

Thank you and goodbye

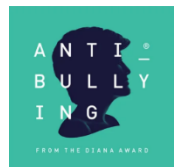
With another successful year coming to an end, we would like to say a massive thank you for all of the support you have given the staff, the children and the school as a whole this year. Without doubt, 24-25 has been one of the most successful years for the school with fantastic national results, a glowing Ofsted report and some brilliant experiences, both organised by us and our ever-growing PTA – who we are also very thankful to.

However, the highlight for us is seeing another cohort of Year 6s ready to take their next adventure. Seeing them carrying their bags around the school each lunchtime has been a great visual reminder that they are now Year 7s and we cannot wait to hear about their continued success in September. They have been a fantastic Year 6 and we are incredibly proud to send them to their new schools. Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to staff this week. In addition, to the legend that is Mrs. Saddleton, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Barnes who will also be starting a new exciting journey after 18 years of outstanding service at the school. She has had many roles, but without doubt the emotional support that she provided our pupils through Thrive and Elsa has been a fundamental part of the school. Finally, we are also saying goodbye to Mr. Bird within our PE sessions – for over a decade, he has not only brought expert teaching but has been a key part of getting our pupils ready for high school. We are pleased to say that he will continue to run several of our after-school club sessions.

Achievement this year

As one of our core values, it is important to celebrate our achievements. There have of course been many – for me personally, it has been seeing our non-verbal pupils communicate for the first time in Reception. It has also been great to see our efforts recognised externally through a fourth Gold Sports Games Award – for excellence in PE and our third Anti-Bullying Diana Award - the Community Award - for our ongoing work against bullying.

However, we also work within a system that also likes to try and summarise achievement into key numbers. In reality, this is an oversimplification (despite my table!) that often doesn't capture the pupils who have progressed the most but it does provide a national comparison – one that does highlight why we are so proud of our pupils this year:



Year 6 SATs	% reaching expected Level Nationally	% reaching expected Level at NWA % (above 2025 Nat. %)	% reaching Greater Depth Nationally in 2024*	% reaching Greater Depth at NWA % (above 2025 Nat. %)	Average Scaled Score
Spelling/Grammar	73	85 (+12)	31	48 (+17)	108
Reading	75	85 (+10)	28	42 (+14)	106
Mathematics	74	85 (+11)	24	35 (+11)	106
Writing	72	78 (+16)	13	18 (+5)	NA
R/W/M Combined	62	75 (+13)	13	18 (+5)	NA
Y4 MTC achieving 25/25	Nat. 34% Ave. Score 20/25	NWA 49% (+15) Ave. Score 23/25	Y1 Phonics	National 81	2025 NWA 86(+6)
EYFS GLD	2024* Nat. 63	2025 NWA 73 (+10)	*2024 figures have been used where 2025 have not yet been calculated for 2025		

Parent Teacher Association

Following a very successful and dry Summer Fair, where we raised a whopping £2372, we would like to thank parents, teachers, the school office and children for supporting us once again - we couldn't do it without you!

We will be returning in September with our Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 11th September at 7pm so if any parents wish to come along please do and do not forget you can follow us on Facebook North Wootton Academy PTA. Have a lovely summer from the whole PTA Team.

Uniform

We do relax our uniform expectations in the last month of school as nobody wants to buy a new pair of school shoes just before a holiday. However, we have emailed all families the uniform policy again ready for September. Please can you ensure that your child is ready to meet these expectations when they return.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

3rd	Wednesday		Children return to school
8th	Monday	16:00	Activity clubs open for booking via Tucasi
10th	Wednesday		Swimming starts for Willow class (8 weeks)
15th	Monday		Activity clubs start
22nd	Monday		Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Year 6
24th	Wednesday		Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check
26th	Friday		Individual School Photographs