

☀️ Headteacher Blog – Week Beginning 16 March 2026

This week at Woodlands has been another one of those full, fast-moving weeks where every part of school life has been in motion - from welcoming new families, to important meetings with parents, to pupils taking part in sport, music and wider opportunities beyond the classroom.

We began the week by welcoming a number of new Hedgehogs and Squirrels families into school, with visits, stay-and-play sessions and parent appointments taking place throughout the week. It has been lovely to see our youngest children exploring their new environments with growing confidence, and to meet families at the very start of their Woodlands journey. These early moments are so important in building strong relationships and helping children feel safe, settled and ready to learn. For our 'flagship' Early Years setting, this was all in a day's work!

Monday also saw our Year 3 violin sessions continue, filling the school with the familiar sounds of learning in action - a mixture of concentration, perseverance and, occasionally, some very confident "creative interpretation"! Alongside this, staff took part in conflict resolution training, continuing our work to ensure that we support children not just academically, but socially and emotionally too.

Tuesday brought a real highlight for many pupils with our Digital Wizards Assembly, which introduced children to the exciting world of coding, computing and digital creativity. The session sparked lots of curiosity and excitement, and we are looking forward to seeing how this develops further when the club launches next term.

The middle of the week saw a strong focus on health and wellbeing, with the 0–19 service in school carrying out height and hearing screening for Reception and Year 6 pupils. Alongside this, we hosted a number of safeguarding and SEND meetings, including annual reviews, CIN meetings and professional consultations. These quieter, often unseen parts of school life are vital in ensuring that every child is supported holistically.

Tuesday and Wednesday were also busy with parent evenings across the school, and I would like to thank all families who attended. These conversations are incredibly important - they give us the opportunity to celebrate progress, discuss next steps and strengthen the partnership between home and school, and you the opportunity to see where your children learn and grow.

Thursday brought further opportunities for enrichment, including our Year 4 Mini Kickers event, which was full of energy, teamwork and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, pupils continued to enjoy a wide range of clubs including football, table tennis, choir, Mad Science and music sessions, which remain a really valued part of school life.

❤️ Red Nose Day & World Down Syndrome Day

Today has been a particularly special day in school as everyone came together to support both Red Nose Day and World Down Syndrome Day.

The school was a sea of colour with pupils in their own clothes, and we also saw lots of wonderfully bright and mismatched odd socks to celebrate difference and promote inclusion. It was fantastic to see children embracing the message that being different is something to be proud of.

A particular highlight (and a very popular one!) was the sale of sock biscuits after school, which I suspect may have been the main motivation for some pupils - though all in a very good cause!

Celebrating Eid

We would also like to wish a very warm Eid Mubarak to all of our families and staff who are celebrating. Eid is a special time of reflection, generosity and coming together with loved ones, and it has been lovely to hear children sharing their plans and traditions with their friends in school. Moments like this are a wonderful reminder of the rich diversity within our Woodlands community, and we are always proud to celebrate these important occasions together.

Life at Woodlands

Across the week, we have also continued to host trainee teachers from Chester University and Wrexham University, who are gaining valuable experience across the school. Their energy and enthusiasm are always appreciated, and our pupils benefit from the additional support and fresh perspectives they bring.

As always, what stands out most are the everyday moments - children settling into new routines, supporting one another, and taking pride in their learning. Whether it's a confident answer in class, a kind gesture on the playground, or a new skill developed in a club, these moments are what truly define life at Woodlands.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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