

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Well done to everyone for settling into new routines so well this week, swimming has gone well and everyone has coped brilliantly with changes to the weather and playtimes. Thank you to everyone at home who has supported spelling, reading and maths homework activities that have started for many pupils this week. As a reminder, spelling lists can be found on the class pages on our website.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Hattie, Vinnie, Noah, Lucy, Maggie & Sophie

Reading: Eva, Demaris, Otti, Doug, Nyla, Theo & Layla

Achievement: Noah, Paige, Rueben, Lola, Arthur, Charlie, Jaicob, Archie, Eliana & Ava

Pro-Stars: Jake

Well done to Evie who took part in the transplant games during the summer holidays, thank you for sharing the wonderful medals you received! Well done to Flynn for his kickboxing medal, Bertie for his darts trophy, Dylan for his library challenge certificate and to Charlie for his player of the match trophy. Super stars all of you!

Mymaths

All Key Stage 2 children are set weekly mymaths homework. This needs completing online and shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. If it is taking longer or your child is struggling, then please let us know so we can offer more support in school. Children have been given their log in details but if these have been misplaced please speak to us so we can provide another one.

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.

Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn term 2025

Sept 1st—19th December

Half Term: 27th —31st Oct

Spring term 2026

5th January—27th March

Half Term: 16th—20th Feb

Summer Term 2026

13th April—20th July

Half Term: May 25th—29th

INSET days:

October 24th

January 5th

May 22nd

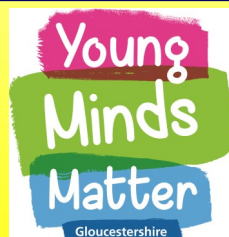
July 20th

These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

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.

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

25th September—MacMillan Coffee morning

26th September—individual photographs

6th October—Parents evening

13th October—Community Van visit to school

13th October—Cheltenham Literature Festival Year 3 & 4

15th October—Parent's evening

20th October—Flu vaccinations

27th October—Half term

7th November—Life Education Bus

100 Club

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

Congratulations to Demaris who is our winner this week!

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



Rights Respecting

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

International day of charity- Article 24- the right to clean water/ food/ healthcare 26- social and economic help.

Individual liberty/ equality

Who to contact with queries

A query about...	What to do/who to contact
Dates and club information	Check on the weekly newsletter
Uniform, Parent Pay, pre-school places, free school meal queries etc.	Phone or email school office (details at top of newsletter)
Benefits, emotional support for your child etc	Contact the school office for family support work
Class based queries	Contact your child's class teacher informally or phone the office to make an appointment.
Curriculum information	There is a lot of curriculum information on our website. Little Dormice and Dormice; make sure you have signed up to Tapestry where we post information about your child's achievements.
Special Needs	Contact the school office to speak to Mrs Jeavons, our Special Needs Co-ordinator
An unresolved concern	We hope that any concerns can be resolved through discussion with your child's teacher. But please contact Mrs Cotterell if needed. If an issue is still unresolved, Mrs Fawkes can be contacted and will support with the use of the Complaints Policy.

We expect all communication with all members of staff to be respectful and in partnership. Thank you

PE Days—

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



DRAMA WORKSHOPS
7 - 180 yrs

DI BURNETT
 YOUTH THEATRE

FROM SEPTEMBER 15th
WEEKLY GROUPS IN MITCHELDEAN

MONDAY: 11 - 18yrs
 6.30pm - 8.00pm

TUESDAY: 7 - 12 yrs
 5.00pm - 6.30pm

TUESDAY: 18 - 180 yrs
 8.00pm - 9.30pm

£50 a term.
Minimum 10 sessions

Yearly Performance

CONTACT & INFO:
teenactors@msn.com
07977 147273

ABOUT DIET AND THE BURNETTS
 Di's Award Winning Youth Theatre is run by a family of actors and teachers, all having trained at top UK drama schools. Di has worked with young people in the Chiltern Area for over 25 years and is delighted to now run workshops in The Forest of Dean, welcoming mixed abilities.

OUR AIM WITH THE GROUPS
 To build confidence, make new friends, inspire creativity and expand the imagination through role play, character work and improvisation. Through all this we will be developing stage skills, technique and working on voice. But most importantly we want each person to have the **BEST EXPERIENCE EVER**.

ABOUT THE DRAMA EXPERIENCE
 Working with mixed abilities, we allow each person to work within their own comfort zone. As their confidence builds, we encourage the actors to take greater risks and to stretch themselves to their full potential.

THIS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN DRAMA
OUR AIM: For the young people and, now the adults, to learn about themselves, those around them and form lasting friendships through this experience. Most importantly **HAVE FUN.**

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FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

Visit us and discover what our world-class school
can offer your child and you

OPEN EVENING - TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER, 4:45-7PM

- No booking required
- Hear from our headteacher
- (Talks at 5pm and 6:15pm)
- Tour the school with staff and students



SCHOOL IN ACTION TOURS, WEDNESDAY 24, THURSDAY 25 & FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 9:30-12:30

- Please book via this link:
<https://forms.gle/yeexPahyZCiIFrWSA>
- Tour the school with our student ambassadors



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