

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is tolerance

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Effie, Reuben, Edith, Lucas, Skye, Leyton, Oliver & Ruby

Reading: Knox, Josh, Josephine, Seth, Charlie, Scarlet & Jake

Achievement: Cai, Everleigh, Arthur, Chester, Florrie, Maggie, Sofia & Tiana

Pro-Star: Mabel, Toby, Charlie & Clara

Well done to Clara for her rugby player of the week medal, Freddie for his coaches football player of the week trophy for excellent goal keeping and to Ellyn for her recent success in her trial bike riding.

Reading

We need your help! We try really hard to listen to the children read during the week. Many of our lessons involve reading and we all complete guided reading regularly. However, we would really love it if there were a few parents who could spare half an hour to come into hear readers towards the end of the day? Maybe a bit before home time? If you could help spare a bit of time once a week we would be so grateful.

We're very aware of the statistics around children's reading which is why it is so important to us. Children who are unable to read properly at 7 never really catch up. These children do less well at school, have reduced employment choices, earning opportunities and a greater chance of going to prison. Children who can't read can't take advantage of their education or play a full part in society.

We are really noticing a difference with the children who are heard regularly —this includes reading at home. We do check the reading records, as a guide 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.

If you are able to help us please let the office know and teachers can then get in touch to arrange times. Thank you!

Term Dates 2025

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:

April 11th,

July 21st

Term dates for 2025-2026 will be available on our website soon if you would like to see them.

100 Club

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office.

***Well done to
Gregory
who is our
winner this
week.***

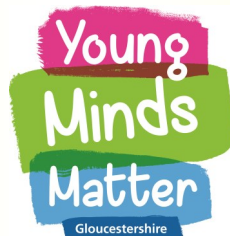


We promote British Values and uphold our own school values of **friendship, determination, respect, tolerance, courage** and **self-belief**. As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.

Childcare
Choices



Mental Health
Champions



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

Upcoming dates

3rd February—National Story Telling Week

4th February—Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions—see posters opposite

5th February—Year 5 and 6 federation afternoon

7th February—In the Net play for Year 4 children

11th February—Caterlink sessions for Key Stage 2

26th February—Young Voices concert

5th March—poetry workshops with Charlotte L Taylor

11th April—INSET day

28th April—Class photos

12th-15th May Year 6 SATs week

2nd June—Year 4 multiplication check two week timeframe start

19th June—Year 5/6 Federation sports event

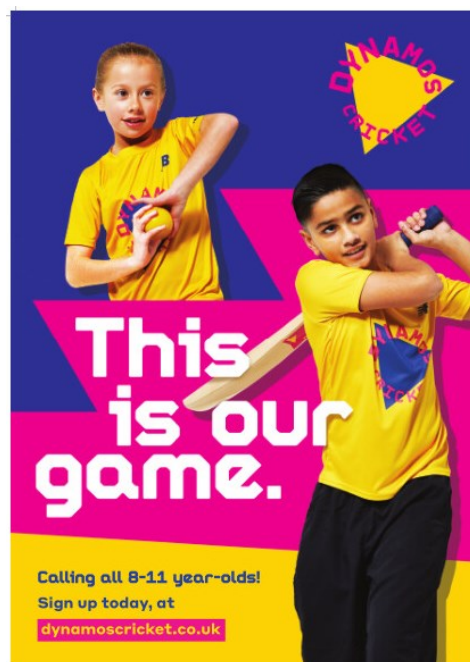
3rd July—Porthcawl seaside trip Year 1 and 2

Break time snacks

We'd like to ask all children who bring in a snack for playtime to help us reduce our waste and care for the environment. Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack; ideally fruit or vegetables. We'd like to ask that no snack is brought in if it is wrapped up in a plastic wrapper or box. Things like fruit, vegetables, little slices of cheese, breadsticks or rice cakes are all suitable snacks. If needed, these can be brought into school in a re-useable named pot or tub. Anything with wrappers, (such as yoghurts or fruit winders) please keep for eating at home or lunchtime. Children in EYFS and KS1 are all eligible for free fruit or vegetables at playtime so may not need to bring a snack at all. As a reminder, we also do not accept birthday cakes or sweets to share out in class, due to food allergies and intolerances for some of our children. Thank you for your support with this.

Children will be accessing a taster session (Chance to Shine) for cricket on February 4th.

PE kit will be required for all classes please.



Spelling

Children in Key Stage Two may be asked to complete handwriting or word search sheets as part of their spelling work at home. These should be filled in using the correct letter formation and with the joins that are demonstrated on the sheet. Please check with your child if this applies to them and if you are unsure speak to the class teacher. Spelling lists are available on the website if you are unsure which words are being learnt each week.

Parking

Please could we remind all parents that the bus stop parking needs to be **kept clear at all times.**

This is so that we can get children on and off a bus safely without needing to use the busy road. Thank you for your help with this.