

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is friendship

What a busy term our children have had again! We've had some lovely experiences such as baking bread rolls, learning to speak more Spanish, scientific experiments mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, trips to the Dean Forest Railway, photographs and Angling sessions in PE. Children in Year 6 have completed their SATs exams and everyone has enjoyed being out on the field for playtimes when the weather has allowed. We hope you have a well deserved rest during half term and look forward to seeing you on June 1st.

Congratulations to the following children who have been noticed this week:

Dojos: Ottie, Phoebe, Effie & Charlie

Reading: Tommi, Poppy, Sierra, Josephine, Lucy, Josh, Theo & Eve

Achievement: Tommi, Poppy, Demaris, Arthur, Ellis, Lucy, Leyton, Kayden, Charlie, Milo, Phoebe & Joe

Rights respecting: Gregory

Well done to Poppy for her horse riding certificates, to Ottie for her bravery award, to Demaris for achieving her Brownie promise badge and certificate, to Lucy for doing well in her motorcross riding, to Bertie for a fantastic effort with football coaching and to Clara and Sabrina for their fishing certificates. Brilliant!

Delivery lorries and waste collection

We have been contacted by the company responsible for our refuse collection after their vehicles were unable to access the school last week due to cars blocking the route and some drivers refusing to move. As this is a paid service, the disruption prevented the collection from taking place. We have also been informed that members of the collection team received criticism and unnecessary comments from adults while simply trying to carry out their duties.

Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAG LINES** outside the school. These markings are in place to ensure safety and allow access for essential vehicles. The police may carry out random checks and have the authority to issue fines to vehicles parked illegally.

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

Josephine

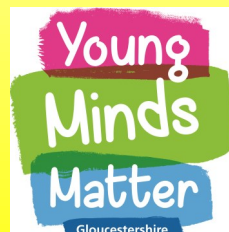
who is our winner this week



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

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

Pathways

Children in Key Stage 2 have been working on pathways this week. This is what we will be using in Key Stage 2 instead of our class dojos.

Children have worked together to identify what makes a great learning environment. Skills such as tidying up, listening, responding, having good manners, teamwork and focusing on work have all been mentioned. We have then broken those down into steps so it is really clear what good manners looks like, what good listening looks like and so on. Children have drawn their own pathway maps and have identified areas they might need to work on.

We have also discussed with the children the kinds of rewards they would like if they are achieving these steps. The majority did not want a certificate in assembly so we have listened and will not be giving specific pathway certificates. Instead the children have asked for things like extra playtime, a DVD afternoon, craft afternoon or sitting by their friends in class. We think these will probably be almost termly so please watch out for any updates for celebration time!

We continue to follow our school behaviour policy in terms of consequences and we have gone over these clearly with the children again too. These are up on display with our pathway as well as in our classrooms. This is also followed in Key Stage 1 so shouldn't be any different for any child.

We are really encouraged by how well the children have taken ownership of their learning attitude and how they are working together to create a great learning environment for everyone. We do expect there to be a few obstacles on the way, but that's ok and we will work together to overcome them. We have talked about finding a boulder on the pathway and building a bridge over it to overcome the problem.

We're really grateful for parental support with this. Our focus this week has been manners and lining up and we are seeing a big improvement already. Hopefully this will continue after our half term break.

Rights Respecting

This week our assemblies have focused on:

Edward Jenner- Founded vaccines against small pox, eradicating the disease.

Article 24- Children have the right to the best possible health care

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I have the right to be as healthy as possible

Governments should make sure children can get good quality health care.

Governments should make sure children have nutritious food and a clean environment so they can stay healthy.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Reuben, Josephine, Florrie, Jasmine, Theo & Serin for representing Woodside at the Spelling Bee this week. Some very tricky words and some groups ran out of spellings and had to move to the year above! An amazing effort from you all.

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WOODSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL WELCOME | **10-11.45 EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING TERMTIME** | MEET OUR EARLY YEARS TEAM, FAMILY WORKER, SCHOOL STAFF

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PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL TO BOOK A SPACE

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
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Peer Support Coffee Morning

For Parent Carers of children with Additional Needs (With or Without a Diagnosis)

A Friendly and Safe Space run by Parent Carers, for Parent Carers

Come along to: Meet other Parent Carers, enjoy a hot drink and a friendly chat, share experiences and find support

When: The third Wednesday of every month
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Where: Hilltop Children and Family Centre, Latimer Road, Cinderford, GL14 2QA

FUN! LAUGHTER! COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

DRYBROOK RUGBY CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT!

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE
7:00 PM START

FOOD AVAILABLE | **RAFFLE GREAT PRIZES!** | **TEAMS OF UP TO 6**

£2 PER PERSON

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE MINI'S SECTION TEAM KIT
 BAR OPEN • PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM!

07794 927871 FOR MORE INFO

DRYBROOK RFC

DRYBROOK RFC CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026

£5 PER CAR | **SELLERS 10AM** | **BUYERS 10.30AM**

FOOD AVAILABLE | **BAR OPEN** | **NO DOGS ALLOWED**

TO BOOK YOUR PITCH CONTACT: BETH - 07794 927871

MONIES RAISED ARE GOING TOWARDS MINI & JUNIOR SECTION FUNDRAISING

Certificate of Appreciation!

We are very grateful to:

Woodside Primary School for raising £134

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Your fundraising helps us provide Play & Creative Arts Therapy to children who need it regardless of financial circumstances 😊 ☁️

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Parent Support Group

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A Friendly and Safe Space run by Parent Carers, for Parent Carers

Come along to:

Meet other Parent Carers, enjoy a hot drink and a friendly chat, share experiences and find support

When: The second Monday of every month

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Where: River Children and Family Centre, Naas Ln, Lydney, GL15 5AU

The staff ready to greet you:



Tamsin works for the Parent Carer Forum and is a Parent Carer with lived experience. She will always be found at our social meet ups and is passionate about helping and supporting parents and carers. She's friendly, welcoming and will make you feel right at home.



Jovita works for the forum and is a Parent Carer with lived experience. Jovita can be found at our meet ups supporting Parent Carers, and working behind the scenes as our Administrator. She is warm and approachable and will make you feel at ease.



Sarah is a carer with lived experience who works largely behind the scenes to help the smooth running of the GPCF. She's always willing to lend a friendly, listening ear and help whenever she can.

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