

WHAT'S ON AT WOODLANDERS?

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Happy new year!

All of the team at Woodlanders would like to wish our families and friends a happy new year.

It has been a fantastic start to the spring term.

In all the rooms we have been celebrating the Lunar new year and looking at where this is celebrated. The Oaks children have been reading the story of how the Chinese zodiac was formed.

This year is the year of the Rabbit and we have made a Rabbit cone and our own masks. We have also been making lucky red envelopes to bring home to our loved ones.



Longevity noodle tasting in Oaks



The children have also had a chance to try longevity noodles. They started off looking at and feeling some of the ingredients. The children said the noodles were hard and that we needed to cook them to make them soft. We also looked at chives and mushrooms. We cooked the noodles, and stir-fried the vegetables in oyster and soy sauce, before mixing in the noodles. All the children were very keen to try them and have a go at using chopsticks.



Willows room children enjoying making their own smoothies

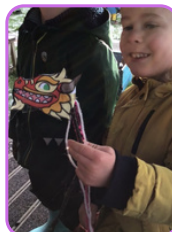
Lizzi (Elms room leader) and Meg (Level 3 early years educator)



Elms

The Elms room was reopened at the beginning of January after refurbishment. Lizzi is our Elms room leader and with Meg they create a fun, nurturing environment to help transition your children from Willows to a more structured environment. This term the children have been focused on celebrating Lunar New Year enjoying activities based on this including lunar poses in yoga, also how firework are often used for the opening of the celebration. In Elms we have also looked at our reflections and drew self portraits- taking note of the colour of our hair and eyes. We also finished a friendship heart with our handprints and discussed what makes us happy and how we can be a good friend.

Making Dragons to celebrate lunar new year.



Enjoying the snow.



We have welcomed lots of new faces to Willows this term and they have all settled in beautifully. We have been making our own fresh fruit smoothies, talking about what ingredients were used and cutting up our own fruit. A Healthy balanced diet is part of our ethos here at Woodlanders and we love exploring different ways to enjoy fruits and vegetables. We also have cook books available to borrow from the office. If you would like to borrow or copy a recipe please talk to your child's key worker.

Forest School

We have been enjoying forest school in the garden this term. It has certainly been a cold one but the children have spent time outside enjoying the snow, making dragons in celebration of the Lunar new year, playing with friends and warming up with hot chocolate and biscuits.

We have also been learning how to safely use tools. We used secateurs to cut foliage from the garden to make a decorative natural mobile.

Meet our SENDco.



Hi my name is Sam and I am the SENDCO (Special educational needs and disabilities co-ordinator) at Woodlanders. I am responsible for ensuring our SEND and inclusion policies are implemented effectively and promote an ethos of inclusive practice within the setting. I have been at Woodlanders for nearly 10 years and love having fun with the children and supporting them and their families. I am incredibly passionate about ensuring that all children are welcomed, valued, happy and able to make the best possible progress. This includes ensuring they have the right support and referrals in place and I work closely with other professionals such as speech and language therapists and advisory teachers. I also do 1-1 support and small group work when needed.

As a parent you have so much knowledge about your child and it is important that we work together to ensure the best outcomes for them, so if you have any concerns about your child's development and would like to discuss this please feel free to contact me on my email sendco@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

Samantha Forwood
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator
Woodlanders Pre-School



As a setting we use Makaton alongside spoken language in all rooms.

Makaton is a language programme using speech, signs and symbols which helps to develop language and literacy skills.

Using Makaton helps adults and children who may have communication difficulties to develop their basic communication skills. Signs are used alongside spoken language so it does not hinder the use of spoken words but has been proven to help develop language skills for all children.

Learning Makaton is lots of fun and the children have quickly learnt lots of every day signs. We are now going to learn a new song every half term. This half terms song will be twinkle twinkle little star.

Munchkins

Spud Club

Term time Mondays
10am-12.30pm
at Woodlanders

Come for a hot lunch, messy play, stories and songs for under 5s.

Adults £3.50 Children £1.50 each

Christmas fundraising raffle update.

We would like to say a big thankyou to our families, friends and local businesses for your donations and support. Our Christmas raffle raised £340! Because of this we can now improve our resources for all the children at Woodlanders .

In our Willows room we have ordered more dinosaur play resources. ROAR!

Elms room have bought more role play equipment for their courtyard.

Oaks Room are sourcing wooden play food for their in room role play.

Plus we are buying nature stamps and ink pads for forest school.

Pictures to follow!

Thankyou



French lessons with Julie from Lingotots

Bonjour!

French is back at Woodlanders. We have had the pleasure of meeting Julie from Lingotots who will be with us for the next two terms. We love that our children can learn another language through songs, stories, games, drama and play. Due to Woodlanders securing a multicultural grant we are pleased to offer French lessons on a Monday to all of our Oaks children for no extra charge.

Additional information:

Term dates:

Our last day of term is Friday 10th February we are back on Tuesday 21st February.

Our Maple room is available to hire. For more information contact:

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For bookings or session requests please email

Charley: admin@woodlanderspreschool.co.uk

For questions about funding or invoices please contact Kate:

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If your child is ill or cannot come into their session, please pop a message on your tapestry account so that the rooms are aware.