

Our curriculum We have three main 'drivers' or Golden Threads which run through our curriculum. These are overarching themes which we feel are important to our school context and children's needs. They are:

Vocabulary, Knowledge of the World and Promoting Diversity

Vocabulary Teachers take every opportunity to expand children's knowledge and use of words. Our English curriculum is taught through high quality texts, to promote and teach a wide range of rich language. Also, each subject unit of work across the curriculum begins with work on word banks and rich vocabulary.

Knowledge of the World Our broad and balanced curriculum is knowledge based and ensures skill progression in each subject. It ensures that children are well prepared for secondary school. Teachers plan from a wide range of high quality schemes and resources such as Purple Mash (for computing); SCARF (for personal and social development), Collins Science, White Rose Maths, Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education.

Promoting Diversity Due to the rural position of our school, we know how important it is to ensure children are taught overtly about different cultures, beliefs and peoples. Our curriculum this year is more overtly promoting diversity and equality, including ethnicity, religious beliefs, physical ability, gender and culture.

Our bespoke curriculum is based on research and excellent practice. As an outward looking school, practice and training from a range of organisations is used such as from Glow Maths Hub, Mangotsfield English Hub, Educational Psychologist Team, South Gloucestershire Integra, WGSP and Odyssey Teaching Hub at Balcarras.

How can you find out more about these three important Golden Threads?
Please see the class pages on our website for termly maps about the texts used in English teaching and the subject specific 'knowledge of the world' taught.

The main curriculum tab has information about the wider curriculum, including:

<http://woodside.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Woodside-Primary-School-Curriculum-Overview-2021-221.pdf>

This newsletter will have a new, regular item about how school is promoting diversity, following a calendar of events throughout the year celebrating the work of famous people and marking special events.

Term dates:

Term 1

3rd Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

1st Nov to 17th Dec

Term 3

5th Jan to 18th Feb

Term 4

28th Feb to 8th April

Term 5

25th April to 26th May

Term 6

6th June to 20th July

Inset days:

2nd Sept 2021

22nd Oct 2021

4th Jan 2022

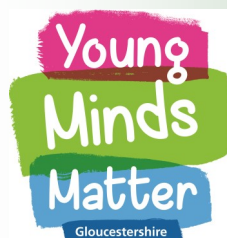
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21st July 2022

Other dates:

- Please see website for clubs
- Tues 23rd Nov Nasal Flu vaccinations-
- Weds 24th Nov and Weds 1st Dec Parents' appointments (virtual)
- Fri 10th Dec non-uniform day to please donate item for Christmas raffle hamper **and Christmas Jumper Day**
- Weds 15th Dec Prostars Christmas themed day and raffle draw
- Thurs 16th Dec Class Christmas parties (uniform as normal)
- Fri 17th Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumpers if wished
- 11th -13th July 2022 Y5/6 residential trip

This term's school value is
respect



Promoting Diversity

In our zoom assembly, the following was shared:

Fri 19th Nov marks the birthday of Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru. He was born in a small town in India called Talwandi, around 500 years ago. His young life was marked by acts of **kindness and compassion**. The word guru comes from Hindi and Punjabi and it means **teacher and leader**. The people who followed his teachings became known as Sikhs, which means **learners**. Guru Nanak's birthday is celebrated as a way of honouring the beginning of the Sikh faith and remembering his message that **everyone is equal**.

Learning about this links wonderfully to our school value of respect and it links well with the national anti-bullying theme this year of kindness.

Please see our website for information on our curriculum, school organisation, useful links and policies/documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries.

Thank you!

£122 was raised on Friday for Children in Need!

Thank you so much for your support!

REMINDERS:

Please drive slowly around the school area.

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines.

Thank you

Parents Evening Appointments

Thank you for booking your appointment, which is for 10 minutes.

Please enter the Zoom waiting room a few minutes early and the class teacher will let you in ready for your appointment.

If you have requested a phone call instead, please be ready for your teacher to phone you at the allocated time.

Please support your school and the steps they are taking to protect your children

Your school may be advised to take extra action to help tackle rising Covid cases. The steps taken will vary from school to school and might include some of the below. Please support them and the measures they put in place.



Face coverings in communal areas and classrooms for secondary school pupils



Face coverings for staff when indoors



Parents and carers may also be asked to wear a face covering in crowded areas for example at the school gates



Cancelling large events or moving them outdoors



Postponing indoor 'all school activities' including assemblies



Daily rapid Covid testing for household siblings aged 11 years and over



Rapid Covid testing for household siblings of a confirmed case

Lateral flow testing (LFT) for primary aged children might be advised but will be at the discretion of parents or carers.

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:



Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious affects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab please do not delay in taking up the offer



Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport



Continue with twice-weekly testing testing for people with no symptoms (everyone aged 11 years and over)



If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR

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Although it is not mandatory to wear a face mask when picking up outside, please do so if talking to staff.
If you do need to come into the reception area, please wear a mask when indoors.
Thank you for help; please continue to be vigilant for symptoms and be assured that we are doing all we can. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries.

#HAF2021



Holiday Activity and Food Programme

What?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals.

When?

The programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December.

To stay up to date on all things HAF, email us at:

HAFparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

to join our newsletter where we will have updates, insights, recipes and crafts from November.

What is available?

We will be offering a variety of face-to-face activities with your local providers:

- ✓ exciting activity packs for all ages
- ✓ an opportunity to claim your own winter food hamper to enjoy over the holidays

- ✓ tickets to local events and more!

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC

or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf



Holiday Activity Programme

What?

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our holiday activity programme for December to all children in Gloucestershire.

Open to children of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally.

When?

The HAF programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December. You will be able to book any activities marked HAF in the title.

What will be available?

- ✓ Face to face activities for children to socialise and play
- ✓ Ticketed activity schemes to your favourite venues
- ✓ A large online video activity library and more!
- ✓ A potential free meal at your local activities

(Please contact providers directly for more details on this)

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf



Community News:

Woodside Village hall:

- Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00 coffee morning all welcome
- Local band playing 20th November 8pm. Tickets on the door.
- Craft Fayre Sat 27th Nov 1-4pm

Ruardean Hill Rec

- **1st Ruardean Hill Brownies** - meeting during term time at Woodside School. Open to girls aged 7-11 years. For more details/register visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Pre-school hours The deadline for applying for 30 hours of childcare is 27th November.

www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare

Please email your child's class email address, so the teacher can send class specific information.

These emails are not checked every day, so please contact the school office if you have a query which requires a prompt response.

Dormice@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Fallow-deer@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Redsquirrels@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Please refrain from sending in birthday cake or sweets due to allergies.

Have your details changed?

If you have a new mobile number or if any other details we hold have changed, please inform the school office.

Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date and someone can be contacted in the school day.

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Woodpeckers class are leading some whole school work on how our school community can help the environment.

If your child would like to make or write one Christmas card for their class and bring it to school, it will be displayed in class.

Children feel that this will help to reduce the amount of paper and card needing to be recycled.

Foil and crisp packets will be collected and recycled.

The street wardens will be contacted to see if the class can help the area outside school, by doing a litter pick.

Everyone at school is encouraged to turn off unneeded lights and devices.

Mrs Cotterell will be updating us!

Thank you to Woodpeckers.

Please download the free app called ourschoolsapp to receive notifications, messages and reminders about dates.

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Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries.