



19th March 2024,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for our Spring Term parent meetings that are being held this week to discuss your child's learning and progress.

- Each appointment will be 10 minutes only. Please respect this timescale so that everyone can access their appointment time.
- Please ensure your child/children are supervised at all times.
- You will need to enter via the main entrance and there will be signage to indicate where the classrooms are if you are not sure.
- Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time - there will be chairs and your child's books just outside the classroom. Please knock on the door at your appointment time.
- If there is an issue that requires a longer discussion, please make another appointment.

Breakfast Club Reminders

We are really pleased to run our breakfast club to support our families. This is non-profit making - all the funding pays for staffing, food and toys and games. Last week we sent out our breakfast club agreement and here are the key points:

- Booking and payment for Breakfast Club is the responsibility of parents/carers via the MyCAS app.
- Bookings for Breakfast Club must be made according to Woodlands Primary School's set procedures, 24 hours in advance. This is for safeguarding purposes.
- Payment for the club is strictly required at the time of booking – this secures your child's place.
- Any booking requests for Breakfast Club that are not paid for at the time of booking, will not be secure, and your child will not be able to attend.
- Breakfast Club will not accept any child into the club without prior booking and receiving payment in full.
- Children must be signed in by a parent/carer. Children from Reception to Year 6 will not be permitted into Breakfast Club without a parent/carer signing them in. You will be contacted if your child arrives at Breakfast Club without a parent/carer.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Easter Event

*Tuesday 26th March EYFS eggstravaganza- **this is no Yolk!***

The Nursery team are hosting a scavenger hunt as well as two mini stalls (scoop a duck and name the chick, 50p a go) on Tuesday 26th March 3:30-4pm. **This event will be for Nursery, Reception and any of their siblings.**

Tickets cost £2 per person. Tickets will need to be purchased from Nursery (AM at Nursery Door PM in the Nursery Garden). You must purchase your tickets by Friday 22nd March. Each child that completes the scavenger hunt will receive a chocolate egg!



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 2.45pm
- Tuesday 26th March - Y1/2 Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm
- Wednesday 27th March - Y3/4 Million Dreams workshop 2.45pm

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 2.30pm.
- UPDATE: The Decorated Easter Egg Competition will now be run by the PTA.

PTA Easter Events

The PTA Easter colouring competition has been sent out for KS1 children and for KS2 there is an egg decorating competition.

All entries £1 and a prize for all!

Get your entries in to school by Tuesday 26th March



Neurodiversity Week & World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday 22nd March, as a school, we will be celebrating the above. We will do this through a "Rock your Socks" day!

Children are invited to wear brightly coloured socks alongside their uniform to help celebrate and raise awareness about this day.

Holi Festival

On Monday we have a visitor to talk to us about the Holi festival. She will be holding workshops with years 4 and 5 and in the afternoon, years 1-6 will join her on the KS2 playground (weather permitting!)

There will be a small supervised fire on the playground.

During the celebration, Ramila will be giving out popcorn to the children and some children will be given coloured paint for their faces. Please ensure you sign the permissions form.



RND Updates

Thank you very much to Miss Smith for organising our Red Nose Day event on Friday where teachers faced a wet sponge to raise money for charity. We are pleased to share that we raised a total of £351.56!

Reception Bird of Prey Visit

On Friday 15th March, Reception pupils had a very special visit from some Birds of Prey today. They met a Barn owl, Little owl, Indian Eagle owl, and a Kestrel.

They learnt about what they eat, how they hunt and facts about each owl.



Unique Voice - Y5/6 Belonging in the Community Workshop

On Wednesday 13th March, Y5/6 took part in a Unique Voice educational day run by South Gloucestershire Council. It included a creative assembly showing a recently made film by Unique Voice and Crimestoppers on what happens when belonging makes us feel negative and unsafe followed by a workshop experience facilitated by Unique Voice presenting further coverage and exploration on more positive forms of belonging and key signposting for young people.

Mrs Brown explained why the school jumped at the chance to take part in this learning experience day. 'We are a very inclusive school and have a culture of 'belonging'. Our children are very informed about making everyone feel safe and happy in school, however, we understand that from time to time, children can be influenced negatively by others and sometimes are led to make the wrong choices. Therefore, we want to ensure that pupils know who to turn to if this ever happens and how to anonymously report incidents that may occur so that they can be confident young people within the community'.



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The visit served as a catalyst for meaningful conversations and personal growth. By addressing the subject of 'Belonging' in a creative and engaging manner, students were empowered to make informed choices and discussed how to seek appropriate support when needed. The collaboration between the school and Unique Voice exemplified the importance of community partnerships in nurturing a sense of belonging and fostering positive development among students. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and came away with some very positive and informative experiences.

The Unique Voice delivery team, Nick and Rosy said: *"We had a fantastic day at Woodlands. All of the Year 5 and 6 children were very enthusiastic and worked very hard in our sessions."*



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->

Reminder: 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



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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 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.
- 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.

We are advertising for a Receptionist and Office Manager/HR Lead!

Please take a look at the details of what is on offer and the details of how to apply

<https://www.woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk/vacancies>

Receptionist 10 hours 8.30-10.30am, Mon-Fri, Term Time plus INSETs £5,629 – £5,723 - join our friendly office team in managing parent enquiries, support our children coming into school and help out in this busy office.

HR Lead / Office Manager is needed to provide a comprehensive and effective HR and Finance administrative support service to the school. The postholder will play an important role in running of the school and ensure a professional and efficient support service is provided at all times. Full time 8am-4pm Weekdays, Term time plus INSETs and 2 weeks of non-term time weeks. £29,381 - £31,093 (Pro-rated).

Deadline is 24th March 2024 - If you are interested or know someone that is, please get in touch

recruitment@woodlandsprimaryyate.co.uk

Nursery Applications for September 2024 are Still 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).



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Key Dates for this Term

Wednesday 20th March - Review ISPs

Thursday 21st March - Spring Parent Evening -4:00 – 7:00 pm

Monday 25th March - Holi festival visit

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Thursday 30th March - Y1 to Y6 Decorated Easter Egg Competition

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