



24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is now halfway through a very busy term 2 and it feels like we are accelerating towards Christmas! Our Christmas tree was delivered on Wednesday and our site team have put it up already! The weather is certainly turning cooler and it feels noticeably darker in the mornings and during pick up times.

Please find our latest news below.

Mrs Dean and Team Woodlands

Safe Entry and Exit into And Out of School

Thank you for your feedback about the entry into school and gate opening. Just to clarify, the gates are opened at 8.35am in the morning. Please supervise your child/children on the playground whilst they are waiting for the bell to go. Only children in Upper Key Stage Two and only if parents feel confident that they can safely get themselves to school, should be arriving by themselves.

All children up to Year 4 should be supervised by a parent/adult at all times when journeying to and from school.

Please can we remind all families to use the crossings marked inside the school when crossing the driveway that leads to the main gates, especially at the end of the day when it is busier with cars. If you have permission to drive into school, such as a blue badge holder, please also be mindful that you may have to wait during the very busy times (usually 3.10-3.20pm when the majority of pupils are walking out).

Concerns Over Huggy Wuggy

It has again come to our attention that some children are talking about the character Huggy Wuggy and causing upset and worry. Huggy Wuggy can be accessed in a variety of places. Some children have played Playtime Poppy despite its 12+ rating by Common Sense Media. Other children have seen videos of the monster-bear hybrid on YouTube and TikTok, and some simply know of Huggy Wuggy based on the toy, which is sold in gift shops across the country and is regularly given out as a carnival prize. It has been said some children are even replicating Huggy Wuggy on the playground, playing it as they would tag or another like game. Please remain vigilant on what children are accessing on devices.



Million Dreams Workshops

Next week we are pleased to promote our Y1-6 Million Dreams workshops.

- Tuesday 28th November - *Y1/2 Million Dreams workshop 2.45*
- Wednesday 29th November -
 - Y4 Million Dreams workshop 9.00 **Please note change of time due to Year 4 Bristol Sport activity pm**
 - Y3 Million Dreams workshop 2.45
- Thursday 30th November - *Y5/6 Million Dreams workshop 2.45*

One parent per child is invited in to look through children's Million Dreams books and talk about the children's learning during the topic.

Christmas Updates

Please see dates below for our Christmas performances. Please note the change in time for the Y5/6 Christmas songs. This will be held at 2.15pm Thursday 14th December and 9.15am Friday 15th December rather than an evening performance. We felt this was better for families because of the darker and colder nights, and in previous years not as many children came back for the later performance.

Please note that it will be one person per family per performance. There will be signing in sheets upon arrival.

The children are invited to accessorise their uniform with something Christmas themed for Christmas dinner Day on Wednesday 6th December. On Friday 8th December, children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on behalf of Save The Children. Please don't forget the PTA is holding a Christmas jumper exchange.

Crossing Patrol Updates

Please see new duty times for the school crossing patrol which will be implemented from Term 3,. Please can we encourage all pupils and parents where possible to use our patrol, a service which only a very small number of our schools are lucky enough to have.

AM 8.25 – 9.00am

PM 3.05 – 3.30pm

Flu vaccinations

We would like to remind you that the immunisation team is due to come to Woodlands on Friday 1st December to administer the flu vaccines to all reception to Year 6 pupils.

Please complete the electronic consent form below which notifies the school nurses directly if you have given consent or not.

[School Age Flu Vaccination 2023/24](#)

The school is not made aware of who has consented or not, therefore please direct any queries to the Immunisation team directly.



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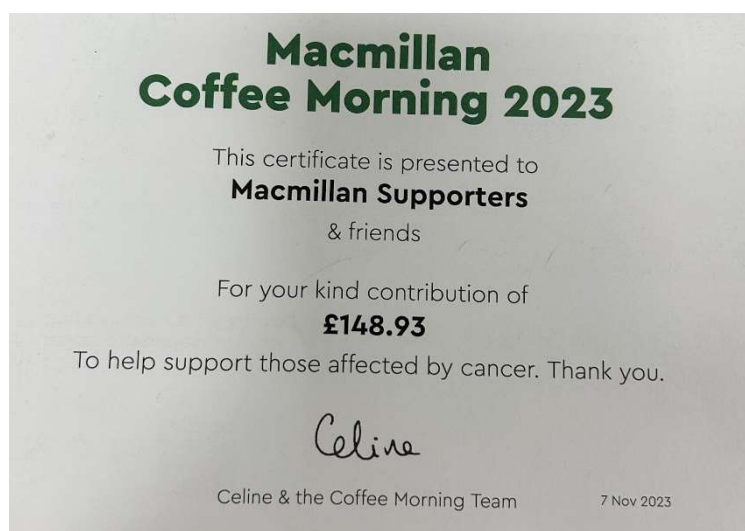
Academic Review Day: 20th November 2023

We hoped that you enjoyed the Academic Review Day on Monday. Initial feedback was positive. Please complete this questionnaire [here](#) to ascertain parental feedback for future planning.

PTA News - We Need More Volunteers!

The PTA are excited to be holding these events in this coming term. Please volunteer to help at any of the events. The small team of volunteers would really welcome your help and support.

Thank you to parents who supported the Macmillan cake sale in September
We are really pleased to share that we raised £148.93 for Macmillan.



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



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Christmas jumper...

From early November the PTA will be available at 3pm pick up for you to donate your good quality jumpers that you no longer need, you will then receive a ticket that you can exchange in for a different jumper after school on 29th November so that you are all set for ~~Christmas Jumper~~ day 🎅

SWAP SHOP



Donations From 1st

Swap Shop 29th

If you don't have a jumper to swap but see one you like then there will also be the opportunity to buy from as little as £1 (depending on age & size)



Baby News

Mrs Bulmer will be starting her maternity leave shortly. We wish the family all the very best!

Futsal event

Bristol Futsal is excited about our upcoming assembly at Woodlands school. This assembly is aimed at inspiring kids to practise. Dan Magness is a professional football freestyler who is a great example of how practice has taken him around the world. His skills and motivational talk will help inspire the children to practise.

DAN MAGNESS
FOOTBALL FREESTYLE
SHOW 5:00-7:00
£15 PER PERSON

CHIPPING SODBURY SCHOOL

13TH DECEMBER

WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT?

INFLATABLE SLIDE

WORK SHOP

FOOTBALL LAUNCHER

BOOK TODAY:
07792950477



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Parenting Support for Children Who Suffer with Sleep Issues

Please see the link [here](#) for helping parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function. By helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Term 2 Key Dates

Tuesday 28th November - Y1/2 *Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm*
Wednesday 29th November - Y4 *Million Dreams workshop 9.00am* & Y3 *Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm*
Wednesday 29th November - *After school: PTA pop up preloved Christmas jumper sale.*
Thursday 30th November - Y5/6 *Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm*
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 Christmas songs 2.15pm*
Friday 15th December - *Y5/6 Christmas songs 9.15am*
End of term 2



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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

Tuesday 2nd January - Inset Day

Monday 4th March - Inset Day

Friday 24th May - Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day