



20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1 already. It has been really busy and very productive. We had some special visitors yesterday - a team of colleagues from our trust visited to pop into lessons, speak to staff and pupils. We had some very positive feedback and in particular how articulate and enthusiastic Woodlands pupils are.

We all wish you an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Please find our latest news below.

Warm wishes

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

Chestnut Class News

Next term Chestnut class will be taught by Mr Tothill. Mr Tothill is a qualified teacher who is familiar with the class. He will be teaching in Chestnut class until the return of Mr Gabb. Mr Gabb will return to school during November. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ashe who has supported Chestnut class this term.

Recruitment Opportunities

We will be looking for a new lunch break supervisor to join our team after half term. If you are interested or know someone who is, over half term please contact recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk and we will contact you as soon as we can next term to discuss next steps. This would be for 5 days a week 11.50am-1.14pm, starting salary £3,427 pa.

Cold Weather

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school during the Autumn/Winter terms. We have had some very heavy rain and on Monday it was very cold.

Scooters, Balance Bikes and Bikes

Please may we politely remind everyone that all scooters, balance bikes and bikes should not be ridden on school site. We have had a couple of bumps and younger children knocked over in the playground and it is really important that everyone is safe, Thank you for your support with this.



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Year 6 Applications to Secondary School Deadline is Fast Approaching!

Just a reminder that if your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2024 unless you decide to educate your child at home. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the [South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide](#) before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by **31 October 2023**.

Uniform Updates

Our school uniform supplier, Monkhouse is offering a huge 20% off everything in store and online between **16th October 2023 - 22nd October 2023**. If you need to top up on any uniform or P.E kit items or need a refresh on your everyday essentials and stationery, now's the time to shop. Use code **DEAL20** at checkout or in store. www.monkhouse.com

Children in Need and Prematurity Awareness Day: Non uniform please wear spots, stripes or something purple!

We are pleased to take part in Children in Need Day on Friday 17th November. Children are encouraged to wear spots or stripes instead of school uniform - please donate if you feel that you are able. It is also World Prematurity Day. Many of our families - including staff - have children who were born prematurely. There is an option to wear something purple on this day to support this charity and our Woodlands family.

PTA Christmas Cards

The children have been busy working on their templates for Christmas cards. The children will bring completed designs home and will need to return them with email details by Wednesday 1st November.

Recycling Week

This week we have been raising awareness of recycling week to learn more about how we can protect our planet. We are challenging the children to see how many clean yoghurt pots and clean bottle lids each class can collect in one week! These will be counted and totalled on Friday 20th October and the winning class will be crowned Woodlands Rapid Recyclers.. Straight after school on Friday 20th October, we welcome you into the KS2 hall to see what the children have created during recycling week. We can't wait to see you there!

Harvest - KS1 and KS2

Thank you for the very generous Harvest donations for the Foodbank this week and for those parents who joined us for our assemblies this week.



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PTA News

PTA have been running a Halloween swap shop this week. They will be holding a Halloween festival on the 30th October. We hope you can join us. If you or any family members are able to help the PTA, please don't forget to email us on woodlandsPTA@hotmail.com

Open Event

We are holding school tours in November and an evening event on Thursday 23rd November. Please contact the office if you have a child starting school in September 2024 or share with friends and family who may be interested.

Term 2 Key Dates

Monday 30th October - *First Day of Term 2*

Monday 30th October - *PTA Halloween workshop after school*

Tuesday 31st October - *Y3 Bristol Museum trip*

Monday 6th November - *Year 1 Caerphilly Castle trip*

Wednesday 8th November - *Y5 Cineworld trip*

Thursday 9th November - *Y4 Mendips trip*

Friday 10th November - *Woodlands Remembrance Reflection (No parental involvement)*

Friday 17th November - *Children in Need/World Prematurity Awareness Day*

Friday 17th November - *Y5 Trip to Hampton Court*

Monday 20th November - *Academic Review day - details to follow*

Tuesday 28th November - *Y1/2 Million Dreams workshop 2.45*

Wednesday 29th November - *Y3/4 Million Dreams workshop 2.45*

Wednesday 29th November - *After school: PTA pop up preloved Christmas jumper sale.*

Thursday 30th November - *Y5/6 Million Dreams workshop 2.45*



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Wednesday 6th December - *Christmas lunch*
Friday 8th December - *Christmas Jumper Day*
Friday 8th December - *After school: PTA Winterfest*
Monday 11th December *pm* - *EYFS Nativity (provisional 1.45pm)*
Tuesday 12th December *am* - *EYFS Nativity (provisional 9.30am)*
Tuesday 12th December *pm* - *KS1 Nativity 2.00pm*
Wednesday 13th December *am* - *KS1 Nativity 9.30am*
Wednesday 13th December *pm* - *Y3/4 Nativity 2.00pm*
Thursday 14th December - *Y3/4-Nativity am 9.30am*
Thursday 14th December *pm* - *Y5/6 Carol concert 2.15pm & 5.30pm*
Friday 15th December *End of term 2*

INSET & Term Dates

2023/2024

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024

Monday 20th November - Academic Review Day (potentially later start time to allow for working parents)

Tuesday 2nd January - Inset Day

Monday 4th March - Inset Day

Friday 24th May - Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day