

Weekly Newsletter

Dream big, fly high

Pupil Parliament 2024-25

This year we are very excited about the growth of our Pupil Parliament programme at Woodford Primary School. Pupil Parliament gives our children a voice in a variety of different areas of school life. The groups (see below) are named after real government departments and our elected members will meet weekly to discuss and act on ways in which they can improve their respective areas of school life for all pupils in our school.

Over this half term, Key Stage One classes (Year 1&2) have been introduced to the departments for this year's Pupil Parliament and we've talked to the children about how they can get involved. We are looking forward to the children applying to represent the school in one of the following groups:

The Department for Education

The Department for Digital Culture

The Department for the Environment

The Ministry of Justice

We also have **The Home Office**, which is our peer elected house captains, which changes termly.

Year 1 and 2 pupils who wish to apply for a pupil parliament place will need to write three reasons why they'd like to be selected for their chosen department (they can apply to more than one) and give this to their class teacher. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 6th November** and the children will begin their new roles during Parliament Week which takes place on 11th November, and will hold their role for a whole academic year until November 2025.

If you have any further questions, please see Mrs Stevenson or your child's class teacher.

PTA

The PTA have been busy organising some fun events for the children to join in with over the next few weeks.

After School Spooktacular!

3.15pm on **Friday 18th October** in the playground. Please see poster attached for more information.

Pumpkin Parade

We can also look forward to a Pumpkin Parade on **Thursday 31st October**, in school.

Woodford Garden Village's Scarecrow Festival

Woodford Garden Village's first Scarecrow Festival, **31st October - 3rd November**. More details coming soon!



Kids Club/Pre-School Fees

Half-term balances must be cleared by 4pm on the penultimate Friday (the second to last Friday), of each half-term. For this half-term, that means all payments are due by **Friday 11th October**.

No Toys in School

A quick reminder that children should not bring toys from home into school. Thank you

Important Dates

14th Oct	16.30 Academy Committee
18th Oct	Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card
18th Oct	15.15 PTA Spooktacular
18th Oct	Last Day of Term
28th Oct	INSET - school closed for pupils

[For a full summary of dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here](#)

Article 24 - Health, Water, Food and Environment.

This week we were visited by Rev. David Russell who delivered his Harvest Festival assembly. We discussed the importance of ensuring everyone has access to food and how our collection will help those who find themselves without .

