



Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 9



14th February 2025



The few weeks since I last wrote have simply flown and here we find ourselves at half term already! Please note, that **school will be closed next week**, further information on all term dates can be found below.

Recycling

At School Council last year, the children elected to have bins placed around the school to sort waste to encourage recycling.



Did you know? Batteries contain a range of metals that can be hazardous to the environment if not disposed of correctly, polluting the environment and causing fires.

During their recent supermarket visit, Hexagon Class took the opportunity to do some battery recycling and save the planet on behalf of the school!

Parent Governors



We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two new Parent Governors. Amy Furman and Nigel Venneear will be joining our governing body and we look forward to welcoming them to their first meeting in the spring.

After School Club

Our after school club children have been enjoying a wealth of activities in recent weeks, including Chinese New Year!



We have a space available should you wish your child to join. After school club takes place on Thursdays 3.00pm-4.15pm. Please ask the office for further information.

Event Dates

Please see attached a list of events and activities.



Mini Police



Pyramid and Hexagon have been taking part in the Mini Police initiative, learning about the role of the Police Service. Today, they were treated to Multiple Police Units and even a Riot Van as part of our Mini Police Community Day. All the children at Woolgrove were very excited, so please don't be alarmed if they tell you all about the high level of Police presence. This was a planned event enjoyed by all!

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

Ofsted Consultation

Ofsted has opened a consultation on changes to its inspection model. You can have your say on the proposals, with the consultation closing on **Monday 28 April**.

[Improving the way Ofsted Inspects - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/improving-the-way-ofsted-inspects)

Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)

The FoW Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place last Friday. Please find attached the latest newsletter from the Friends. If you wish to find out more please contact the Office Team or the Friends directly.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the Friends for their continued hard work, support and fundraising over the past year. As a school, we rely on the help of our Friends to raise essential additional funding and together, we have achieved wonderful things. Thank you.



Parents' Coffee Morning

We are holding a Coffee Morning with Angels Support Group, on Friday 28th February at 09:30 - 11:00 am, Angels is an experience-led charity, they provide individualised, professional expertise and advice, and will share information about their service on the day.



Please come along; it will be a most enjoyable morning; refreshments will also be available. If you could notify us if you are able to attend either via email or home school book this would be most helpful.

Cultural Diversity Week



We had a wonderful week celebrating Cultural Diversity!



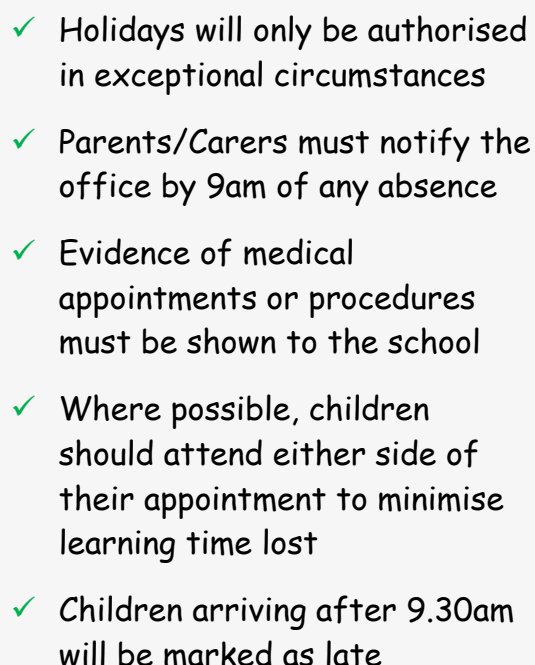
Among many activities held within the classes, everyone got to have a go at African Drumming.

This was hugely popular with all the children and a very noisy happy time was had by all.



Attendance Policy Amendments

Our updated attendance policy has been sent out via Parentmail and aims promote good attendance and punctuality. It is based on the most recent Department for Education attendance regulations which we must adhere to. The policy places a greater emphasis on the importance of regular attendance, key points to note are as follows:

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- ✓ Holidays will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances
 - ✓ Parents/Carers must notify the office by 9am of any absence
 - ✓ Evidence of medical appointments or procedures must be shown to the school
 - ✓ Where possible, children should attend either side of their appointment to minimise learning time lost
 - ✓ Children arriving after 9.30am will be marked as late

Child and Young People's Survey

HCC are keen to hear from Hertfordshire children, young people and families and would appreciate your views. You can complete the survey at



[Child & Young People Survey](#)

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day, Woolgrove was proud to be an official supporter and are listed on the UK Safer Internet website. Keeping safe online in Woolgrove looks very different depending on which class or pathway you are in, however as a school we have one consistent message that is shared with all children.

"Always tell an adult - if something makes you happy, if something makes you feel funny in your tummy, scared or excited, always tell an adult."



Throughout the school children have been looking at and talking about potential different dangers online and how to react as well as celebrating all the incredible resources we can access. The children have created a range of resources ranging from; fantastic artwork, lists of favourite software and game to PowerPoint presentations talking about potential dangers and how to safely react.

If you need any help or advice on managing devices and internet access at home, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us and we will support the best we can.



Please find attached lots of information from different organisations which you may find helpful. I wish you all a happy and restful half term, we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 24th February.

Lisa Hall, Head Teacher

Event Dates Spring Summer 2025

February	
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half Term: SCHOOL CLOSED
March	
Friday 7 th	World Book Day (Dress up as a book character)
Monday 10 th	Arts Fortnight (Until 21 st March)
Tuesday 11 th	Parent / Carer Consultation Evenings (4pm – 7pm)
Wednesday 12 th	
Friday 21 st	Comic Relief (Non-Uniform)
Tuesday 25 th	Arts Day / Exhibition – time tbc
Friday 28 th	FoW Mothers' Day Gift Shop
April	
Friday 4 th	End of Term 1.15pm
Saturday 26 th April	FoW Easter Egg Hunt 10am - 12pm
June	
Friday 7 th	FoW Teddy Bears' Picnic 12pm – 2pm
Friday 13 th	FoW Fathers' Day Gift Shop
July	
Friday 11 th	Summer Fair 4pm – 7pm

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

Dates

AUTUMN	INSET	Wednesday 3 rd September
	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 4 th September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 5 th September
	All Pupils start	Monday 8 th September
	Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
	INSET day	Monday 3 rd November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 28 th November
	Term ends	Friday 19 th December
SPRING	INSET day	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Pupils start	Tuesday 6 th January
	Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026
	Term ends	Friday 27 th March
SUMMER	INSET day	Monday 13 th April
	Pupils start	Tuesday 14 th April
	Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 rd June
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 nd July
	INSET	Thursday 23 rd July 2026

SESSIONS -Monthly/Fortnightly TBC
SATURDAY - 4PM - 5PM
Pendleton Sports Centre, 3G pitch
Stotfold Road, SG15 6XS

STOTFOLD JUNIOR FC

FA Charter Standard Community Club



NEW Pan-Disability Football

ARE YOU AGED 5-16 WITH A PHYSICAL, LEARNING OR
SENSORY DISABILITY

FUN AND INCLUSIVE
SESSIONS LED BY QUALIFIED COACHES



TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT;
PAUL DUGGAN - EMAIL- Paulstotfoldjuniors@gmail.com

COMMUNITY RESEARCHER

Are you from the **Grange, Jackmans, Wilbury** or **Westbury** area of Letchworth? Are you passionate about shining a light on the lives of the people within your **community**? If so, this might be a great **opportunity** for you!

Interested in the role? Scan the **QR code** to find out more!



FOR MORE INFO ON
THIS VOLUNTEER ROLE



Contact Kate from **Citizens Advice** on-



07789 316230



beedk@nhdcab.org.uk

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HALF-TERM Activities



POTENTIALKIDS.ORG.UK/EVENTS

Saturday



BASKETBALL

15TH @
4PM - 5PM

BIRCHWOOD
LEISURE

Tuesday



**COOKING AND
SEED PLANTING**

18TH @
10:30 - 12:30



POTENTIAL KIDS
GARDEN

Tuesday

ROLLER SKATING

18TH @
6PM - 7:30PM



CAMPUS WEST

Thursday

NINJA

20TH @
7PM - 8PM



NINJA WARRIOR
WATFORD

Friday

**YOUTH GROUP
GAMES AND
CRAFTS**

21ST @
6PM - 7:30PM



POTENTIAL KIDS
HUB

Saturday

FAMILY FOOTBALL

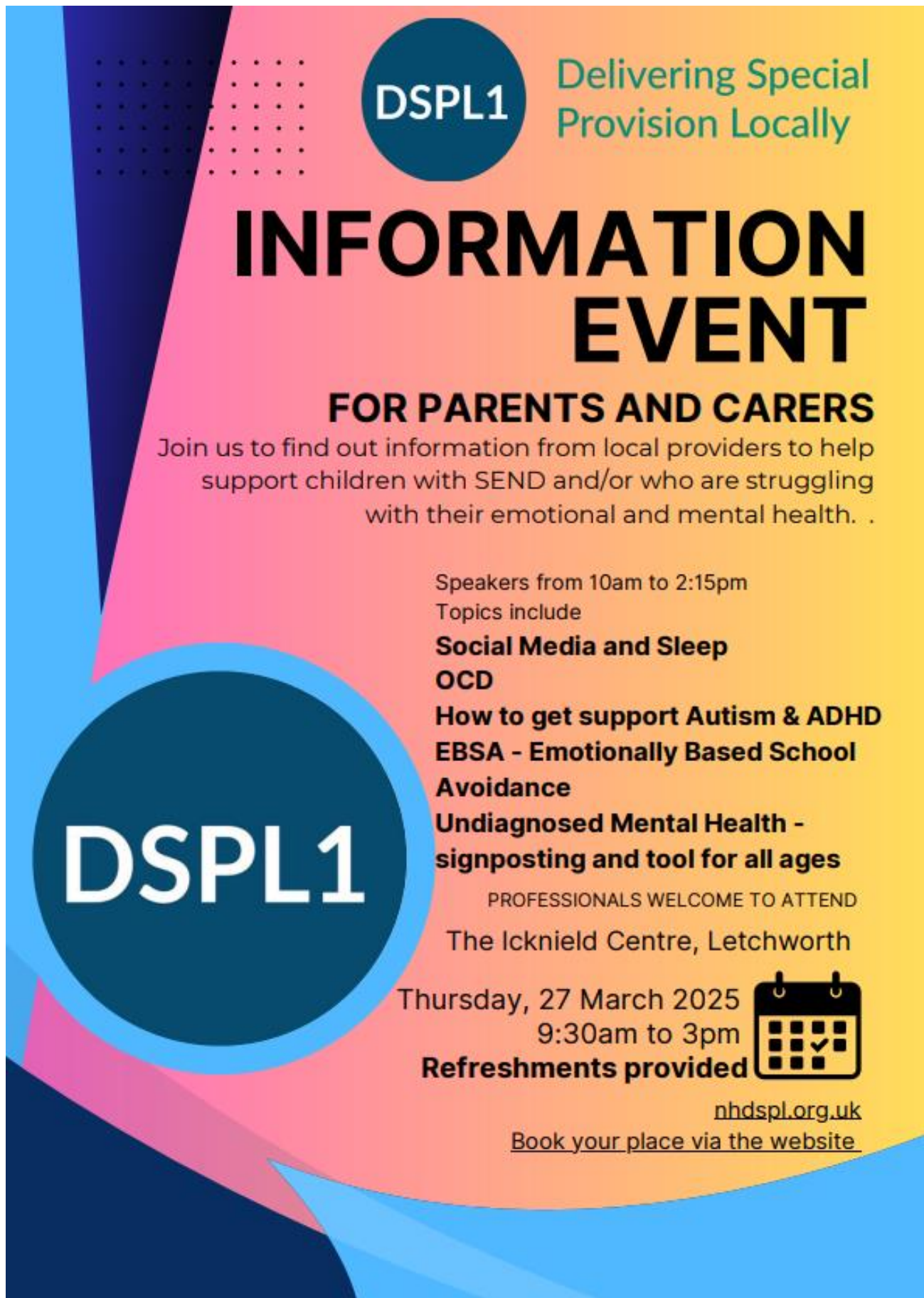
22ND @
4PM - 5PM



BIRCHWOOD
LEISURE

the galleria



The poster features a vibrant background with abstract shapes in shades of blue, pink, and yellow. At the top left, there is a grid of small dots. A large dark blue circle on the left contains the text 'DSPL1' in white. Another smaller dark blue circle at the top center also contains 'DSPL1'. The text 'Delivering Special Provision Locally' is written in green to the right of the top circle. The main title 'INFORMATION EVENT' is in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, 'FOR PARENTS AND CARERS' is also in bold black capital letters. A paragraph of text invites parents and carers to join the event. A list of topics and speakers is provided, including 'Social Media and Sleep', 'OCD', 'How to get support Autism & ADHD', 'EBSA - Emotionally Based School Avoidance', and 'Undiagnosed Mental Health - signposting and tool for all ages'. It states that professionals are welcome to attend. The location is 'The Icknield Centre, Letchworth'. The date and time are 'Thursday, 27 March 2025' from '9:30am to 3pm'. It mentions 'Refreshments provided' next to a calendar icon. The website 'nhdspl.org.uk' is listed for booking, with a note to 'Book your place via the website'.