



Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Well done to everyone for settling into new routines so well this week, swimming has gone well and we're all settling into the routines. Thank you to everyone at home who has supported spelling, reading and maths homework activities that have started for many pupils this week.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Mabel, George & Tommi

Reading: Hattie, Edith, Florrie & Sophie

Achievement: Ottie, Izzy, Loki, Frankie, Lily, Freddie, Bertie & Stanley

Pro-star: Leo, Joshua, Bartie & Phoebe

Rights respecting award: Effie & Callie

Congratulations to Dylan, Lucy, Anya & Jasper who took part in the library reading challenge this summer, some fabulous medals! Well done to Lucy who secured 1st place at a female only motorbike trials competition on Sunday following a training day on Saturday. Congratulations to Vinnie for his football medal success, well done to Effie for her bravery certificate, to Bodhi for coming third in his first ever dressage test, to Jayden for getting his head for heights after the residential and completing the zip wire lots of times! We're really proud of you all!



100 Club

100 club is a great way to support the school as money raised goes towards funds for the children. For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office.

Congratulations to **Alyssa** who is our winner this week!

Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn term 2026

Sept 1st—18th December

Half Term: 26th —30th Oct

Spring term 2027

4th January—25th March

Half Term: 15th—19th Feb

Summer Term 2027

12th April—21st July

Half Term: May 31st—4th June

INSET days:

October 23rd, January 4th

May 28th, July 21st

These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

Class contact

If you have a class-based query, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance via the school office.

Please be assured that teachers will respond, but not necessarily on the same day. Teachers are not expected to respond whilst they are teaching or beyond 5pm; your patience is appreciated.

We promote British Values and uphold our own school values of **friendship, determination, respect, tolerance, courage** and **self-belief**. As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.



Who to contact with queries

A query about...	What to do/who to contact
Dates and club information	Check on the weekly newsletter
Uniform, Parent Pay, pre-school places, free school meal queries etc.	Phone or email school office.
Benefits, emotional support for your child etc	Contact the school office for family support work
Class based queries	Contact your child's class teacher informally or phone the office to make an appointment.
Curriculum information	There is a lot of curriculum information on our website. Some documents have been added to Classdojo. Little Dormice and Dormice; make sure you have signed up to Tapestry where we post information about your child's achievements.
Special Needs	Contact the school office to speak to Mrs Jeavons, our Special Needs Co-ordinator
An unresolved concern	We hope that any concerns can be resolved through discussion with the class teacher. But please contact Mrs Cotterell if needed. If an issue is still unresolved, Mrs Fawkes can be contacted and will support with the use of the Complaints Policy.

We expect all communication with all members of staff to be respectful and in partnership. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

25th September—individual photographs

19th October—Flu vaccinations

23rd October – INSET day, no children in school please

26th October – Half term

13th November— Author visit

23rd November—UK Parliament week

4th January – INSET day, no children in school please



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Mymaths

All Key Stage 2 children are set weekly mymaths homework. This needs completing online and shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. If it is taking longer or your child is struggling, then please let us know so we can offer more support in school. The work is based on topics we are covering in school, so it shouldn't be new learning. Children have been given their log in details but if these have been misplaced please speak to us so we can provide another one.

Reading

The children in Year 1 to 6 have all got their new reading books and reading records, please help us to keep them tidy and smart. We expect the children in Year 1 and 2 to be reading to an adult at home at least 3 times a week, children in Year 3 and 4 at least 4 times a week and year 5 and 6 children at least 5 times a week. These should be recorded in the reading record please.

Year 2 and Year 6 Swimming

Swimming will start on Monday 7th September until 19th October for children in Year 2 and Year 6. Please check parentpay has been completed.

Children need to come to school in PE kit please with their swimming kit and towel in a separate bag. Children are encouraged to bring in a larger snack for break time and if at all possible a packed lunch will need to be provided on these days please. (Dinners are available if a packed lunch isn't a possibility.)

Rights Respecting

Children have weekly Rights Respecting assemblies. This week our assemblies have focused on:

Our school expectations and Shine rules

Article 29- Develop children's personality and talents

Individual liberty/ equality

Communication to parents

As we made you aware last term, our school app provider was no longer providing their service after September 1st. We have also had difficulties with our website in recent weeks. We will be using ClassDojo as a way to communicate with parents, a bit like the app used to work. Staff have been starting to update the calendar and adding overviews and spelling lists to the class pages. Please use the QR code and scan it to follow the link to join our school.

<https://home.classdojo.com/#/schoolinvite?s=555e1c65cae312fe7ae702cb>

If you need to get in touch with staff please contact the office (rather than via Classdojo) who can pass the messages on. Email: gmatthews@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk Phone 01594 542287