



# Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

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## Christmas Performances

Please refer to your [Autumn Term Dates List](#) for the dates and times of the Christmas Performances. Please note there are two dates for each performance.

We will be using the '[Parent Evening](#)' software to allocate tickets for the Christmas performances again this year. The system **opened on Saturday 17th November** and will close at **23.55 on Thursday 29th November**.

Tickets, in the form of a programme, will be sent home via your child w/c **Monday 3rd December**. Entry will only be gained on presentation of the programme. Due to health and safety restrictions we can only offer a **maximum of 2 tickets per family**. This will ensure everybody is able to come to at least one of the performances.

In the event of spare seats, extra tickets may be available. These will be distributed after the initial 2 tickets per family have been allocated. If you would like an extra ticket, please speak to the school office. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to book tickets on your behalf.

## Meet the Team

**Name: Louise Cooper – Parent Governor**



### What does your role involve?

Governors act as a critical friend to the head. We review all the data and ask challenging questions to help ensure the school is run in the best way possible. Parent governors are those with children at the school and we often bring skills and knowledge from our working lives that are helpful to the senior leadership team. In addition, we make sure the point of view of parents is always considered.

### How did you get into this role?

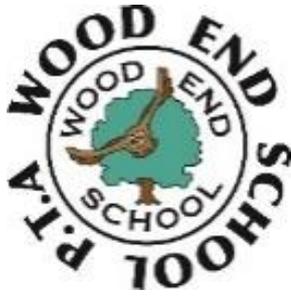
Another parent suggested I get involved when some vacancies came up around two years ago. The first year was a steep learning curve for me as I don't have any experience working in the education sector but I now feel that I am starting to add some value.

### What do you enjoy about it?

Getting to know the school my children are at and how it operates has been fascinating. I had no idea what was involved.

### What might surprise people about your role?

If Ofsted came in to inspect the school the governors would need to answer all sorts of questions and can affect the overall rating, so we need to be on our game!



## PTA News

**Next Friday 30th November we are holding a Christmas Event!  
Junior Building 4-6pm**



Please check bookbags for **raffle tickets**, and return any completed ticket stubs and money or unused raffle tickets with the envelope provided to the school office by **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. (See separate attachment for the fantastic prizes).

At drop off on the morning of **Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**, please bring to the Junior Hall any donations of:

- Unwanted and unopened gifts for the Secret Gift Room - *anything an adult would like as a gift.*
- Bottles for the tombola
- Jam Jars filled with wrapped sweets (NUT FREE)
- Cakes or Mince Pies (NUT FREE) *\*Plates have been sent home in bookbags for EYFS and KS1, but other years are very welcome to bring in cakes/mince pies as well.*

The Christmas Market will run 4pm to 6pm in the Junior Building with performances from School of Rock at 4.15pm and KS2 Choir at 4.45pm. Do come along to enjoy the refreshments, crafts and many stalls.

We'd love plenty **more general helpers on the day**. If you can spare just a bit of time for setup, during the Christmas Market, or for tidy up please get in touch with Joanne, Morven or Kirstin – thank you! (Email: [PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk) )

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>: Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper/top to school (for a suggested donation of £1). (Regular school uniform and shoes on the bottom half please.)





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**Jam Jars filled with wrapped sweets (NUT FREE – e.g. no snickers / picnic bars or similar!)**

**Cakes/Mince Pies (NUT FREE)**



As you do your online shopping; please remember to click through from [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) first to raise (at no cost to you) donations for Wood End School PTA. The competition to see which PTA can raise the most money through Easyfundraising is running from **5th November to 16th December**. The winner will receive an additional £500 for the school. Last year we won - can we do it again?!



Support our PTA by purchasing a Christmas Tree! Friends of Harpenden Academy have organised a "Christmas Tree Shop", buy through them and choose "Wood End School" to allow a commission to be donated back to the PTA. Last orders by 3rd December. Trees can be collected or delivered on 7th /8th December. For more details please see the website:

<https://foha.ecwid.com/Fundraising-Christmas-Trees-c25042182>

PTA Key News and Dates: <http://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/news>

Email: [PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk)

**Links to Recent Events on the School Website:**

[House Quiz – 13th & 14th November](#)

[Maths Challenge – Thursday 15th November & Tree Planting November 2018](#)

[Sport w/c 19<sup>th</sup> November – Girl's Football](#)

If you wish to receive news reminders and view past events from the website on your phone please download the **School Jotter App**. For iPhone users go to the App Store and for Android users go to Google Play. Follow the instructions on screen to find Wood End School. There is no need to add your payment details as all payments are made via the School Gateway (Schoolcomms).

## Community

Please find attached details of a **FREE course for parents and carers of children with additional needs 'Understanding Behaviour'** which is being held at Sauncey Wood School, Harpenden, starting in January 2019.

**Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.** The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 2 – exceptional social and medical reasons to attend a specific school' to include children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted;
2. To amend the schemes of coordination to clarify the process for late applications and continuing interest;
3. To reduce the published admission number at four primary schools (you should only include this point if you are a school located in one of the relevant areas – see attached).

The consultation period runs until 6 January 2019. Please visit <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2020> for more information and/or to respond online.

### The Harpenden Christmas Carnival

The Christmas Carnival will take place on the 25th November down the High Street. A spectacular event in Harpenden High Street, it encompasses a carnival procession, walkabout entertainment, charity stalls, a farmer's market, turning on of the town's Christmas Lights, fairground rides and festive shopping!! Father Christmas and his Elves will be stopping by again to visit the children of Harpenden and our famous Christmas Lights will be switched on as the sun goes down at 5pm.

### Carols by Candlelight at Harpenden Public Halls – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

4pm Family Carol Service and 7pm Carols by Candlelight.  
Free admission and refreshments.

Carol Services for All the Family - Harpenden Public Hall

On Sunday 2 December there will be two carol services held in Harpenden Public Hall.

4pm Family Carol Service - especially for families with young children

7pm Carols by Candlelight - a service of carols and readings with choir and orchestra.

Free entry and free refreshments after both services. Everyone welcome.

### Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health Team Questionnaire

Calling all parents! If you're the parent of a child or young person aged 18 or under, we want your views. Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health team can provide advice and information to support you with your child's health and wellbeing. We would like to better understand your needs and how we can reach you so that it helps us improve the information we provide. We'd be very grateful if you could let us know your thoughts by completing a short survey, which should take no more than a couple of minutes of your time.

The survey is available at <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/11XAJ/>

[Tilly's Dance and Yoga Factory – Tuesday After School Yoga Club at Wood End School. All Years Welcome. Book a space for the spring term at \[www.tillysdancefactory.co.uk\]\(http://www.tillysdancefactory.co.uk\)](#)