



Woodside Matters

01594 542287

15.5.2026

www.woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

[ourschoolsapp](#)

This term's school value is friendship

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs this week. There have been some really challenging questions and they have all approached them with a positive can-do attitude. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who have acted as readers, prompts or monitors. Even though the tests are now complete we still have learning to do as well as looking forward to several trips that have been planned. Enjoy a rest this weekend and we look forward to carrying on our learning journey on Monday.

Shine

As a school we follow our Shine rules to help us be the best we can. As part of a refresh of our reward systems and a focus on learning, Key Stage 2 children will be trialling something different from after half term. This will be a move away from Class Dojo to something that is more whole class focused.

Reading at home

Reading regularly with your child is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning at home. Listening to your child read, even for just 10–15 minutes each day, helps to build confidence, fluency, understanding, and a love of books. Please encourage your child to read aloud regularly and take time to talk about the story, characters, and new vocabulary. Praise and encouragement make a huge difference and help children develop positive reading habits that will benefit them across all areas of learning. We are noticing a huge difference in the progress and confidence of those children who are regularly heard read at home. Reading little and often has a significant impact on fluency, comprehension, and enjoyment of books. Please try to hear your child read:

- **3 times a week in Years 1 and 2**
- **4 times a week in Years 3 and 4**
- **5 times a week in Years 5 and 6**

We do appreciate it isn't always easy to fit in reading, especially with the longer days and drier weather, however we thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

Term Dates 2025-26

Summer Term 2026
13th April—20th July
Half Term: May 25th—29th

INSET days: May 22nd, July 20th

100 Club

Congratulations to

Paige

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

20th May—Spanish Year 5/6

20th May—Spelling Bee

21st May—Active Gloucestershire: Boys Yoga Research session (Group)

22nd May—INSET (no children)

1st June—multiplication check Year 4 children (two week window)

1st June—Severn Trent workshop and assembly

2nd June—Dene Magna staff to meet Year 6 children

3rd June—Year 5 and 6 trip to Cheltenham Science Festival (8.50am leave if possible)

10th June—Sports Day (17th June—Reserve Sports Day)

15th June—Transition well being workshop Year 5 and 6 children

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

22nd June—Dene Magna induction week for Year 6

23rd and 25th June— moving up transition mornings in school

7th July—Year 5 Taster session at Five Acres High

10th July—Leavers Assembly for Year 5/6 parents 9.30am

13th—15th July—Y5/6 residential

17th July—Last Day of term

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Knox, Vinnie, Cai, Angus, Florrie, Arthur, George, Izzy, Sienna, Jayden & Joe

Reading: Liv, Fearne, Sabrina, Clara, Everleigh, Milo, Phoebe & Layla

Achievement: Oliver, Izzy, Anya, Jasmine, Everleigh, Lexi & Eve

Pro-star: Winnie, Serin, Oliver, Cai & Flynn

Rights respecting award: Oattie, Cai, Sophie & Maggie

Well done to Serin for sharing her amazing art work, to Freddie for his swimming certificate, to Vinnie for his football success, to Oattie for her gymnastics award and to Nyla for her mountain biking success.

Drybrook Rugby Club held their end of season awards at the weekend so there were lots of participation medals shared. We also had a lot of trophies. Well done to: Savannah for her U6 most improved player trophy, Arthur for being recognised as U7 coaches player of the season, Noah for being recognised as U9 coaches player of the season, Callie for being recognised as U10 most improved player of the season, Marley for being recognised as U11 most improved player of the season and to Oliver for being recognised as U11 parents player of the season. We would also like to congratulate one of our parents—Dean, who was awarded the Nik Wakeman Mini/Junior Unsung Hero award. Fabulous all of you!

Families in Partnership

The Families In Partnership Newsletter shares the latest news for families with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Gloucestershire. Our partnership of organisations work together to develop the newsletter, which comes out every month and includes:

- Activities and events
- Signposting to guidance from education, health and care services
- Information on support for parent carers and children and young people

[Families in Partnership newsletters | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Rights Respecting

This week our assemblies have focused on:

Deaf awareness week-

Gertrude Ederle- swam the channel and set up a school for deaf children.

Article 23- Children with a disability should access a full society.

Equality/ individual liberty

23



If I am disabled, I have the right to special care and education

Disabled children should be supported to reach their full potential. They should be provided with activities with others so that they can be an active participant in their own community. Governments should make sure disabled children receive an education, health care and opportunities to relax, play and do other activities.

Caterlink

Children in Key Stage 2 have been fortunate enough to take part in some different catering inspired sessions this week. Children in Year 3 and 4 were able to see some of the chemical reactions that we use in Science when we learn about materials and irreversible changes. They mixed bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and then were able to observe the reaction. Children in Year 5 and 6 were able to complete their Design work from last term when they made their own bread rolls. They learnt about where different breads come from before having a go at making their own shaped rolls. We had plaits, pretzels, baguettes as well as some interesting shaped rolls. Thank you so much to Caterlink for providing these sessions for the children to enjoy.



RUARDEAN WOODSIDE MEMORIAL HALL

Family BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 23rd May

First Game to start – 7.00pm



Entry per person £2.50 – with Hot Dog. These need to be ordered and paid for by **Monday 18th May** Entry (no hot dog) 50p

Bookings required: Ruardean Woodside Memorial Hall

Bank details
40-17-24
90713392

Details available from:
Gina – 01594 369605

Mo - 01594 543603

If extra hotdogs required (£2 each) - please add to your order.