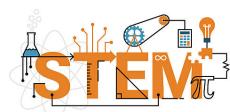




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# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to Poland!

Rich history, famous figures, hearty cuisine, beautiful landscapes and vibrant cities, blending deep traditions with modern development.

This year, we are delighted to announce that we are travelling to Poland for our whole school International Festival.

Since 2017, Woodmansey has held a unique International Festival, bringing together our Geography, Art and wider curriculum in a carefully planned and highly memorable experience for our pupils. Each year, the International Festival is consistently one of the highlights for children, offering them the opportunity to explore the world beyond their immediate community through rich, first-hand learning experiences.

Over the past seven years, we have journeyed across the European Union, the Caribbean, Italy, Thailand, Greece and Cyprus, Canada, France and, most recently, Nigeria.

This year, our focus turns to Poland, a country with a rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes and strong traditions in art, music and food.

I must at this point pass on my grateful thanks to Mr McEntegart and Mrs Clark from Molescroft who have been leading the plans so that we have three spectacular weeks of cultural and artistic celebration.

All classes will explore Poland through a **whole-country geographical lens**, considering its physical and human geography, alongside its culture, traditions and way of life. As in previous years, each year group will engage in a major creative project, carefully matched to their age and curriculum focus.

- EYFS will explore Poland as a whole country, creating a **collaborative flower mural** inspired by traditional folk art.
- Years 1 and 2 will study the **seaside city of Gdańsk**, learning about coastal features and **cultural identity through textiles** and creative work.
- Years 3 and 4 will investigate the **diverse landscapes around Kraków**, using **sculpture to recreate forests and mountain environments**.
- Years 5 and 6 will explore **Warsaw and the Tatra Mountains**, linking physical geography with human impact through **large-scale willow sculptures and traditional basket weaving**.

Children will also take part in a range of specialist-led experiences, including **geography workshops**, dance sessions to learn **the Polka Dance**, **making pierogi** with guests from Thermomix and learning the language in **Polish language** sessions.

Did you know?



Poland is home to the world's biggest castle.



Poland has a unique alphabet and language quirks.



The currency used in Poland is called zloty.



The learning will culminate in our International Festival Evening, on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** starting at 5:30pm with a parade inspired by the Polish Festival of Light, followed by an opportunity for families to explore classrooms, celebrate the children's work and experience elements of Polish culture together. As always, this promises to be one of the most vibrant and memorable events of the school year.

## International Festival Evening

Logistics for a spectacular evening of dance, music, food and cultural activities and experiences

The International Evening starts at 5:30pm. Children can enter through their normal entrance door from 5:20pm and will be collected by their teacher.

Parents should then wait on the playground for the evening to commence.

At 5:30pm, the parade will start on the playground. This will be accompanied by music, light and sound.

Once this has finished, the children will be released to their parents by class and the school will be open ready to be explored.

## What's on?

Every room will have a different activity linked to Poland so you can tour the corridors at your leisure and explore more round every turn.

The Hall: The children will be invited to perform the Polka Dance that they have learnt during the festival.

Foundation Stage Unit: (please enter through the playground door) Pisanki – decorating traditional Polish Easter eggs

Year 1 & 2: Polish food tasting experience and drinks

Year 3 & 4: Polish classical music experience inspired by Chopin

Year 5 & 6: Creating amber bead necklaces, inspired by Poland's Baltic amber tradition & Wycinanki, traditional Polish folk art paper cutting

The Hatch: Kotlet schabowy (schnitzel) and potatoes

The Nook: Polish apple cake with cream

## Your help is appreciated

As parents know, these events are not cheap to organise and are significantly subsidised. In these days of restricted school budgets the fact that we are still able to put together this package is quite remarkable and, of course, is only possible because of the support of parents.

The children use this destination to explore not only the geographical location, but dive into investigating the history, art, dance, food, flora and fauna and all that is in between. As in previous years, we are inviting specialists in and experts in their field to share their knowledge with our children. Events such as these, I'm afraid, come at a cost. I am acutely aware that any additional costs can add pressure to family finances. Therefore, the school has subsidised the cost in an attempt to keep the overall costs down. The actual cost of the festival is £8.50 per child but to be in line with previous years' parental contributions we would be grateful to receive £7 per child (FY-Y6).

Any voluntary contributions can be paid on Arbor from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January up to Friday 13th February 2026.

We value these opportunities and know they are memorable for each child.

Thank you for your support, without it we cannot continue to offer these amazing extra activities and events.

Together, we make a difference.

### What to wear?

The festival evening will be an evening of light, music, food and art. Because the event will be starting outside, children should wear a coat and warm clothes.

Children will wear traditional Polish headdresses that they will have made during the festival.



My sincere gratitude to all the staff team for enabling the International Evening to happen.

This year's  
STEM Week  
coming soon



Do you work in  
Science (including  
Computing),  
Technology,  
Engineering or  
Maths? We'd love to  
hear from you!

## Running Late?

Please register your child at the school office

From time to time, something could crop up which means you are running late for the 8.40am-8.50am window for school drop off, whether it be unexpected traffic, weather or illness in the family.

We are understanding of all eventualities which may present themselves. We do ask however that you call the school office to let us know you are running late, so that we know to expect you and can update the class teacher. Please do not email the class teacher as they will be teaching, not checking emails at this time.

Upon arrival, please ensure an adult registers their child at the school office. This is so that we can accurately record the reasons for delay for the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer), who monitors our registers for any concerning patterns.

Equally, if your child is attending an appointment but requires a school lunch please telephone the school office to let us know.

## Holocaust Memorial

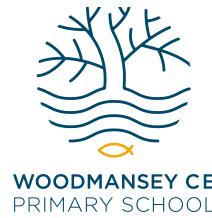
On 27<sup>th</sup> January we will join schools and communities around the UK in marking Holocaust Memorial Day, a day to remember. The 2026 theme is "Bridging Generations", a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with survivors but lives on through younger generations. We will encourage pupils to listen, learn and reflect on the lessons of history so that empathy, understanding and kindness are carried forward into the future.

Our worship and reflection work in school will centre on this theme as we explore why remembering matters, how history connects to the present, and how we can all be thoughtful and responsible members of our community.

# What's on at Woodmansey?

## Spring Term Clubs.

We provide the opportunities with a number of extra curricular clubs that enhance our curriculum. Is February the time for your child to try something new?



Club	Who for?	When?	Organised by?
Football Club <b>Restarts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Years 3-6	Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr. Brannigan 
Coding	Years 3-6	Tuesday 12.30pm – 1pm	Mrs. Barber 
Dodgeball	Years 1 - 6	Wednesday 12.30pm-1.00pm	
Racquet Sports	Years 3-6	Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm	
Guitar Club	Years 3-6	Thursday 12:30pm – 1pm	Mr. McEntegart 
Theatre Club <b>Restarts Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Years 3-6	Thursday 3.30pm – 5:00pm	Mr. McEntegart 
Multi Sports <b>Restarts Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Years 1-2	Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Basketball	Years 3-6	Friday 12.00pm – 12.30pm	Mr. McEntegart 



# Spring Term dates for your diary

## JANUARY

Mon 26th, 2:45pm  
Tues 27th, 10:00am

Official Launch of International Festival 2026  
Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly

## FEBRUARY

Fri 6th  
Wed 11th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
Fri 13th  
Fri 13th  
Fri 13th  
Mon 23rd  
Thurs 26th

New Zealand National Day  
International Evening  
Final International Worship  
International Lunch  
School Closes for February Half Term  
Pupils Return to School  
Theatre Club Show Announcement

## MARCH

Sun 1st  
Mon 2nd  
Thu 5th  
Thu 5th, 3:30pm - 5pm  
Mon 9th  
Mon 9th  
Tues 10th  
Sun 15th  
Tues 17th  
Fri 20th  
Mon 23rd, 10:00am  
Tues 24th  
Weds 25th  
Weds 25th  
Weds 25th  
Thurs 26th  
Thurs 26th  
Thurs 26th, 2:30pm  
Fri 27th, 2:00pm  
Fri 27th

St David's Day  
STEM Fortnight  
World Book Day (No Dressing Up)  
Theatre Club begins  
Commonwealth Day (Canada) including special lunch  
Easter Egg Raffle Tickets on Sale  
Hour of Code  
Mother's Day  
St Patrick's Day  
Comic Relief  
Creating an Easter Garden in Collective Worship  
Consultation Evening (1 of 2)  
Class Photographs with Tempest  
Greek National Day  
Consultation Evening (2 of 2)  
PTFA Easter Event  
Easter Lunch  
Easter Egg Raffle Draw  
Easter Service at St Peter's  
School Closes for Easter