

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is tolerance*

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Hattie, Frankie, Jasper, Kayden, Joe, Callie, Ella & Maisy

Achievement: Jasmine, Charlie, Anya, Toby, Charlie, Jake, Evie, Serin, Erica & Ruby

Reading: Nyla-Rae, Lucy, Layla, Bartie, Millie & Marcus

Pro-Stars of the week: Vinnie, Noah, Eve & Dylan

As a reminder, the only earrings that are acceptable are one pair of plain studs. Please remember that children should not be wearing earrings on their PE days for safety reasons. If necessary ( your child has just had their ears pierced) medical tape can be used to protect the ears—please send this in with your child so they can use it. Children are welcome to remove their own earrings before PE sessions if you prefer, but will need to be able to do this independently. Thank you.

We are lucky enough to have a disabled parking space that is available by our playground. Please make sure you have your blue badge on display if you are using it as it is for designated users only.

Woodpecker class had a great time on their trip on Monday. The children visited Skillzone in Gloucester which is run by the Fire and Rescue service. Children learnt lots about how to stay safe. We practiced crossing the road, catching a bus, taking the train as well as seeing what a police station custody cell is like. Children were surprised to learn that they can be arrested from the age of 10 years! We spotted fire hazards in the home and had a go at making a 999 call asking for help. We learnt about using the app What3Words and how it helps to give our exact location if the emergency services need it. We also heard about hoax calls and the consequences of making these. We were able to go shopping and buy healthy and unhealthy foods as well as learning about the park and what to do if someone threatens us. Our final quiz showed just how much we had learnt and we will all be a lot safer from now on. Thank you to everyone who helped us during the day.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Spring term 2024

8th January—22nd March

Half Term: 12th—16th Feb

### Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Half Term: 27th—31st May

### INSET days:

May 24th

July 22nd

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office. A weekly number will be drawn out with the winner receiving £5.

**Congratulations to  
Ottie  
who is the winner  
this week!**



We promote British Values and uphold our own school values of **friendship, determination, respect, tolerance, courage** and **self-belief**. As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.



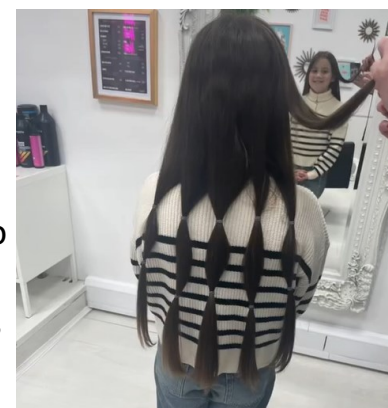
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We are all super proud of Ruby who has donated lots of her hair (13 inches!) to the Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. They also fund childhood cancer research searching to find kinder and more effective treatments. It costs on average £700 to provide one wig to a child or young person. This cost covers the making, fitting and styling of the wig.

Not only has Ruby donated her hair so that it can be made into a wig, she has also been fundraising in support of the charity. So far she has raised over £750!! Anyone who would like to support Ruby in her efforts please speak to the office who can pass on the fundraising details. We are immensely proud of you Ruby and love your new, shorter style! Fantastic!



Congratulations to Ellyn who has received sponsorship for her trial bike riding this year. She brought in some of her kit to show us in assembly. We loved your name on the back.

Ellyn has been selected as part of the bvm-moto team. She has impressed them with her riding ability but also her enthusiasm and her willingness to give back to the sport. Well done Ellyn!



#### Upcoming dates

27th January—National Story telling week

29th January—Chance to Shine Cricket Day, PE Kit required for Dormice, Fallow Deer, Woodpecker and Red Squirrel classes.

1st February—Height/Weight check Reception and Year 6 children

9th February—PTFA Valentine Disco 4-6pm. £2.50.

23rd February—Young Voices Concert

Children in Woodpecker class will be taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch this month. If they have binoculars they can use it would be really helpful thank you.