward to seeing the children again on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** for the Spring Term.



## Christmas Bazaar!

Thank you for coming along and parting with your pennies! All the classes combined raised a massive £900 which will go towards classroom resources or a trip for each class.



## The 50/50 Club



A lucky Parent from Green 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 £8 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.

## FoW Christmas Shop



Thanks to the FoW Team for their superb efforts in organising and running the Christmas Shop – the children enjoyed selecting their gifts, we hope you can enjoy opening them on Christmas Day. The Friends are always looking for help for these type of events – please do let us know if you could offer some support in the future, you will be very welcome!

## Christmas Hampers

The Friends of Woolgrove are pleased to announce £725 was received in raffle ticket money. The hampers are on their special delivery to the lucky winners. Thank you for your generosity.



## Nativity!



EYFS have dazzled us this week with their terrific nativity performances this week. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed putting on the show. Thank you for your generous donations from all our performance this term.



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## Father Christmas Visits Woolgrove!

Woolgrove was a hive of excitement on Tuesday as Father Christmas made his way around the classrooms on his special delivery! The children were thrilled to see him and were very gentle and well behaved. Well done all!



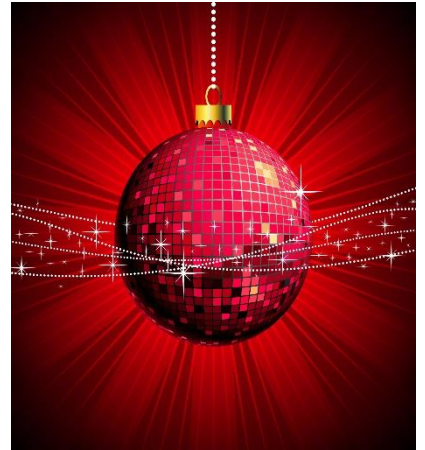
## Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch!

We were treated to a wonderful Christmas Lunch by our fabulous catering team on Wednesday. Many of the children wore their Christmas jumpers to get into the festive spirit!



## School Disco!

As always, we have ended this term with a mini disco from Mr P in the school hall. We've burned off all that excess energy, followed by a chill out song at the end!



## Hertfordshire Heroes Competition!

Hertfordshire Heroes extended a heartfelt thank you to all the children who participated in the Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art Competition this year, as well as to the parents, carers and teachers who supported their efforts. Although we did not have a winner this year, the creativity and hard work that each child put into their artwork were truly commendable.



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## Music Performances

On Sunday 8th December a group of children sang at the School's Christmas Celebration service at St Paul's in Letchworth. Last Thursday our two singing groups came together to perform some of the songs that they have been learning. This term some of the children from Cone, Cube, Hexagon and Pyramid have been having tenor horn sessions with John from Herts Music Service. On Tuesday it was their final session and they invited their classmates to an informal concert to share what they had been learning. Well done to everyone who has performed this term.



## Woolgrove Courses

We still have spaces on our upcoming training courses which are free to Woolgrove Parents/Carers.

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- *Sign Along 6 Week Course:*  
*From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 4 – 5.30pm*
  - *Sign Along 6 Week Course:*  
*From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1 – 2.30pm*
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Please contact the office to book or for further information.

## 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)

## Thank you

May I take this opportunity to thank all staff, pupils, Parents and Carers for all their hard work and engagement this term.

On behalf of myself and all the staff here at Woolgrove, we are so grateful for the lovely gifts and cards you have sent in. This is not expected and we are truly touched by your kindness.



I sincerely wish you a happy and restful break and very much look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year to see what 2025 brings.

Lisa Hall,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Hall'.

Head Teacher





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Friday 20 December	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw
	End of Term: 1:15pm
Monday 6 January	Inset Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 7 January	Back to School

	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)</b>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
	<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>INSET day</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
	<b>Pupils start</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
	<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>Pupils start</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
	<b>INSET</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
	<b>Pupils back</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	<b>Term ends</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	<b>INSET</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025



# Light Fest

## Online Music Festival

23rd December, 9:30am - 7:30pm

**Sensory, musical sessions ALL DAY designed to be accessible for Learning Disabled children and adults with complex support needs.**

Rise with the sunlight, take a trip on the Polar Express, or join the Orchestra of Starlight - there is something for everyone. Use our interactive map to dip in and out of the sessions that excite you the most.

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/LightFest>



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SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE

## SPRING TERM 2025 FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Monday 6th January	18:30-20:30	ADHD in Girls and Women
Tuesday 7th January	18:30-20:00	Access Arrangements
Wednesday 8th January	10:00-12:00	No Two Brains Are The Same: What is Neurodiversity?
Thursday 9th January	10:00-12:00	Navigating the SEND World
Friday 10th January	10:00-12:00	Understanding Behaviour as Communication
Monday 13th January	18:30-20:30	Navigating the SEND World Post 16
Tuesday 14th January	18:30-20:00	Understanding and Supporting Executive Functioning
Wednesday 15th January	10:00-11:30	Understanding Dyslexia
Thursday 16th January	10:00-11:30	Understanding and Supporting Emotional Regulation
Friday 17th January	10:00-12:00	Anxiety and SEND
Monday 20th January	10:00-12:00	Therapeutic Thinking for Parent Carers
Monday 20th January	19:00-21:00	Sensory Signs, Signals and Solutions
Wednesday 22nd January	10:00-12:00	EHCP: New Applications
Friday 24th January	10:00-11:00	Understanding Autism
Tuesday 28th January	10:00-12:00	Sleep Workshop
Wednesday 29th January	10:00-11:30	Autistic Girls
Friday 31st January	10:00-12:00	PDA, ODD and ADHD
Tuesday 4th February	10:00-11:30	EHCP: Annual Reviews
Wednesday 5th February	10:00-11:30	Planning For Your Child's Future
Monday 10th February	10:00-11:00	Understanding ADHD
Tuesday 11th February	10:00-12:00	Puberty and SEND
Tuesday 11th February	18:30-20:00	Understanding Tics and Tourette's
Friday 14th February	10:00-12:00	Understanding Dual Diagnosis: Autism and ADHD
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Monday 24th February	10:00-12:00	ADHD in Girls and Women
Monday 24th February	18:30-19:30	Understanding Autism
Wednesday 26th February	10:00-12:00	No Two Brains Are The Same: What is Neurodiversity?
Thursday 27th February	18:30-20:30	Puberty and SEND
Monday 3rd March	18:30-19:30	Understanding ADHD
Wednesday 5th March	10:00-12:00	Navigating the SEND World Post 16
Thursday 6th March	18:30-20:00	Autistic Girls
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Tuesday 18th March	10:00-12:00	Anxiety and SEND
Friday 21st March	10:00-11:30	Understanding Tics and Tourette's
Monday 24th March	19:00-21:00	Sleep Workshop
Tuesday 25th March	10:00-11:30	Understanding and Supporting Executive Functioning
Thursday 27th March	19:00-21:00	EHCP: Submission to Finalisation
Friday 28th March	10:00-12:00	Understanding Dual Diagnosis: Autism and ADHD



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