



## Woodlands Primary School & Nursery

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6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all back to Autumnal Term 2 at Woodlands.

It is a very busy and exciting term with lots of additional wider opportunities planned for the children including of course our Christmas nativities and singing in the last week of term. On Tuesday we welcome poet Dommy B to Woodlands who will be presenting to pupils and running workshops. This has been paid for by our PTA - so a big thank you to our parents who have contributed and to the PTA team for organising. On Tuesday, pupils in KS1 and EYFS will be watching a Diwali themed puppet show. Year 1 are visiting Caerphilly Castle today and Year 4 will be mountaineers on Thursday as they explore the Mendip hills. Year 4 and 5 are visiting the cinema on Wednesday.

Please find our latest news below.

Warm wishes for a lovely week!

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

### **Academic Review Day: 20th November 2023**

We are pleased to update you on the organisation of our parent meetings. This will be like an INSET day so the school is closed to pupils on that day. This will run from 10.00am-4.30pm. You will be able to book appointments in the same way as previously. We will send communication out about this in a separate correspondence.

You will then come to school during your appointment time with your child/family to talk through your child's progress and attendance with their teacher.

For pupils who have an individual support plan, parents will also be able to review ISPs during the day. Support staff will be available in the KS2 hall 10.00am-3.30pm to do this with you.

Following this, we will send out a questionnaire to ascertain parental feedback for future planning.

### **Dojo Communication/Phase Out Class Emails: Years 1 to 6**

We are really pleased to be using Class Dojo as a messaging system. We are phasing out the class email system in Years 1 to 6. If you are not already signed up, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher. By using our school Dojo site, you agree to the terms set out in our home partnership agreement and parental code of conduct.



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Parents may message class teachers at any time, however there is no expectation for teachers to reply outside the hours of 8.30am-3.30pm. This is essential to safeguard the wellbeing and work-life balance of our staff.

The following matters should always go through to our Main Office and are not the responsibility of teachers to be passed on: absence, sickness, school dinner enquiries and complaints.

Teachers will not be able to get into a long conversation on Dojo. If you require further details regarding a concern/issue please make an appointment to have a phone call or face to face meeting. Parents who do not use the messaging system correctly and respectfully will be treated in line with the parental code of conduct.

### Supporting Children with Israeli–Palestinian Conflict

The Department for Education provides advice for talking to children about conflict in the world. We are aware of the impact of this on our community as children may see or hear things that may cause them worry and upset them. We want to protect children and teach children about tolerance and challenging discrimination. This week we will be reminding children about British values through our assemblies. The conflict has been covered through child appropriate channels such as First News and Newsround for pupils in Year 6. Here are some useful websites for speaking to your children if they are worried. If you need any advice or support or feel that it is impacting your child's wellbeing please speak to us. We will continue to monitor and listen to the children's voice.

[How to talk to children about the Israel-Hamas conflict, according to experts | ITV News](#)

[How to Talk With Your Child About the Israel-Gaza War - HealthyChildren.org.](#)

### Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to raise money for The Royal British Legion and will be holding a short reflection of remembrance to include an age-appropriate period of silence on Friday.

If you wish, your child can bring in a donation on Wednesday.

Poppies - 50p

Other items - £1



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### Recruitment Opportunities

We are advertising for a couple of fantastic people to join the Woodlands team, filling the roles of:

- Lunch Break supervisor: 5 days a week 11.50am-1.14pm, starting salary £3,344 pa. Term time only. Fixed term until 31/08/2023
- Housekeeper: 12.5 hours per week (3.15pm – 5.45pm) Term Time plus all INSETS Plus 4 weeks in school holidays (usually mornings). £6,716 p.a. Fixed term until 31/08/2023

If you are interested or know someone who is, please take a look at the job descriptions and apply on our website <https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/vacancies>. **Deadline Monday 13th November.** If you have any questions, please get in touch on [recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk).

### 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.

### Recycling Week

During the last week of term, we raised 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! Miss Plummer and the climate change challengers will be counting these and announcing the Woodlands Rapid Recyclers.



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### PTA News

The PTA are excited to be holding these events in this coming term.

Christmas jumper swap shop and our Winterfest on the 8th December, which we are looking for stallholders to join us on, keep eyes out for posters popping up over the school and if you would like more information on being a stall holder or have anything you wish to discuss with the PTA, please email on [woodlandsPTA@hotmail.com](mailto: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 6th November - *Year 1 Caerphilly Castle trip*

Wednesday 8th November - *Y4 & Y5 Cineworld trip*

Thursday 9th November - *Y4 Mendips trip & Y6 Cineworld 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*

Wednesday 22nd November - *Y3 Cineworld Trip*

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



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Wednesday 29th November - Y3/4 Million Dreams workshop 2.45  
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Thursday 30th November - Y5/6 Million Dreams workshop 2.45  
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

Friday 1st September - Inset Day  
Monday 9th October - Inset Day  
**Monday 20th November - Academic Review Day**  
**Tuesday 2nd January - Inset Day**  
**Monday 4th March - Inset Day**  
**Friday 24th May - Inset Day**  
**Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day**