



## Woodlands Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year's break. We are very excited to welcome the children back to Term 3.

In our assemblies we will be thinking about our **Dreams and Goals** - how we can work to achieve them. We will also be reflecting on values such as responsibility, mutual responsibility, determination and feeling safe.

Nursery - This term in Nursery we will be exploring traditional tales and celebrating Chinese New Year. We will share some of our favourite stories including The Gingerbread man and The Three Little Pigs as well as exploring those which are less well known. We will be scientists discovering what will happen to the Gingerbread Man if he swims across the river, bathes in milk, floats in Cola, juice or oil. Later on in the term we will embrace being builders, constructing homes for the three little pigs before testing out how strong they really are. An exciting term of fun lies ahead.

Here are the themes for the rest of the school this term:

Reception - Terrific Tales  
Year 1 - Land and Sea  
Year 2 - Around the World  
Year 3 - Terrific Tremors  
Year 4 - Potions, Burps and Bottom Bile  
Year 5 - Hello, this is Planet Earth?  
Year 6 - Frozen Kingdom

### Bristol Sport After School Club (ASC)

Bristol Sport Foundations' ASCs are back for term 3. There are 4 ASCs running each week for children to participate in:

KS1  
Basketball - Tuesday  
Football - Wednesday

KS2  
Football - Tuesday  
Basketball - Wednesday



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To secure your child's place at one of the clubs please use the links below.

Tuesdays club's links are:

<https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-GB/events/woodlands%20primary%20-%20after%20school%20club%20-%20term%203%20-%20tuesday/2024-1-9%2015.05/forever%20sport?back=2&area=4f5798e2-063a-eb11-80e0-005056010062&type=ga>

Wednesdays club's links are:

<https://tickets.bristol-sport.co.uk/en-GB/events/woodlands%20primary%20-%20after%20school%20club%20-%20term%203%20-%20wednesday/2024-1-3%2015.05/forever%20sport?back=2&area=72199856-8be3-e911-80de-005056010062&type=ga>

### Water Bottles

Please can we remind all parents to ensure children bring in plastic water bottles containing water into school. Please do not bring Prime bottles (even just with water in) in as this causes issues.

### Staffing Updates

We welcome back Mr Gabb to Chestnut class this term. Mr Tohill will be teaching Willow class on a Friday and Mrs Palmer will be teaching across the school. We are pleased to welcome new staff: Haf Jones to our lunch break supervising team, and Tina Roberts as a new teaching assistant in Nursery.

We are looking for a housekeeper to join our school team, if you are interested or know someone that is, please get in touch [recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk) or take a look on our website for more information <https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/vacancies>

Fixed term Support Contract until 31/08/2023 - possibility of becoming a permanent role. 12.5 hours per week: Mon-Fri, 3.15pm – 5.45pm. Term Time plus all INSETS, plus 4 weeks in school holidays (usually mornings). Salary £7,444.

### Phonics and Spelling Workshop- Year 1 to Y6

We are also pleased to promote our Phonics and Spelling workshop for KS1 and KS2 parents on **Wednesday 17th January at 9.00am**. This will be an opportunity for our phonics and writing leaders to talk to you about how we teach phonics and spelling and for you to take part in phonics/spelling in your child's class.

### SARI Workshop

This term we are pleased to welcome SARI representative Susannah Harlow who will be holding workshops for children in KS1 and KS2 on the 31st January as part of our ongoing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work. Last term we took part in interfaith day where we increased awareness of different religions through the them 'Different but the same'



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### Key Dates for this Term

Monday 15th January - Deadline for Primary school applications  
Wednesday 17th January - 9.00am Y1-6 Phonics and Spelling workshop  
Wednesday 24th January - Year 2 SS Great Britain trip  
Wednesday 31st January - SARI workshop KS1 and KS2  
Friday 9th February - End of Term 3

### Mild Illness and School Attendance Guidance – Reminder

Winter is one of the peak times for adults and children to come down with mild illnesses such as colds, coughs and sore throats.

Our attendance as a school for the Autumn term is **93.5%** which is around the national average and our lates are **0.92%**. Here is a reminder of our school start times

Year Group	Start of school day	End of school day
Nursery	Morning session: 8.40 am -11.40 am 11.40 am -12.20 pm (lunch)	Afternoon session: 12.20 pm - 3.20 pm
Reception	8.50 am	3.00 pm
Years 1 to 6	8.40 am	3.10 pm

Sometimes it can be tricky to know when it is appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with a mild illness. Please see the NHS website [Is My child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)

### Starting the School Day on Time with Banded Reading

It is lovely to see so many families in the morning bringing their children on time for school. Gates open at 8.35am and the doors are opened on the bell at 8.40pm.

Gates are closed at 8.50am and children arriving after this time enter via the office. This is not the best start to the day. It is a very busy environment and often adults are having to be pulled away from supporting children in classes to support.





## **The Big Ambition Survey Reminder**

We have had an amazing response from nursery, primary and secondary schools across England and as a result I've decided **to extend the closing date to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024** to allow even more children the chance to have their say.

This will give schools, children and young people an extra month over the festive season to take part in 'The Big Ambition'.

Children and parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

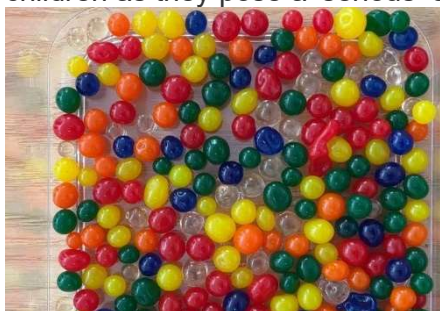
It only takes 5-10 minutes and can be completed in assemblies, form times, PSHE or in other lessons in the run up to Christmas or when you come back in January. A suggested lesson plan can be found on our [webpage](#). Alternatively, please share this [flyer](#) with a link to the survey with parents and children to complete at home.

'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election.

Let's make sure that the children and young people of South Gloucestershire are represented in the results.

## **Warning Around Aqua Beads**

Parents and early years settings are being warned to keep water beads out of sight and reach of young children as they pose a 'serious' choking risk and can cause intestinal blockages.



Parents are being warned to keep water beads away from very young children. Water beads are sold as tiny pellets which gradually expand when soaked in water. They are often used as sensory toys and more recently in pellet or water guns. They are small and colourful, making them attractive to toddlers and babies, who may instinctively put them in their mouth, says the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), which has put out the warning.



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### Guidelines for parents from the CCPC

- Keep water beads away from young children.
- Supervise older children when they are using water beads, allowing them to play with water beads only after the beads have expanded.
- Ensure that the water beads are thoroughly cleared away after use, checking under furniture or other objects for any that may have rolled away.
- Dispose of water beads safely when no longer in use.
- Keep older and younger siblings' toys separate; this can help prevent younger children from getting their hands on toys that are not age appropriate.
- Always check the recommended age range on toys. Most water beads are only recommended for children 5 years old and older.

### News from the Local Authority

Enable Multi Academy Trust, the Department for Education, and ISG Construction are working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council to build a new 112 place special school to support pupils aged 2 to 19 years old with severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties.

It will be an 'all through' school providing places from nursery to 6th form, and sited next door to Marlwood School. The school is expected to open in September 2024, with phased admissions over the first 3 years.

Your child will need to have an Education, Health and Care Plan to be eligible for a place.

You should speak to your SENCO or case coordinator to discuss in the first instance. [Details of all special schools in South Gloucestershire](#).

Any requests for a place at Two Bridges Academy will be considered by the South Gloucestershire Placement Panel working with Enable Multi Academy Trust/Two Bridges Academy. [Find out more](#)