

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to see how smart everyone looks in their uniform and how much taller everyone has grown during the holiday! Children have done brilliantly getting used to new times, systems and routines for their classes, thank you for your support with this particularly at the start and the end of the school day.

Reading

The children in Year 1 to 6 have all got their new reading books and reading records this week. Please help us to keep them tidy and smart. Some children may be completing their records from last academic year so please don't be surprised if it looks well used. 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. Spelling and maths homework will start this week for some classes and next week for others—please check with your child or their teacher to confirm if you aren't sure.

Topics

You will be able to find out what topics and themes your child will be learning about through the curriculum pages on our website. The curriculum topic plans give you a brief overview of the main learning for each subject. Some subjects also have knowledge organisers which the children are familiar with. These have the key facts that the children should know by the end of the unit. Children are also quizzed on these facts in lessons as part of our retrieval work.

Congratulations

Well done to all of our Reception children who received their marbles which have been added to our community bowl in the hall. We will start our class based certificates next week.

Congratulations to Jasper who brought in his targets from a shooting skills session, to Hattie and Demaris who brought in medals and certificates from Go Ape, well done for your determination girls! We also enjoyed seeing pictures from Anya and Jasper who had met some of the Gladiators on a recent trip.

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

28th April—21st July

Half Term: May 25th—29th

INSET days:

October 24th

January 5th

May 22nd

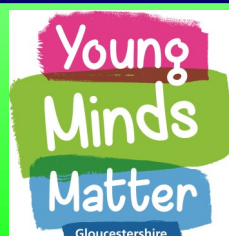
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These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

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.



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Upcoming dates

8th September—swimming
for Year 2 and Year 6 children

25th September—MacMillan
Coffee morning

26th September—individual
photographs

7th October—possible Sci-
ence trip Key Stage 2

13th October—Community
Van visit to school

15th October—Cheltenham
Literature Festival Year 3 & 4

20th October—Flu vaccina-
tions

27th October—Half term

7th November—Life Educa-
tion Bus

Rights Respecting

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

Our school expectations and Shine rules

Article 29- Develop children's personality and talents

Individual liberty/ equality

PE Days—

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



Children should wear suitable PE kit to school on the relevant days please. School jumpers or cardigans should be worn rather than hoodies, thank you.

Year 2 and Year 6 Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 8th September until 20th October for children in Year 2 and Year 6.

Children need to come to school in PE kit please with their swimming kit and towel in a separate bag. Children are encouraged to bring in a larger snack for break time and if at all possible a packed lunch will need to be provided on these days please. (Dinners are available if a packed lunch isn't a possibility.)

100 Club

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

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

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



Uniform

Lots of children are wearing beautifully smart new jumpers and cardigans. Please label these with your child's name so we can return them to the right owner. Children will also need a waterproof coat every day as the weather has been a little damp recently!

We also seem to collect little snack pots at break time—if there is a way to label these this would be amazing. It isn't always easy depending on the design so we do appreciate any help you can give us with this.

As a reminder, the only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs, one pair please. Make-up is not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools.

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. Thank you.