

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is friendship*

Welcome back to the summer term! What a beautiful few days we have had! We hope everyone had a restful Easter break. New knowledge organisers and curriculum maps will be added to the website soon, please check the relevant pages and class pages for updates. Children will be quizzed on these as part of our work towards fact retrieval and memory.

We've had lots of celebrations with certificates from outside school this week—you must all be super tired with how busy you have all been! Well done to Frankie, Arthur, Clay, Vinnie and Reuben for their football trophies, to Ellyn for her 3rd place in her trial bike competition, to Demaris for learning to ride her bike, to Maggie for her baton twirling trophy, to Vinnie for his swimming badge and certificate, Lucy for her level 6 swimming and rookie lifeguard certificates, Vinnie for his level 2 swimming certificate and badge, congratulations to Brody for his darts trophy and to Toby for his rugby county festival trophy. We're super proud of you all! We also want to say well done to all the parents who have had a busy time supporting you all with these events, you must all need a rest too!

## Uniform

As the weather continues to vary so much please make sure the children come to school prepared. They need a drink, a sun hat and a raincoat every day. **Sun cream (when needed) should be applied before school.**

All clothing should be named please, we do try to return abandoned jumpers to their owners but it helps us enormously if they are named. Children should not be wearing tight fit short shorts to school as they are not part of our acceptable school uniform. Children may wear skirts, summer dresses or suitable school shorts. They should be grey, black or navy in colour. Children are welcome to wear cycle shorts under their skirts in the summer if they wish.

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.

## Term Dates 2025

### 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

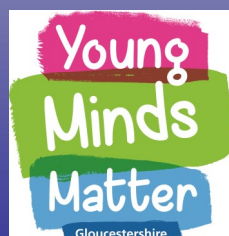
For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office.

A weekly number will be drawn out with the winner receiving £5.

It's a great way to support the school as money raised goes towards funds for the children.



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

2nd May—STEM sessions for each class linked to computing

6th May—PTFA meeting all welcome

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

12th-15th May Year 6 SATs week

16th May—Going for Gold sponsored keep fit event

19th May—Cooking with Carterlink for The Orchard children

19th May—Year 6 meeting with Dene Magna staff (at Woodside)

22nd May—David Walliams zoom session KS2

22nd May—Elmer Day KS1

2nd June—CyberSafety for parents meeting 2pm

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

10th June—School Council trip to Houses of Parliament

13th June—KS2 trip to Three Counties Show

18th June—provisional Sports Day afternoon

19th June—Year 5/6 Federation sports event

### Rights Respecting

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

**Earth Day- WWF/ Greta Thunberg/ Jane Godall**

**Article 12 and 13- The right to speak out and the right to be heard. Individual liberty**

### Assessment weeks

KS2 SATs week is coming up—please be aware of the days and different tests. Year 6 children are invited to come into school from 8.15am to share breakfast treat together before the exams from Monday to Thursday.

#### **2.3 Key stage 2 test timetable for 2025**

The tests must be taken on the scheduled day, and in order, unless an application for a timetable variation has been approved by STA (see section 5.6).

Date	Tests
Monday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Paper 1: questions
Monday 12 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 13 May	English reading
Wednesday 14 May	Mathematics: Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 14 May	Mathematics: Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 15 May	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

### VE day

Thursday 8 May 2025 marks 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. The long anticipated news resulted in spontaneous celebrations breaking out across the nation. A national holiday was declared and people from all walks of life came together to mark the moment.

The war in the East did not end until 15 August 1945, when Japan surrendered. The day was celebrated across the world as 'Victory over Japan' (VJ Day).



The 80th anniversary of VE Day is this year, 2025. We will be celebrating and remembering in school with a morning of activities that will take place throughout the school. We will be having a picnic on the school field (weather permitting) and school dinners will be a choice of hot dog or vegetarian hot dog. **Children are invited to come dressed in red, white and/or blue if possible.**



### Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Please be aware that teachers will be delivering the Relationships and Health Education sessions in the summer term. Information about the scheme of work and policy can be found on the school website. Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you have any questions or wish to withdraw your child from the lessons.

### Elmer Day

This year, EYFS and KS1 children will celebrate Elmer day on Friday 23rd May. They will be completing Elmer themed activities in their classes on this day and we encourage children to wear a brightly coloured item, in addition to their normal school uniform on this day e.g. bright coloured socks, bright headband. If your child has any Elmer books at home, they are welcome to bring them to school on this day to share with their class.

### Key Stage 2 Darts

Children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a darts session run by ProStars. The children all enjoyed developing their co-ordination skills and worked really well in the warm weather. The sessions used maths skills in doubling, halving, addition and multiplication to succeed at different challenges. Well done to everyone who took part!





RUARDEAN WOODSIDE MEMORIAL HALL

VE Day



80



Saturday 10 May  
2-5pm



1940's fancy dress (optional)

Bring a plate – (food to share)

Tea/Coffee & cakes for sale  
Bar

Free Admission

Cyber Safety



For Parents

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.

Let's build a safer online environment together!



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Local events coming up—please see individual posters for more details.

HE'S BACK! JOIN US FOR A  
HALF-TERM FOOTBALL DAY  
WITH LUKE THOMAS



TRAIN WITH THE EX-CHAMPIONSHIP AND CURRENT BRISTOL ROVERS WINGER!

LUKE'S CAREER CLUBS INCLUDE:



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



VENUE: FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD, GL14 2QA

DATE: WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

TIME: 9.30AM UNTIL 3.30PM

AGES: GIRLS AND BOYS, 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

PRICE: £25

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- FOOTBALL DRILLS AND MATCHES
- LEARN FROM LUKE HIMSELF, TIPS AND ADVICE ON THE PITCH
- AUTOGRAPH SIGNING AND PICTURES
- OPEN Q&A SESSION WITH LUKE
- VIDEO OF LUKE'S CAREER SO FAR

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



VE DAY  
80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Join US at the  
PanTod Beacon

Highest point in the Forest of Dean

Ruardean Hill

A shared moment of Celebration

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 6.30pm till late.

Celebrate Victory in Europe Day 80 years ago, with our own community celebration of music and fun and join the Nation by lighting our Beacon.

- 6.30pm Ruardean Hill Sports Club open for refreshments
- 7.30pm Parade of Cadets, Scouts and Guides gather at the Beacon
- 8.00pm The VE Day 80 flag is raised
- 8.15pm VE Day hymn sung – led by Drybrook Ladies Choir
- 8.20pm Live 1940's music from the Parkend Silver Band
- 9.15pm Ceremonial lighting of our Beacon along with all the beacons in UK and around the world.
- 9.30pm Music and refreshments continue until close of event

stalls – raffle – "Busters Burgers" – fun – vintage vehicles.

Dress to Impress in 1940's fashion if you want to get "In the mood"

Reduce car congestion– consider walking or cycle options

Bring your own deckchairs and picnic

Organised by the Friends of Pan Tod  
Supported by: Drybrook Parish Council



Weather watch for cancellation – check facebook and web site: <https://pan-tod.webador.co.uk>