

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is respect

We're into a really busy time of the year at school and it has been so lovely to hear Christmas songs being sung, play lines being spoken and arts and craft activities being completed. Thank you so much to those of you who have made use of our school Christmas card post box, we hope you like the stamp each card receives!

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Lola, Charlie, Skye, Lola, Brody & Layla

Reading: Paige, Jasmine, Noah, Sophie & Sienna

Achievement: Sierra, Zach, Charlie, Josh, Nyla, Josh & Chase

Pro-star: George, Cai & Phoebe

Rights respecting award: Oliver, Arthur, Seth, Bertie & Toby

Well done to Toby who was awarded player of the match for his rugby, Lucy for her determination with her football team, Marley for his orange belt in martial arts and to Callie for sharing her signed Gloucester rugby shirt. We're so proud of you all.

Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize

We're really fortunate to be selected once again to be part of the judging panel for this award. We're looking forward to receiving a copy of the shortlisted books to share in class and then with the whole school. This year's six books cover a world of rocks, the life of prehistoric animals and the secret inner workings of a tree.

Panels of young judges, drawn from hundreds of schools, science centres, and community groups from across the UK, will read the shortlisted books and declare their champion. The 2025 winner will be announced at an award ceremony in April 2026.

For over 35 years, the prize has celebrated the very best science books aimed at readers under 14, helping to spark curiosity and a lifelong interest in science. Past judges have included broadcaster Gabby Logan and beloved children's author Michael Rosen. In 2024, over 4500 books were distributed to schools as part of the judging process, supporting access to high-quality science writing in classrooms and libraries across the country.

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

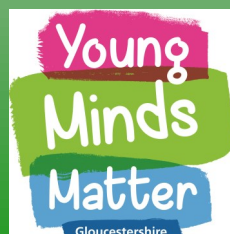
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who is our winner this week!

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

Upcoming dates

5th December—Author visit

8th December—Short reports to parents this week

8th Dec—KS1 dress rehearsal

9th December—Christmas experience at the Chapel for Y1 and 2, Y3 and 4. Year 1 and 2 children to be dropped at the Chapel for 9am please. They will then walk back to school. Sensible shoes and a coat required.

9th December—Reception and Little Dormice performance

9th December—Cricket sessions KS2 PE kit required

10th December—EYFS Christmas experience (in school) Year 5 and 6 at the Chapel. Sensible shoes and a coat 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

Attendance Top Tips

How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child! You should:

- ensure they have an appropriate bedtime routine
- create good routines for mornings at home so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;
- avoid absence from school wherever possible – try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours
- make time to encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc. attend school open evenings and functions
- Create a calm space for them to do homework, check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.
- share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible
- set realistic boundaries

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:

Slavery abolition Day. Harriet

Tubman- Born into slavery and helped over 70 slaves to freedom.

Article 8- Children have the right to their own identity

Article 32- Children should be protected from doing harmful work.

Equality/ tolerance and mutual respect



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.