

WOODLANDS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16 JANUARY 2026



A Loving Welcome to Our Woodlands Family

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our parents and our precious little *Woodlanders* to Woodlands Pre-Primary College.

We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful festive season. We are truly thankful for the trust you place in us to walk alongside your child during these early years, and we do not take this responsibility lightly.

At Woodlands, we strive to create a peaceful, loving environment where each child feels safe, known, and gently guided. Our little Woodlanders are surrounded by care, kindness, and patience as they grow, learn, and explore the world around them.

We believe that every child is a gift, and it is our privilege to nurture them with compassion and respect. Our doors are always open, and we value open, honest communication with our families. Should you wish to speak with us, please feel free to make an appointment, we are always here to listen.

We look forward to sharing this special journey with your family.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Natalie Short
Pre-Primary College



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As families settle into the first weeks of preschool, it is completely natural to wonder whether the tears will ease and when your child will begin to feel more at home. Please know that this phase is a normal part of growing, and you are not alone on this journey.

Gentle Routines

Simple, predictable routines can be very comforting for young children, especially during times of change. A calm morning rhythm - such as getting dressed, sharing breakfast, packing the lunchbox, and heading off to school - can help your child feel safe and prepared. Some children enjoy using a small picture chart to guide them through the morning in a relaxed way.

A Loving Goodbye

A clear, kind goodbye can help your child feel reassured. Choosing a special spot, such as the lockers after unpacking, and saying goodbye once allows your child to begin settling more easily. While a few tears may follow, our teachers are there to offer comfort and gentle reassurance.

Staying Connected

Open and positive communication with your child's teacher helps us understand and support your little one more fully. Sharing small details - favourite activities, languages spoken at home, or any changes your child may be experiencing - allows us to care for them with greater sensitivity.

Celebrating Small Steps

Starting preschool is a meaningful milestone. Every small step forward matters, whether it's making a new friend, joining an activity, or feeling a little braver at drop-off. Noticing and celebrating these moments helps build confidence and pride.

Peace of Mind at Pick-Up

Knowing who will collect your child brings a sense of security. If plans change, letting the teacher know helps us reassure your child and keep them feeling safe and calm.

Supporting Preschool Worries

If your child shares worries, gentle conversations can be helpful. Reassuring them about your return, reading familiar books about school, and keeping favourite activities for after school can bring comfort. If separation feels particularly difficult, please speak to your child's teacher - we are always happy to work together to find what best supports your child.

By offering consistency, encouragement, and gentle reassurance, you are helping your child build confidence in their own time.

Education is a partnership, let us walk this journey together, with care and understanding.

Warm regards,



OUR FIRST WEEK!

What a celebration!

It was a joy to see the beautiful faces of our little *Woodlanders* light up with wonder as they met our beloved, **Dino the Dinosaur**.

The room was filled with laughter, curiosity, and moments of pure delight. More than anything, there was a feeling of love, togetherness and joy that made the day feel both meaningful and memorable.



Please check out our social media group to see more photos of the

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PARENT INFORMATION 2026

Early Morning Facility

For parents who truly need extra time in the mornings, we offer an early morning facility from 7:00 to 7:30. As staffing is limited, this is intended only for families who have no other option.

- To use this service, please collect and return the form from your child's class teacher by Monday.
- The waiting class will begin on Monday, 19 January, in Class 7, Yellow Block.
- Your child will be collected by their teacher promptly at **7:25**.

Thank you for helping us ensure a calm and safe start to the day for all our little Woodlanders.

Ed Admin Login & App

New Parents:

You should have received an email from **communication@woodlandscollege.co.za** with a link to **set or change your password**.

Once logged in:

- Your **ID code** is required for **making any payments**.
- You can **update personal details**, **view statements**, and **monitor your child's progress**.

Ed Admin Multi-Portal App:

- Download from the App Store.
- Use the access code: **664291**.
- Log in with the **same details** used for Ed Admin

All your child's information will then be conveniently at your fingertips.

Car Park Stickers

Extra car park stickers are available from Magda at Reception for R30.

- Please bring the exact amount, as cash is not kept on the premises.
- Security Reminder: Our guard, Ishmael, will not allow access to the car park without a visible sticker.

Thank you for helping us keep our car park safe and organized.

Finance / Payments

Mrs Liz Osner – Finance Department

✉ creditcontrol@woodlandscollege.co.za | Main Campus: 011 894 5161 / 3447

- All finance queries, proof of payments, or notifications are handled directly with Mrs Osner (not on the Pre-Primary campus).
- Statements are viewable on **Ed Admin** or the **Edana App**.

Keeping in Touch

We love to keep our parents informed and connected! A weekly newsletter is shared every Friday and you can view it on Ed Admin, receive it via email, or find it in your class WhatsApp group.

We encourage you to take a few moments each week to enjoy it, as it highlights all the exciting happenings and important information for our little Woodlanders.

Don't forget to also peek at the notice board at the entrance, where you'll find a snapshot of the week's special events and news.

Acquaintance Evening



We are excited to welcome you to our annual Acquaintance Evening on Wednesday, 21 January at 18:00 in your child's classroom. This is a special opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear about the routines and expectations for the year, and ask any questions you may have.

We kindly ask that at least one parent attends, and as this meeting is designed for parents, please leave your little Woodlanders at home. We look forward to sharing this time with you and starting the year together in partnership.

Class WhatsApp Groups

To help keep parents informed, each class has a WhatsApp group, run by the teacher as an admin-only group. This is where reminders, messages, and relevant information will be shared.

Teachers will be adding all parents, but if you prefer not to be part of the group, you are welcome to remove yourself. If you need to communicate directly with your child's teacher, you can email her, and she will respond between 14:00 and 15:00 on weekdays when classroom commitments allow.



No Hat, No Play



In our sunny South African weather, we have a strict "No Hat, No Play" policy. Children without their wide-brimmed school hat will be guided to stay on the veranda for their safety.

Hats are available at Reception for R100, and we kindly ask that you send your child to school with their hat every day, clearly marked with their name. Applying sunscreen each morning and sending a fresh bottle of water daily are also wonderful ways to help your little Woodlander enjoy their day safely and comfortably.

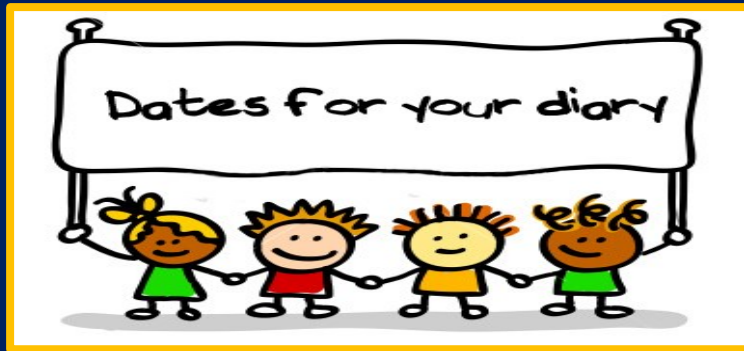


Special Congratulations!!!

Woodlands International College, all our staff, and our precious little Woodlanders, would like to send our warmest and most heartfelt congratulations to **Teacher Brigitte** on her recent engagement. We wish her a beautiful journey ahead, filled with love, laughter, and many happy years together. Brigitte, you are surrounded by so much joy, well-wishes, and love from our entire school family.



2026



FIRST TERM

January	
Wednesday 21 st	Acquaintance evening 18h00 – Parents only to attend
February	
Monday 2 nd	Civvies to celebrate the Pre-schools Birthday
Friday 6 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 0W
Tuesday 10 th	Inning – The Farmyard – Grade 0000
Friday 13 th	Friendship Civvies – R5
Friday 13 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 0I
Monday 16 th	Visual Screening – Grade 0W
Tuesday 17 th	Visual Screening – Grade 0I
Wednesday 18 th	Visual Screening – Grade 0C
Thursday 19 th	College closes at 11h45 for midterm break
Tuesday 24 th	College opens after midterm break
Friday 27 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 0C
March	
Wednesday 4 th	Hearing Screening – Grade 000W
Thursday 5 th	Visual Screening – Grade 000I
Friday 6 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 00W
Saturday 7 th	Open Day
Wednesday 11 th	Hearing Screening – Grade 00W
Thursday 12 th	Hearing Screening – Grade 00I
Friday 13 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 00I
Monday 16 th	Speech and Hearing Screening 0W
Tuesday 17 th	Speech and Hearing Screening 0I
Wednesday 18 th	Speech and Hearing Screening 0C
Friday 20 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 000W
Tuesday 24 th	Individual Photographs
Friday 27 th	Market Day hosted by Grade 000I
Tuesday 31 st	Parent Teacher Meetings
April	
Wednesday 1 st	Parent Teacher Meetings
Thursday 2 nd	Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 10 th	College closes 11:45
May	
Wednesday 6 th	College opens