

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is self-belief

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Nolah, Mabel, Flynn, Edith, Anya, Sophie, Milo, Ella & Rowan
Reading: Vinnie, Savannah, Charlie, Corey, Elliana, Noah, Millie & Eve
Achievement: Chloe, Anya, Demaris, Skye, Charlie, Joe, Layla & Niamh
Pro-Star: Noah, Jake, Miri & Ella



Congratulations to Phoebe and Knox for their swimming badges and certificates and to Ava and Sienna for their football trophy.

Start of the day

From Monday 17th March we will be changing the start of the school day slightly for children in Reception to Year 6. (Little Dormice remains the same as now please.)

Children will no longer need to line up but we will have a soft start. This means the gate will be open from 8.35am and children can come into school from then up to 8.45am when the gate will close. Children will go straight into school and join their class. Arrivals after this time will need to enter through the main entrance via the school office. Children who attend breakfast club will join their class from there at the correct time. This is to benefit children so that they have a calmer start to the day and to allow them to settle into their early morning tasks. We hope that it will allow parents a window of time to drop their children off so it doesn't get so busy around the triangle and that it will support our children to start the school day in a calm manner.

We would like to try this for the remainder of this term and the summer term and want to thank you in advance for your support.

Rights Respecting

Children have had weekly Rights Respecting assemblies. This week our assemblies have focused on:

Fair Trade—Article 24—Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in British values: **Respect for other people**

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

Class contact

If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office.

Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected to respond whilst they are teaching or beyond 5pm; your patience is appreciated.

100 Club

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

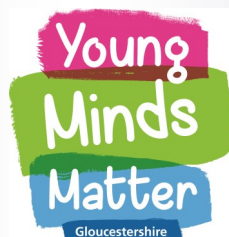
***Well done to
Daniel
who is our
winner this
week.***

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

31st March—parent's evenings (Y1—Y6)

1st April—The Orchard trip to Puzzlewood.

1st April—parent's evenings (Early Years & Dormice)

2nd April—parent's evenings (R-Year 6)

10th April—Drama Club performance to parents 2.45pm

11th April—INSET day

28th April—Class photos

30th April—Darts sessions KS2

8th May—VE day celebration. Come dressed in Red, White, Blue

12th-15th May Year 6 SATs week

16th May—Going for Gold sponsored event

19th May—Cooking with Caterlink for The Orchard children

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

18th June—provisional Sports Day afternoon

19th June—Year 5/6 Federation sports event

3rd July—Porthcawl seaside trip Year 1 and 2

Spelling Bee

After getting through the practice and test events in class we were able to send a group of children to represent the school at the Forest of Dean Spelling Bee competition. We are so proud of all of the children who took part. Our team was made up of Edith, Corey, Theo, Sienna, Lucas and Sofia.

As a school we haven't entered a competition like this before so it was a new experience for everyone to try out. Some of our better spellers need to write words down, it isn't easy being able to spell out loud from memory. We were hoping that the children selected would do well but we were blown away with just how well they did.



Everyone finished in the top 10 for their group with Corey coming first overall! (We're not sure you needed the prize of a dictionary after doing so well! But you can use it to check any words you don't know and to prepare for next year!)

Huge congratulations to Corey for winning, to the rest of the team for being so brilliant and to everyone else who took the time to learn the spellings at home and tried their best in school. We might try and enter you all again next year so Corey can defend his title of best speller in the Forest of Dean!



Houses of Parliament Federation Trip

As part of our Rights Respecting, we have been fortunate enough to secure a booking to the Palace of Westminster, 10th June 2025. The children that are on the school councils have been invited as they have shown a keen interest and passion to make changes at our schools, however, each school will have an allocation of extra spaces and we would like to offer more children the opportunity to attend. These should be children that a) have previously been on the school council, b) put themselves forwards as candidates for the school council previously, or c) have a known interest in politics. If you wish for your child to be considered, please communicate with your school office directly by Friday 28th March. We will then put your child's name in a ballot and then communicate if you have been successful or not, before the Easter Holidays.

Please make sure your child brings in suitable snacks for playtime. Things like fruit, vegetables, little slices of cheese, breadsticks or rice cakes are all suitable snacks. Fruit is provided for KS1 children. Thank you.

Please come and join us on Monday 2nd June at 2pm for a parent information session around Cyber Safety. This is being run by Gloucestershire Police and should be a really informative session. We're really hoping to see lots of parents so please put the date in your diary!



Cyber Safety Parents Edition.

In an era where technology intertwines seamlessly with our daily lives, ensuring the cyber safety of our children has become paramount.

As the digital landscape continues to evolve, so do the challenges and opportunities it presents. This engaging presentation is crafted exclusively for parents, offering vital insights into the world of cyber safety.

Arm yourself with knowledge, discover practical tips, and join us on a journey to empower and protect our children in the ever-expanding digital realm.

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