



Woolenwick Junior School

Year 5 Welcome Letter 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year at Woolenwick Juniors! We hope you and your family have had an enjoyable holiday and that your child is ready and refreshed for the year ahead.

In the mornings, we run a third learning group in Year 5 (Willow Class). This is to reduce adult to child ratio and therefore support all learners to make the best possible progress.

Year 5 Staff

The following adults will be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Supporting Staff
Miss Stevens – Chestnut Class Mr Rising – Pine Class Ms Drummey – Willow Class Mrs Hayhurst – Willow Class	Mrs White – TA Miss Mehmet – TA Mr Marcos – TA Mrs Todd – Music Teacher Mr Whitehouse- Sports Lead Miss Howard- Sports Coach Mr Boyd – Sports Coach

Useful information

As always, excellent attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress. We encourage children to be on site at 8:40am as the classroom doors will be opened at 8:45am. Doors will be closed at 9am, so please go to the main office should you arrive after this time.

PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should come to school dressed in correct PE kit - please remember that hoodies are not permitted.

Uniform - Please ensure you send your child in wearing the correct uniform each day, the uniform policy can be found on our website. Please make sure your child comes to school with weather appropriate clothing (including coats, hats, gloves etc.). *Also, please clearly label all clothing and personal items.*

Water bottles - All children must have a named water bottle, filled up from home each morning, which is brought to school.

Home Learning

Reading - Children are encouraged to read every day, but are expected to read a minimum of 5 times a week for 15 minutes and record this in their reading log. Reading books and logs need to be brought to school every day. There should be at least 3 adult signatures in their reading log each week.

Atom learning-Maths - Weekly tasks are set up for completion, Monday to Monday. This is compulsory in Years 5-6.

Children who do not complete their home learning will be required to complete this during a lunchtime at our home learning catch up.

Trips & Experiences

Please see proposed trips and experiences for the year (this may change):

Trip	Month	Approximate Cost
Airbus STEM discovery centre	November	£12.50

Panto	December	Already Paid
Phasels Wood	March	£100
Frinton Beach Trip	Summer (TBC)	TBC
History Day	July	£10

Curriculum

Science	Earth and Space, Properties and Changes of materials, Forces, Living Things and their Habitats, Reproduction in Humans and Animals.
French	Goldilocks (A known story) Fruit and vegetables, At school, The planets, Habitats, Olympics
Geography	South America, Rivers, Natural Disasters.
History	Vikings vs Anglo Saxons, Shang Dynasty, The Tudors.
PSHE	My healthy self, Connecting with others, The online world, Citizenship, Growing up, No outsiders
Music	Instrument Lessons, composition and performing
DT	CAD structures (architecture), Pulleys & Gears (electric vehicles), Cooking and Nutrition (Mexican Pockets)
PE	Dance, Gymnastics, OAA, Tennis, Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Athletics, Yoga, Rounders, Fitness
Art	Drawing (Pablo Picasso), Sculpture (Ferry Staverman), Painting (Wassily Kandinsky and Paul Klee)
Computing	Computer Systems & Networks, Creating Media, Programming, Data and Information and Introduction to Vector graphics.
RE	Why doesn't Christianity always look the same? Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in? What happens when we die? Who should get to be in charge? Why are some places in the world significant to believers?

There is a lot more information about our curriculum on our school website. Please see the following link to our curriculum overviews: <https://www.woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk/Curriculum/Curriculum-Overviews/>

Hopefully, this will give you an insight as to what your child will be studying and how you might be able to support this at home.

Parent Communication

Class Dojo - Please sign up to Class Dojo so that you can access pictures and news of what your child has been learning. You will also be able to view the number of House Points they have earned.

This is the link to join **Chestnut** class on class dojo:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=68beebbf74889193df16ebee>

This is the link to join **Pine** class on class dojo:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=68483bab877f021ab15ee7a8>

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Stevens, Mr Rising, Ms Drummey & Mrs Hayhurst
Year 5 Teachers