



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 14

19<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Dear all, a quick update from me on all things Woolgrove. Please see below for some important information.

## Heat Wave



A yellow heat health alert is in effect:

**12pm 19/6/25 – 9am on 23/06/2025**

Please ensure you send your children in with the appropriate clothing, sun hats and sunscreen and do everything you can to remain cool during this heat wave. Guidance can be found [here](#). We will be taking all necessary precautions in school to ensure the children are cool and shaded where possible.

## 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.

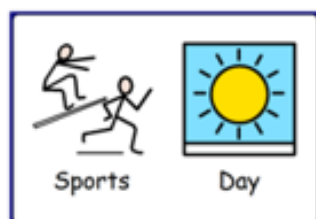


## Term Dates

You will have received a list of term dates for Academic Year 2025/2026 in the bookbags last week. There has been a minor change, so please do double check these dates against your calendar. On page 5 below for reference.

## Sports Day

Please see the sports day timetable on Page 4. You are welcome to come along to support and cheer on your child.



## Pastoral Support Worker

As you know, our Pastoral Support Worker, Hannah Wright will be moving on to a new school at the end of this term. I am delighted to announce that Liz Clark, currently in Blue Class, will take over the role from September. Liz has a wealth of experience and knows all of our Woolgrove children so is well placed to support. Congratulations to Liz on her new role.

## Willows Farm



A wonderful time was had by all at our school trip to Willows Farm. The children were



impeccably behaved, I was happy to be a part of it and am very proud of all of them.

## Electric Umbrella



Electric Umbrella entertained us all last week with a wonderful morning of singing and joining in. A particular

favourite was the "Nice Song!", everyone joined in and had lots of fun.





## 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.



## FoW Fathers' Day Gift Shop

Thanks to Friends of Woolgrove, the children have enjoyed their shopping spree in the Shop, raising an amazing £261! We hope all the Dads, Carers and special people enjoyed their hand selected gifts.



## Summer Fair

Please see attached poster for our next big fundraiser - this year's Summer Fair! This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – 5-7pm. I hope to see you all there! Our fundraising thermometer can be found on Page 7.

## Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please visit the [Teach In Herts.](https://www.teachinherths.co.uk)



## DSPL 1



Please click [here](https://www.dspl1.co.uk) for the latest news from DSPL1. Including transition, encouraging independence, tips/tools for eating difficulties and behaviour as communication.

## Year 6 Leavers Assembly

As we draw closer to the end of term, it will soon be time to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to celebrate your child's time at Woolgrove by joining us at their leavers' assembly on the **Thursday 17th of July at 1.15pm**. You are welcome to take your child home with you afterwards at 2.30pm, please ensure you let the school office know and inform your transport provider. Don't forget your tissues!



## Free School Meals



All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) receive a free school meal funded by the Government – this is called Universal Free School Meals. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 may be eligible for free school meals, depending on family circumstances. Please see link [here](#). If your child is moving into Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and above) from September they will have to pay for School Meals.

If you are eligible for free school meals because of your circumstances, the school will also get additional funding, this is called Pupil Premium. For this reason, you should apply for this scheme even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1.

Please ask the office if you need further advice or support on this.

Lisa Hall, Head Teacher



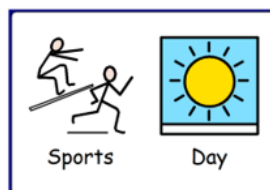


June	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening: 6-7pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Puberty Information Sessions: 9.30-11am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Transition Morning at The Valley
July	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Parents Transition Evening at the Valley: 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Transition 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>	<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



Date	AM 1 9.30 – 10.30	AM 2 11.00 – 12.00	PM 1.30 – 2.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Set up	Pyramid Hexagon Star	Gold Cone
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Green Purple Yellow	Cube Sphere	Blue Red

 Race	 Egg and Spoon	 Sack race	 Welly throw	
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# 2025 - 2026 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>AUTUMN</b>	INSET	Wednesday 3rd 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 - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
	INSET	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	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	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
	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	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	INSET	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026

£6,300

Our Target

Soft Play Refurbishment

£10,000

Father's Day

Bag to School

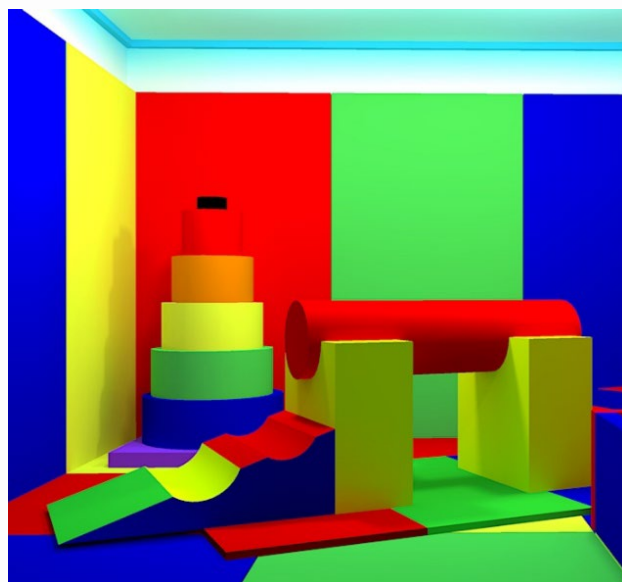
Christmas Cards

MBDA Donation

Easter Egg Hunt

Mother's Day

Asda Cash Back



Thank you!





## **Autism, ADHD & Learning disability Coffee Afternoon**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
12:30pm to 2:30pm

Greenside Studio  
21 The Hyde  
Stevenage  
SG2 9SD

A chance to meet and chat with other parents  
and find out about Angels services and what  
support we can offer you

Places are limited please email  
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# ***SEN Sundays!***

## **1-to-1 haircuts with Alex!**

**Bridge Street  
Barbers, Hitchin**

Starting 1st June  
Every 3 weeks  
10am - 4pm

Standard haircut £22  
Exclusive 1-to-1 service  
by booking only

Alex: 07949739852  
Shop: 01462450923

## Parent & Carer Support Autumn Term 2025



**FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire**

### TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



**Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sep – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

**Online Course: ID 778**

**Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**6<sup>th</sup> Nov – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Online Course: ID 777**

### TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children and adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



**Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Online Course: ID 775**

### TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need.

Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



**Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Course ID 771**

**Watford, venue TBA**

**Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sep – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

**Course ID 770**



## TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



**Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sep – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

**Online Course ID 774**

**Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sep – 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

**Online Course ID 772**

**Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Online Course ID 773**

## TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **12-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



**Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sep – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

**Online Course ID 776**

## TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sep – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

**Online Course: ID 779**

**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> Nov – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Online Course: ID 780**

### Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

**07512 709556 or [bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)**

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund  
Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request



**CARERS WEEK - YOUNG CARERS****Caring about Equality**

- Could someone in your family be a young carer?
- A young carer cares for a **family member** who, due to illness, disability, a mental health condition or an addiction, **cannot cope without their support**.
- We are proud of our young carers and the care they provide. However, a young carer **may miss out** on extra support offered and opportunities in their education, careers and personal lives due to their caring role.
- You can get them further support by contacting the Young Carers Service at Carers in Hertfordshire.

**THINK****REFER****SUPPORT****email: [young.carers@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:young.carers@carersinherts.org.uk)**Visit: [www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers)



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## Parents and caregivers of verbally fluent autistic children, we need YOU!

We are investigating the relationships between communication profile, autism features and wellbeing in young autistic people.

We are seeking **parents/caregivers of autistic 4–12-year-olds who are verbally fluent** to take part in the study.

### Who is involved in this project?

This study is part of a new research project funded by the Royal Society, led by Dr Jo Saul at University College London (UCL).

This study has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee, Project ID 20175/002.

### Who are we looking for?

- **Parents / caregivers** of a child with a diagnosis of autism who is aged 4-12 years, lives in the UK
- Your child should currently be verbally fluent and able to use **spoken multi-word phrases** on a regular basis to communicate
- Please contact us if you are unsure if your child meets this criterion

### What does participation involve?

You will be asked to complete a few online questionnaires, which can be completed over multiple sessions.

### How much time would it take?

We estimate that your participation in the study may involve up to 40 minutes of your time. As a thank you we will give you a **£10 shopping voucher**.

### Where can I find more information?

If you would like to find out more about the study or have any questions, please contact Dr Jo Saul.  
E-mail: [jo.saul.14@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:jo.saul.14@ucl.ac.uk)

### I am interested. Where can I sign up?

Please complete the online form here:

[https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV\\_1XOQrxLJJeP4i4C](https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_1XOQrxLJJeP4i4C)

Or scan the QR code:



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# JULY 2025 ACTIVITIES

## SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
3rd Thu	<b>Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs</b>	10.30-12.00
3rd Thu	<b>Fun Rings Gosling 6+</b>	17.30-18.30
4th Fri	<b>Welcome Space Community Drop-In</b>	10.00-12.30
4th Fri	<b>Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs</b>	12.30-2.00
4th Fri	<b>Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs</b>	17.30-18.30
5th Sat	<b>Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood</b>	16.00-17.00
10th Thur	<b>Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs</b>	10.30-12.00
11th Fri	<b>Welcome Space Community Drop-In</b>	10.00-12.30
11th Fri	<b>Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs</b>	12.30-14.00
11th Fri	<b>Youth Group 16 +</b>	18.30-20.30
17th Thur	<b>Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs</b>	10.30-12.00
17th Thur	<b>Fun Rings Gosling 6+</b>	17.30-18.30
18th Fri	<b>Welcome Space Community Drop-In</b>	10.00-12.30
18th Fri	<b>Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs</b>	12.30-14.00
19th Sat	<b>Kayaking Lea Valley white water centre 8+</b>	10.30-11.45

POTENTIAL  
KIDS

BOOKINGS at  
[potentialkids.org.uk/events](https://potentialkids.org.uk/events)

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Therapeutic Gardening  
1:1 & Group Sessions.  
Volunteers Needed



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# How to be Disabled and Proud

with Cathy Reay

Thursday 26 June, 7pm

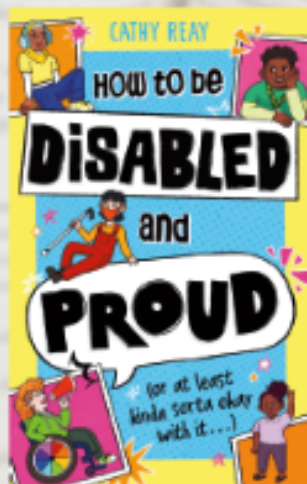
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