

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is tolerance*

## Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Ottie, Izzy, Noah, Vinnie, Lola, Josephine, Leyton, Sophie, Jake & Oliver

Reading: Eva, Freddie, Demaris, Nolah, Louie, Jayden & Maggie

Achievement: Vinnie, Mabel, Sierra, Angus, Lucas, Noah, Alyssa, Theo & Archie

Pro-star: Loki, Phoebe & Toby

Rights respecting award: Noah, Lola, Skye, Layla

Congratulations to Poppy who shared her horse riding certificate, to Demaris and Everleigh who shared their swimming stage 5 certificates and who are moving onto Rookie Lifeguards, thank you to Skye who shared her signed Gloucester Rugby shirt, congratulations to Angus for being awarded Star of the week for his kickboxing, to Toby who was awarded player of the match for his football team and well done to George for achieving his stage 1 swimming certificate and badge.

We've had a really busy term already and there's only one week left until the holiday! We've had some lovely cooking sessions for children in Key Stage 2, children will be visiting other schools in our Federation for some group activities based on Children's Mental Health week, there's the long awaited trip to Airhop, Spanish Taster sessions as well as our usual learning in school for all of our subjects. Some of these topics will continue next term but please do check the website carefully as new knowledge organisers and termly overviews will be posted soon.

## Rights Respecting

This week our assemblies have focused on:

### **World Religion Day-**

**Article 30- Children have the right to their own language, culture and religion.**

**Tolerance and mutual respect  
Individual liberty**

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**I have a right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life**



Governments should make sure children can learn the language, religion, and culture of their family if it is different from those of most people in the country where they live.

## 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**

# Freddie

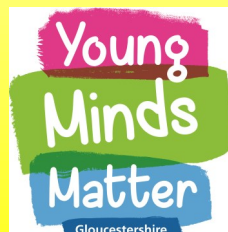
**who is our winner this week**



## 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

9th February—Trip to Airhop, Gloucester DATE CHANGE

11th February—Year 5 and 6 Federation afternoon

11th February— Year 3 and 4 children Afternoon Tea (parents invited)

13th February—PTFA Valentines Disco

5th March—World Book Day (pyjamas / book character dress up and book swap)

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

24th March—Year 1 and 2 Federation morning

24th March—KS2 trip to Warwick Castle

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

1st May—Angling Taster sessions

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

3rd June—Year 5 and 6 trip to Cheltenham Science Festival

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

### Children's Mental Health Week 2026

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme - This Is My Place - focuses on helping children feel they belong: in their home, at school, in their community and within themselves. Here are some simple, practical ways families can build belonging every day.

Family Belonging Board: Create a board (whiteboard, corkboard or fridge door) where everyone adds photos, drawings or notes about people and places that make them feel they belong.

Family Playlist: Make a playlist of songs that make everyone feel happy or connected. Play it during meals or drives.

Our Family Daily Check In: Create a quick family ritual where everyone shares: - One High (something good) - One Help (something they need support with) This helps children feel heard and supported.

"You & Me" Time Tokens: Make tokens that children can redeem for special time together, e.g. 10 minutes of playing a game, reading together, cooking together, drawing together. Children feel connected when they know they have your uninterrupted attention.

Belonging Walk: On a walk, ask: "What's one thing you like about this place?", "Where do you feel safe or happy here?" "Who does this place remind you of?"

Our Places Photo Hunt: Take turns photographing: something that feels like home, something welcoming, something beautiful, something that makes you smile.

### World Book Day

World book day is on Thursday 5th March. To celebrate this year, children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas, as we will be enjoying a hot chocolate and story.

We will also be running a book swap similar to previous years. Please wrap a book up at home and write 3 clues on the front of the paper e.g. The Gruffalo- preschool/ EYFS book, animals, forest. Children will be able to bring these books into their classes and swap as a mystery book. They will then keep the book that they have chosen from the swap. Please can we ask that books are age appropriate for the class your child is in.

Children will be completing other book themed activities during the school day and we are really looking forward to it!



# Valentine's Disco

Organised by Woodside School PTFA

**Friday 13 Feb 2026**  
**Woodside Village Hall**

**KS1 4:30-5:30pm £5**  
 Includes a bag of crisps, unlimited squash and a goody bag on departure.

**KS2 5:45-6:45pm £3**  
 Includes a bag of crisps, unlimited squash and the chance to buy extras on the night.

**Book now on Parentpay**

The **Methodist Church**

## FEB HALF TERM in DRYBROOK

**Tues 17th Feb, 10-11.30am:**  
**Lego Café**

**Wed 18th Feb, 10.30-12noon:**  
**Sportily Active Games and Craft**



**All children with accompanying adults welcome**

Drybrook Methodist Church, Hawthorns Road  
 GL17 9BX

## Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

**OPERATION ENCOMPASS**

“Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.”

“We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.”

“This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.”

“Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right<sup>1</sup>.”

“Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.”

“We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.”

<sup>1</sup> Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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