

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is determination*

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to see how smart everyone looks in their uniform and how much taller everyone has grown during the holiday! Children have done brilliantly getting used to new times, systems and routines for their classes, thank you for your support with this particularly at the start and the end of the school day.

## Reading

The children in Year 1 to 6 have all got their new reading books and reading records. Please help us to keep them tidy and smart. We expect the children in Year 1 and 2 to be reading to an adult at home at least 3 times a week, children in Year 3 and 4 at least 4 times a week and year 5 and 6 children at least 5 times a week. These should be recorded in the reading record please.

## Topics

You will be able to find out what topics and themes your child will be learning about through the curriculum pages on our website. The curriculum topic plans give you a brief overview of the main learning for each subject. Some subjects also have knowledge organisers which the children are familiar with. These have the key facts that the children should know by the end of the unit. Children are also quizzed on these facts in lessons.

## Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Anya, Hattie, Toby, Theo, Bartie, Layla & Lily  
Reading: Rueben, Olivia, Phoebe, Jaicob, Lexie, Marley & Daniel  
Achievement: Corey, Josephine, Bartie, Lola, Rowan & Scarlet  
Pro-Stars: Toby, Theo & Layla

Well done to all of our Reception children who received certificates this week for settling into school so brilliantly. They also received their marbles which have been added to our community bowl in the hall.

Well done to Demaris for her medal for her artwork, Anya and Jasper for their rosettes for showing and handling their sheep, Theo for his green belt in kick boxing and to Ellyn for her trophy from the border trials (motorbiking) ladies and girls British Championships where she came 5th!

## Term Dates 2024-2025

### Autumn term 2024

Sept 2nd—20th December  
Half Term: 28th Oct—1st Nov

### Spring term 2025

6th January—11th April  
Half Term: 17th—21st Feb

### Summer Term 2025

28th April—21st July  
Half Term: May 26th—30th

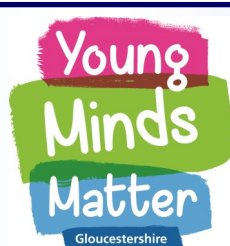
### INSET days:

September 2nd  
October 25th  
January 6th  
April 11th,  
July 21st

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.



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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### Harvest Celebration

This year we will again be supporting the local community as a part of our Harvest Celebrations. Every year we help children understand where their food comes from and how we can be thankful for it. Parents kindly donate food and this year we will be working together with Woodside Village Hall to auction off the donations on Saturday 14th September at 7.30 pm , all welcome. Money raised will contribute to fund a Christmas lunch for the over 60's.

Donations of tins/packets/vegetables/fruit by Wednesday 11th would be gratefully received.

### PE Days—

Reception Tuesday  
Year 3 and 4 Wednesdays,  
Year 1 and 2 Thursdays,  
Year 5 and 6 Fridays.



Children should wear suitable PE kit to school on the relevant days please. School jumpers or cardigans should be worn rather than hoodies, thank you.

### Year 2 and Year 6 Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 9th September until 21st October for children in Year 2 and Year 6.

Swim time is 12.30 - 1 .30 pm with the bus leaving at 12pm.

Children are encouraged to bring in a larger snack for break time and will eat a bit before they go as well as after swimming, so if at all possible a packed lunch will need to be provided on these days please.

### Upcoming dates

9th September—swimming for children in Year 2 and 6

12th September—violin lessons start for Year 3 and 4

25th September—Maths Fest 2024

27th September—School photos for individuals

1st October—PSHCE session for Year 5 and 6

7th October—Life Education sessions

15th October—PSHCE session for Year 1 and 2

28th October—Half term

4th November—Year 3 and 4 Federation trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival

11th November—Year 5 and 6 trip to Skillzone

27th November—Year 1 and 2 Federation visit

### Uniform

Lots of children are wearing beautifully smart new jumpers and cardigans. Please label these with your child's name so we can return them to the right owner. We also seem to collect little pots at break time—if there is a way to label these this would be amazing. It isn't always easy depending on the design so we do appreciate any help you can give us with this.

As a reminder, the only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs, one pair please. Make-up is not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools. We would be grateful for your support in maintaining standards as we believe it helps children prepare for secondary school where the consequences for not wearing the correct uniform can be missing free time.