

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is tolerance

Well done to everyone for settling back into school routines so quickly. A huge thank you to everyone who was so helpful when the weather was icy and snowy last week. Please do keep an eye on the APP as this is where any delayed starts or closures will be posted in the first instance. We do try to get the children outside into the fresh air as much as possible, please make sure your child has a suitable coat to wear as we will go outside even if it is raining a little. In especially cold weather children are welcome to wear gloves, scarves or hats to keep warm. Please make sure these are named so we can return them to their owners. We would also encourage children to wear appropriate clothing so that they are warm, trousers are preferable to shorts in the temperatures we are having at the moment. Children should also be wearing school shoes in line with our uniform policy, unless they have PE on that day.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Winnie, Zach, Reuben, Josephine, Everleigh, Jasper, Sophie & Maggie

Reading: Reuben, Zach, Vinnie, Bodhi, Seth, Theo & Layla

Achievement: Ottie, Oliver, Clara, Sabrina, Skye, Ella, Louie, Evie & Bartie

Pro-star: Joshua, Anya, Vinnie, Sophie & Theo

Rights respecting award: George, Dylan, Doug and Lexi

Well done to Noah who was awarded player of the match trophy for his rugby, to Nyla who has recently completed her Brownie promise, to Ferne for her badges from Rainbows and to Clara and Sabrina for their 25m swimming certificates. Well done to you all!

Rights Respecting

This week our assemblies have focused on:

Big School Bird Watch- RSPS's big school bird watch

Article 24- the right to a clean environment
Mutual respect



Term Dates 2025-26

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: May 22nd, July 20th

100 Club

Congratulations to

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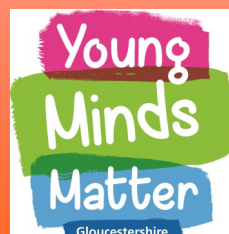
who is our winner this week



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

19th January—Cooking afternoon for Y5/6

22nd January—Young Minds Matter friendships assemblies for KS1 and KS2

22nd January—School choir start 3.15-4.15pm (Please let the school office know if you are planning to attend)

26th January—Cooking afternoon for Y3/4

28th January—Spanish Taster session for Year 5/6

9th February—Trip to Airhop, Gloucester DATE CHANGE

11th February—Year 5 and 6 Federation afternoon

20th March—Year 5 and 6 mock trial competition (not all children)

24th March—Year 1 and 2 Federation morning

27th April—Young Minds Matter session for Y5/6. Coping with Stress.

Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026: Statutory key stage 2 tests. (SATS) Year 6 children

18th June—Federation sports sessions Year 3/4 Year 5/6

22nd June—Dene Magna induction week for Year 6

13th—15th July—Y5/6 residential

What to do if you have a query or would like support:

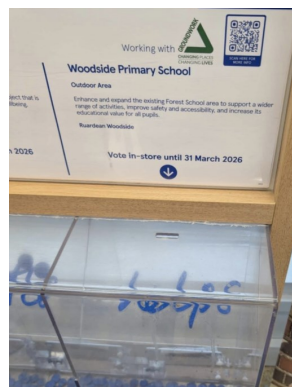
A query about...	What to do/who to contact
Dates and club information	Check on the weekly newsletter
Uniform, Parent Pay, pre-school places, free school meal queries etc.	Phone or email school office (details at top of newsletter)
Benefits, emotional support for your child etc	Contact the school office 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, the school has a clear Complaints Policy and process to follow

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

Mrs Matthews, our school family worker and administrator, is usually available in the School Office and she will be able to support any general queries that you have. Mrs Cotterell, our senior leader and Year 5/6 teacher, usually opens the school gates in the morning and is also available to help with any queries.

Every Little Helps!

Please help us! We're really fortunate to have been selected for Tesco Stronger Starts grants. If you are shopping in a local Tesco and receive a blue voting token please vote for us! We're hoping to raise money to improve our outdoor areas. Thank you so much!



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