



7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were really pleased to receive the OFSTED final report to confirm that we are a GOOD school. In particular we are really proud of all our pupils who really demonstrated our WOODLANDS CHARACTER during the inspection as they always do! Holding the doors open for others and saying please and thank you are becoming part of the norm at Woodlands and it makes it feel a very welcoming, inclusive and nurturing school. Our pupils were very positive about school and they engaged confidently when they spoke to the inspectors. They are a credit to you and we are so proud of them!

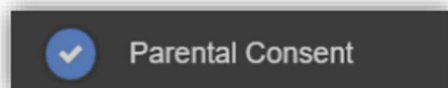
**\*\*ACTION: Updating permissions on MCAS App\*\***

When you join Woodlands Primary School and Nursery, we collect information about what you are happy to give permission for, including photo permissions, attending trips, taking part in food activities etc. We would like to show you how you can update this information on MCAS to ensure that the permissions you are giving are up to date and relevant.

**Please can you go onto your MCAS App and check the permissions available to you are correct by Monday 11th March.** Particularly around photo permissions as we are looking to get some up-to-date publicity photos created shortly and will take current permissions as correct at that time.

**Parental Consent**

The **Parental Consent** option is accessible only from the **Menu Bar**.



It displays the **Parental Consent** options for the **Student**. Tick the radio buttons to give or not to give **Consent** for information or images of the **Student** to be used within each of the options.

Please can we also ask that parents check their contact details on MCAS are correct. If they are not, parents can change these in MCAS too.



### **Staffing News**

We are pleased to share the exciting news that Ms Elliot is expecting her second baby - a brother or sister to Grace. Ms Elliott will be starting her maternity leave in Term 5. I am sure that you will join us in wishing the Elliot family all the best

We are really sorry that our Office Manager Mrs Bullock will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Bullock has been at Woodlands for nearly 4 years and many of you will know her through supporting Nursery in particular. Mrs Bullock has supported the headship team on our school improvement journey and will be missed, but is off to start a new exciting project in her career and we wish her all the very best. We are also sorry that Ms Bryant will be leaving us this term. Ms Bryant has worked in our kitchen for nearly two years and has always had a super smile and a kind word for children during dinner times. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Ms Bullock and Ms Bryant all the best.

### **Online Safety Partnership**

#### **Online-Aware - Digitally Intelligent - Free from Harm.**

*Children live in a world that is connected to the internet in ways they don't often realise that they are 'online'. So our curriculum is designed to **Promote Safe Use by Learners**.*

With that in mind, we have refreshed and renewed our approach to online safety, in line with the latest Government Guidance and in light of the updated guidance on mobile phones in schools. **We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers. And so have developed a set of commitments that we will all share as stakeholders, working in the best interests of our pupils. As a member of this school, you are a part of the team, committed to everyone's safety and therefore agree that these are our shared values that we uphold jointly.**

The full **ONLINE SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** can be viewed online by clicking [HERE](https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/onlinesafety) (<https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/onlinesafety>).

### **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

The **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the Easter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Tuesday 2nd April and Friday 12th April but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at [www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF place unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF) for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.



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- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.

### West of England Youth Music Festival.

Calling all young musicians! West of England Music is proud to announce the WoE Youth Music Festival 2024. Free to take part and open to all musical styles, group sizes and standards. The only things we ask are that you are age 18 or younger, and in a group of 2 or more musicians. Each group has a maximum amount of 10 minutes performing time. The festival will be taking place on the 27th & 28th April 2024, and hosted at Trinity Academy School.

To take part, please fill out this form by Friday 15th March 2024. Anyone in a group of two or more, and under the age of 18 can apply. The deadline to register is 15th March. You can register here:

<https://wema.org.uk/ymf2024>

### Red Nose Day

**Red Nose Day 2024** takes place on Friday 15th March. Miss Smith and the school council have been working hard to organise fun events to raise money. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, wearing something red. After school, there will be a '**sponge the staff member**' where children can sponge a teacher for 50p. As well as this, there will also be a bake sale running.

### 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



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### 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.

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->

### 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](mailto: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

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 2.45  
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Thursday 30th March - End of Term 4  
Monday 15th April - Start of Term 5

### 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 24th May - Inset Day**  
**Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day**