



20th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say a warm welcome back to term 4! We hope that you have had a good half-term break and enjoyed a little bit of the sunshine in between the heavy rain. It is a busy and exciting term building up to the Easter break.

Entry into school

- The car park is not accessible to cars between 8.30 and 9.00 except for those with a blue badge and taxis for very discretionary reasons, agreed priorly with the Headteacher.
- Please can everyone be a little more diligent, due to being a school, and children may not be as aware as adults with regards to road safety.
- Please be mindful of weather conditions - at the moment we are getting very heavy rain and areas of leaves build up.
- Pedestrians should walk through the two side gates **NOT the large gate which is for vehicular access only**.
- Please use the designated paths when using the main entrance. We will be reminding the children that whilst on site they need to be Woodlands walking so that they stay safe.



Coming Up This Term

Assemblies

In our assemblies over the next few weeks, we will be thinking about the nine protected characteristics and British values. In particular, mutual respect of different cultures including Mother Language Day, Ramadan and Easter. We will be focussing on values such as determination and collaboration.



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World Book Day 2024

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7th March 2024.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they wish. Miss Leach and our reading ambassadors will be organising activities in school.

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Red Nose Day 2024 takes place on Friday, 15th March. Miss Smith and the school council will be getting together and organising this. We will let you know the plans early next term.

Million Dreams Workshops and Easter Events

During the last week of term, we are pleased to promote our Y1-6 Million Dreams workshops.

- Monday 25th March - Y5/6 Million Dreams workshop 2.45
- Tuesday 26th March - Y1/2 Million Dreams workshop 2.45
- Wednesday 27th March - Y3/4 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.

- Thursday 30th March - Reception Forest school/Easter event 2.30
- Thursday 30th March- Y1 to Y6 Decorated Easter Egg Competition

Unique Voice - Y5/6 Belonging in the Community Workshop

On Wednesday 13th March Y5/6 pupils will be taking part in a violence reduction workshop. The programme is centred around an empathetic approach to begin an early and age-appropriate understanding of exploitation and serious youth violence for young people attending primary schools in South Gloucestershire. The delivery of the programme, to be held on school site, consists of a 30-minute assembly and a workshop to follow up and explore the topic with the young people. The aims are:

- *Let's learn how we forge lasting trust within young people and ensure they foster a sense of belonging in their community.*
- *Let's build on lifting up our young people so they feel valued, seen and heard.*
- *Let's create communities that have a deep sense of connection, understanding, network and belonging.*

South Glos Parents and Carers Updates

Available to parents and school professionals – please book with code SNOWDROP.

Dean Beadle is joining us for A 360° approach to Neurodiversity, Identity and Wellbeing. If you haven't heard Dean speak before he is quite a character, but as an autistic adult he reflects very well on his experiences trying to fit into a mainstream world as a child and thinking about the importance of identity for wellbeing.



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Claire Phillips will be back with A 360° Approach to Demand Avoidance. This session will look at different types of demand avoidance and how to support young people at home and school.

<https://sgpc.org.uk/news-feed/360-outreach-project-for-schools-and-families-term->

Staffing Updates

We are looking for a housekeeper to join our school team on a fixed term Support Contract until 31/08/2024 - 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.

We are also looking for 2x Teaching Assistants to join our team. Full time roles 8.30am-3.30pm Term time contract plus INSET days. Starting salary 18,912 per annum.

If you are interested or know someone that is, please or take a look on our website for a full job description and to how to apply <https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/vacancies>. Please get in touch for further information recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk

Nursery Applications for September 2024 are Open!

If you or someone you know is interested in their child coming to nursery in September 2024, it is time to get your application form in. We offer places to children from the term after they turn 3 until school age. For more information about our amazing nursery, what a typical day looks like and what our children enjoy doing, please see our website for details <https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/nurseryadmissions>. For an application form please email nursery@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk or pop into our main office to pick up a form. Deadline for September place is 1st May 2024. At that time we will consider all applications against our eligibility criteria (It is not first come, first served until after the 1st May, if we have places remaining to offer after the application deadline).

Key Dates for this Term

Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4
Friday 1st March - Y5 Space Explorer Dome & Sleepover Event
Monday 4th March - INSET day (closed to pupils)
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March - Y5/6 Violence reduction workshop
Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19th March - Spring Parent Evening 3:15 – 6:15 pm
Wednesday 20th March - Review ISPs
Thursday 21st March - Spring Parent Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Monday 25th March - Y5/6 Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm
Tuesday 26th March - Y1/2 Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm
Wednesday 27th March - Y3/4 Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm
Thursday 30th March - Reception Forest school/Easter event 2.30pm
Thursday 30th March - Y1 to Y6 Decorated Easter Egg Competition
Thursday 30th March - End of Term 4
Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5



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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

Monday 4th March - Inset Day

Friday 24th May - Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day