

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is respect*

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Frankie, Zach, Noah, Lucy, Dylan, Clay, Reuben, Gregory & Lexi

Reading: Cai, Knox, Dylan, Ellis, Bertie, Phoebe & Josh

Achievement: Effie, Josephine, Vinnie, Charlie, Noah, Jake & Joe

Pro-star: Reuben, Clara, Fearne, Brody & Lexi

Rights respecting award: Chloe & Sienna

Well done to Josh, whose football team, Port Of Bristol, won the League Cup recently. Congratulations to Lily who has moved up a level in swimming this week and also got her horse riding rising trot. Well done to Chloe who also received a swimming badge and certificate this week.

## UK Parliament week

Children in Key Stage 2 worked together on Monday to find out more about how UK parliament works. We found out about the different parts of parliament, researched how laws are made and found out about debates. We also discussed how voting and elections work. The children who visited parliament in the summer also talked about their trip and what they had learnt.

We then found out a bit more about our MP, Matt Bishop, before discussing the things that are important to the children in school. Everyone shared some of their ideas and promises that they thought the school council should focus on. Children who wanted to be considered for the school council then had a chance to write their own manifesto and suggest reasons why their peers should vote for them.

Elections were held this week after we had a chance to hear from everyone. There were some great ideas that we will try to incorporate into school where possible.

Congratulations to the following who were chosen by their peers to represent them. Zach, Knox, Fearne, Nyla, Louie, Theo & Serin.



## Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn term 2025

Sept 1st—19th December

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:

January 5th, May 22nd, July 20th

## 100 Club

**Congratulations to**

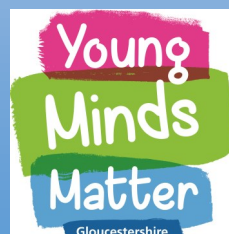
**Evie**

**who is our winner this week!**

## 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 are a UNICEF UK Silver Rights Respecting School. 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

# UNICEF UK Silver Rights Respecting Award

We are really pleased to announce that Woodside Primary School has been awarded the Silver Rights Respecting School Award by UNICEF UK. You may have seen a new banner by our school gates, noticed the links on our website and newsletter or heard the children talking about Rights Respecting.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.



The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children, and young people to respect the rights of others in school. There are over 1,300 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales that have achieved Silver and over 600 schools that have been awarded Gold, the next step up and highest accolade granted by UNICEF UK.

We are so proud of the school community for achieving this recognition. It shows that our community is far more aware of local, national and global issues which affect children. Putting children's rights at the heart of a school makes us special; thank you to pupils, staff and Governors for their support with this important work.

UNICEF works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured, and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.



### Upcoming dates

1st December—Christmas jumpers and bring in an item for the Christmas raffle please.

2nd December—Cricket sessions KS2 PE kit required

5th December—Author visit

9th and 10th December—Christmas experience

9th December—Reception and Little Dormice performance

9th December—Cricket sessions KS2 PE kit required

10th December—Year 1 and 2 Performance 4.30pm children to arrive to get ready

11th December—Year 1 and 2 performance 1.30pm

15th December—Christmas Raffle draw

16th December—Cricket sessions KS2 PE kit required

17th December—Christmas Lunch. Wear Christmas Jumper with £1 donation for Save the Children please.

17th December—Christmas pantomime

17th December—Little Dormice Christmas party

19th December—last day of Autumn Term

5th January—INSET day

### Attendance Top Tips

#### **My child has above 90% attendance, that sounds great?**

Although this sounds impressive, it means missing four days per half term. This equates to 20 hours of lost learning, which can mean your child will be 3 hours behind in English and maths. 4 hours of social time will also be lost.

### Author Visit

Multi-award-winning author, Charlotte L. Taylor will be visiting school on December 5th to work with each class on activities linked to her new texts *The Christmas Spider* (EYFS/KS1) and *Ogress* (KS2).



There will be a book sale after school where copies of her books will be available to be signed. Books are available individually or two of her books will be £15, any three £23.



### Rights Respecting

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

#### **World adoption day**

#### **Article 20- children without**

#### **families Equality**

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Governments must protect and respect my rights



Governments must make sure that children's rights are protected.

Governments must make sure other people respect children's rights.

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I have the right to be looked after if I can't live with my own family

If children cannot be looked after by their own family, they must be looked after properly, by people who respect their religion, culture and language.

Governments should make sure that alternative care is available for children.

**We have also taken part in UK parliament week**

Please note that abuse of staff (whether it is verbal, written or physical) is not tolerated under any circumstances. Visitors will be asked to leave in the event of abuse occurring. CCTV is used in school and telephone calls may be recorded. Emails are also monitored.