

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is **tolerance**

The A4136 road will be closed from the Steam Mills junction to the Mireystock Crossroads (Lydbrook/Cannop Ponds junction off the A4136) as from Monday 31st Jan. The closure is for five days from 9.30am until 7pm at night, so please allow plenty of time to travel another way to pick up after school where needed.

Seed Kits Children will be bringing home a seed kit soon. The Forest Voluntary Action Forum in Cinderford has kindly donated these for Steam Mills and Woodside Schools. We hope the children enjoy planning the seeds and watching them grow.

Gloucestershire Families Magazine

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Gloucestershire Magazine](#). This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including winter boredom busters, Chinese New Year craft projects, DIY board games, parenting advice and loads more.

Woodside's Got Talent!

Does your child have a talent that they would like to share in a whole school assembly? We'd love to hear about it! We are very aware that there are lots of children who take part in all sorts of activities and clubs outside of school but they don't always have the opportunity to share that with everyone else. We would like to share these talents with other pupils; it might inspire others to try something new. So if your child is doing really well with their music lessons, art classes, drama performances or any sporting achievements please let us know. Equally, if your child has a different talent that I haven't mentioned then we'd love to know too!

We will be having a special talent assembly every term where the children will be asked to describe or share their talent. For example, they could play their instrument and explain how they got interested in it, how long they have been playing for, how often they have to practise for and what they are hoping to do next. We will hold these assemblies every term, so if we don't manage to hear about everyone's talents during the first assembly there will be plenty of time later on in the year.

If your child is interested in sharing their talents then please email Mrs Cotterell on her class email: woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk. You will need to give the name and class of your child and briefly describe what the talent is and how it can be shared with the whole school. We will then create a timetable so that everyone can have the opportunity to share their skills.

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

27th May 2022

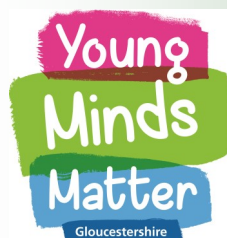
21st July 2022

2022-23 term dates and inset days are on the [website](#)

Other dates:

- Safer Internet Day
8th Feb
- World Book Day 3rd
March
- Parents' evening
dates 23rd and 30th
March
- Mon 6th June Jubilee
Celebration
- 11th –13th July 2022
Y5/6 residential trip

Childcare
Choices



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

Safer Internet Day 8th Feb. Please see our website for parent information:

<http://woodside.gloucs.sch.uk/online-safety/>

Parent Survey: We would like your views, so please complete a quick survey via this link, which has also been sent out on the app. The survey will close on 31.01.22

<https://web.nautilus.education/public/survey/175/2183/CLASS>

WORLD BOOK DAY 3.03.22 Details to follow as we are having a whole school theme around a book. Please do not plan costumes yet!

Collecting stamps: Please send in used stamps as Woodpecker class are collecting them for charity

Website based pdfs: Please let us know if you cannot open any documents on our class pages (eg spelling activities). Thank you

Rugby: Drybrook U10's are looking for more players to join the team (boys and girls) Training and games are on Sundays at 10.15am for more information contact Steve at hale87@outlook.com

Promoting Diversity

Here are some special days in Term 3, which different classes will be talking about in our Zoom assemblies. We are purchasing a fantastic range of new books to help children learn more about different cultures, places, people and beliefs.

16.01.22 World Religion Day

World Religion Day is an opportunity for people of different faiths to celebrate similarities between different religions and to promote understanding and harmony. The day was established in 1950 in Portland by people of the Baha'ia Faith and was originally called 'World Peace Through World Religion' day. Baha'ias believe that all humans are born equal and that everyone should have the same rights.

17.01.22 Martin Luther King Day

As a Christian, Martin Luther King Jr believed in equal rights too and we learned about his 'I have a dream' speech. We reflected on fairness and unfairness. As a civil rights activist, he campaigned for improved rights for all, to try to make all people equal. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial prejudice in the United States and the law was changed so that everyone could vote. Woodpeckers class will learn more about this, ready to present to our assembly on 4th Feb.

1.02.22 Chinese New Year-Fallow Deer to lead the assembly

4.02.22 Rosa Parks Day-Woodpeckers to lead the assembly

14.02.22 Random Acts of Kindness week

15.02.22 Nirvana Day Buddhism-Red Squirrels to lead the assembly

Our curriculum

Spring term overviews are on our website class pages, so that you can see what your child will be learning this term

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**

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>

Mrs Fawkes' Celebration Newsletters are a great way for you to see some of the activities on offer.

Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14th February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15th and 16th of February**. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received vouchers by then please get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

YogaBugs online offer

We have an offer for families who can claim a FREE eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for the whole family throughout January & February 2022.

What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in.

<https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families!

Why sign up?

- It is FREE!
- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help families feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active over the cold winter months.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

How to gain access?

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/>

Click on parents, enter the unique eCode **gloucestershire-1361** and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!) Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

If you have any queries regarding this offer please get in contact by email-
ing haftickets@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Community News:

Woodside Village hall:

- Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00
coffee morning all welcome

Ruardean Hill Rec

- **1st Ruardean Hill Brownies** -
meeting during term time at
Woodside School. Open to girls
aged 7-11 years. For more de-
tails/register visit [https://
www.girlguiding.org.uk/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/)

Please refrain from sending
in birthday cake or sweets
due to allergies. We are a
nut free school and thank
you for your consideration
when planning your child's
packed lunches.

Thank you

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 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

Woodpecker Recycling project

Pens are now recycled at
school along with foil and
crisp packets, thanks to
the endeavours of Mrs
Cotterell and Woodpecker
class.

Well done everyone
involved!

REMINDER:

Please drive slowly around the school area.
Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag
lines.

Thank you

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

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.**

