

# Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is respect

Welcome back after half term, we hope you all had a good rest. The website is starting to be updated with new termly overviews, knowledge organisers and spelling lists. Please do check these pages for information about your child's learning.

Our INSET day at the end of last term included training for staff on reading for pleasure. We learnt that research shows that reading is the single most important indicator for children's success in life- this includes progress in maths, as well as English. We discussed the 3R approach which is:

- Responsibility- everyone is responsible for children reading for pleasure and promoting reading.
- Rigour- respect reading
- Relevance- to them

Children who read regularly are able to write richer narratives, their writing is more coherent, with a wider range of vocabulary used. Children are able to lift vocabulary from a text and use it in their own writing/speech. In Maths, children understand problems better and can articulate reasoning. Being a confident reader creates confident children that can show social and emotional skills in narrative— it fosters empathy and imagination.

We listen to children read in school as regularly as possible and will be introducing a class reading book for pleasure in each class this term, this in addition to our literacy based work around a text, guided reading and phonics work. We do ask that children are heard read at home regularly as it is so important. Please do help us by listening to your child read at home and fill in the reading records.

### Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Please be aware that some teachers will be starting to deliver the Relationships and Health Education sessions. Information about the scheme of work and policy can be found on the school website. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions or wish to withdraw your child.

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

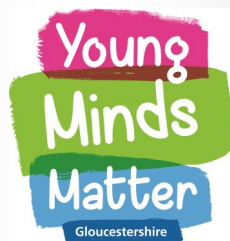
Summer Term 2025  
 28th April—21st July  
 Half Term: May 26th—30th

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.

**Well done to Demaris who is our 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.



West Gloucestershire Schools Partnership

### Upcoming dates

11th November—Year 5 and 6 trip to Skillzone

12th November—surprise visitor in assembly

15th November—Children in Need sale £2

18th November—UK parliament week

19th November—PTFA meeting 2.15pm all welcome

27th November—Year 1 and 2 Federation visit

6th December—Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal

9th December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance at 5pm

10th December—Reception performance 2pm

11th December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 1.30pm

12th December—Reception performance 9.30am

18th December—Christmas dinner and panto visit.

18th December—Severn Trent Visit to Y5 and 6

19th December—Drama club performance 2.40pm

20th December—last day before Christmas holidays

January 6th—INSET day

10th January—Angling sessions

16th January—Key Stage 2 trip to Caerleon (Romans)

### Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Vinnie, Kai, Knox, Sabrina, Vinnie, Bodhi, Milo, Phoebe, Ella & Elena

Reading: Chloe, Eva, Rueben, Lucas, Edith, Kayden, Lola, Toby & Lily

Achievement: Nolah, Lola, Clay, Maeve, Flynn, Elliana, Lucy, Chester, Zeta, Lily & Freya

Pro-Stars: Ellis & Millie

Well done to Ava and Sienna for their football trophy, Ellyn for doing well in a recent motor cross competition, Phoebe for her rugby medal and Toby for his rugby trophy for player of the week.



Congratulations to the winners of the PTFA Christmas Card design competition. There were some excellent entries that were all judged by Mo Powell, the Chair of Woodside Memorial Hall. Everyone who took part will have received a letter explaining how you can buy items with those pictures on, this is also to help fundraise for the school. Winners received a special certificate and a reading book. Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who are working hard behind the scenes to arrange it all.

Little Dormice—Elsie  
Reception—Eva  
Year 1—Demaris  
Year 2—Ruby

Year 3—Florrie  
Year 4—Phoebe  
Year 6—Millie



### Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need again this year. On Friday 15th November we will have a fundraising shop where children will be able to buy small Pudsey bears and Pudsey ears. There will be a minimum donation of £2 per item and we will limit it to one item per child to begin with to make sure it is fair. If you would like to help our fundraising effort please send your child in with their donation in on Friday. Thank you.

