

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Poppy, Zack, Angus, Anya, Jasper, Toby, Ava & Niamh

Reading: Effie, Clara, Sabrina, Jasper, Maeve, Maggie

Achievement: Chloe, Dylan, Leyton, Toby & Serin

Pro-star: Clara, Frankie & Seth

School Value Award (linked to the International Day of Peace): Mabel, Cai, Skye & Layla

We had lots of certificates from outside of school that were shared in assembly. Elliana brought her yellow and white belt from karate to share, and explained some of the moves she had to do. Well done to Everleigh, Demaris, Chloe and Phoebe for their swimming certificates. Everleigh and Demaris have achieved their Stage 4 badges, Chloe her Level 2 and Phoebe was awarded her 10m backstroke award. Congratulations to Marley who shared his orange and white belt for karate as well as his success in a recent fishing competition. Well done to Bertie who has continued his excellent darts playing with winning a bulls-eye competition and has also done well in a recent cricket tournament. Florrie shared her success at a one day event she attended where she came 3rd overall, she shared the dressage score sheet and explained about the show jumping and cross country. Well done to you all!

School dinners

Hot dinners are available daily at a cost of £2.85 per meal. Children can order on the day (see menu choice on the app) during registration.

Rights Respecting

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

International Day of Peace - Mahatma Gandhi- Led peaceful protests to end violence and free India from British rule-

Article 2- Non-discrimination- All children have these rights.

Tolerance and mutual respect

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

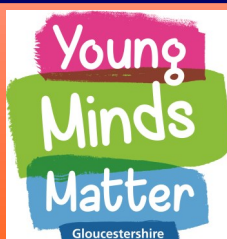
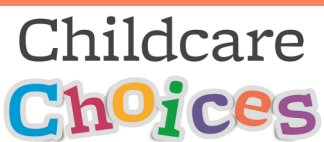
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These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

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

6th October—Parents evening

8th October—Play in a Day

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

11th November—Science trip Key Stage 2

Why you should resist taking term time holidays...

Your child will miss something

In some many this is critical.

For example, a whole week out of phonics, literacy and maths means they will miss key learning objectives.

In phonics and maths especially, where learning is developmental and progressive, they will not have a strong foundation to support their on-going learning.

A whole week equates to over 20 hours of learning across several subjects – that's a lot to catch up on.

What message are you sending?

If you routinely pull your child out of school without permission, you are sending a subliminal message that rules don't matter.

Timing and ability matter

The first week in September and the last week in December is a popular time for absenteeism.

Yet children miss the opportunity to take part in transition and Christmas activities such as understanding the rules in a new class, school plays and team games.

If your child misses the first week of a new term, they will find themselves in a class where all the other children know the expectations, rules and routines of a new class and this may impact on their confidence.

100 Club

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

**Congratulations to
Gregory
who is our
winner this week!**

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Macmillan coffee morning that was held this week, together we raised £140.

