

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Reading: Ozzie, Lorelei, Ollie, Chloe, Elliott, Lily. Corey, Maeve, Brody & Lucy

Achievement: Dylan, Knox, Bodhi, Everleigh, Toby, Jaicob, Charlie & Jayden

Pro-star: Orla, Ethan, Poppy, Zach, Bertie & Sophie

Rights respecting award: Izzy, Lyla, Ottie & Ava

Dojos: Orla, Robin, Noah & Ollie

Well done to Savanah who got player of the match for her first rugby game, to Demaris for achieving her stage 6 swimming certificate, to Liv for gaining her 5 meters swimming badge, to

Knox for coming first in a recent trial bike competition, to Ottie for her success at gymnastics on the bar, to Sierra for her horse riding success, to Edith for her 2 swimming certificates for 5m and 10m, to Lucy for her continued success with her football team and to Everleigh who took part on her first rugby game after only 2 training sessions. What a lot of super stars!



Staffing update

We would like to wish Mrs Bushell all the very best for her upcoming surgery and a smooth recovery. We will certainly miss you while you're away and look forward to welcoming you back when you're ready!

As parents in Fallow Deer have already been made aware, Mrs Oliver will be joined by Mrs Geer, who will be teaching alongside her with the children in Years 1 and 2. The children have already had the opportunity to meet Mrs Geer, and some of you will also have met her at our parents' open evening last night. We would like to extend a very warm Woodside welcome to Mrs Geer. We are delighted to have you joining our team and look forward to all the wonderful things you will bring to our school community!

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

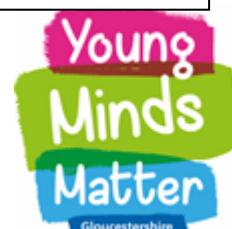
These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

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.



Upcoming dates

8th October – Young Minds Matter session Friendship & Big Emotions Year 1 and 2

14th October – Internet Safety talk Year 5 and 6

19th October—Flu vaccinations

20th October – Fallow Deer class visit to Steam Mills for History workshop

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

26th October – Half term

13th November— Author visit

23rd November—UK Parliament week

24th November – Open the Book assembly

17th December – Drama Club performance

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

Fire safety review

We're pleased to let you know that our school has recently completed its fire safety review and passed successfully. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school a safe environment for all our children and staff.

Rights Respecting

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

International Day of Peace - Mahatma Gandhi- Led peaceful protests to end violence and free India from British rule- Article 2- Non-discrimination- All children have these rights.

Tolerance and mutual respect



We have also been fortunate to share our Open the Book Assembly where we heard the story of Moses being found along the river.

Parent's drop in evening

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our open evening. It was a pleasure to share books and all the children's hard work. This did replace our usual parent's appointments. If you do want an appointment to see your child's teacher please contact the school office so a time can be arranged. It was lovely to see so many of you, and we really appreciate your continued support.

Supporting Students with Homework and Break Times

We understand how important break times are for our students — they provide a valuable opportunity for children to rest, recharge, and build friendships. We also believe in helping our learners develop healthy habits around responsibility and time management from an early age.

From time to time, a student may be asked to use a small portion of their break to catch up on incomplete homework or classroom tasks. This is never intended as a punishment, but rather as a way to support them in staying on track with their learning in a calm and encouraging environment. We always aim to find a balance that prioritises student well-being while also helping them build confidence in managing their workload.

We're very grateful for the support parents offer as part of the home-school agreement with reading, spelling and maths. If you are having any difficulties with the homework tasks please contact the class teacher so support can be arranged. The expectations and days homework is due can be found on the individual class pages on our website.

Please note that abuse of staff (whether it is verbal, written or physical)is not tolerated under any circumstances. Visitors will be asked to leave in the event of abuse occurring. CCTV is used in school and telephone calls may be recorded. Emails are also monitored.

PTFA Fundraising Events

We have two exciting fundraising events coming up!

Cake Sale – Thursday 22nd October

Our cake sale will take place after school. Please bring along some money and treat yourself to something delicious while supporting the PTFA!



Crazy Hair Day – Thursday 5th November

Children are invited to come to school with their craziest, funniest or most creative hairstyles - £1.00 per child payable via ParentPay or cash on the day.



Where does the money go?

All money raised by the PTFA goes towards providing the children with extra opportunities and fun experiences in school, such as the pantomime, special activities and other exciting events throughout the year.

Fundraising also helps us make contributions towards school resources, supporting the children's learning and making their school experience even more enjoyable.

Every donation and contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference and helps us give the children these extra special experiences.

Thank you for your continued support!

Join Our School 100 Club!

Looking for a fun and easy way to support our school? Our 100 Club is a great way to help raise money for the children while giving them the chance to win a little prize each week! 🏆

The money raised goes directly towards extra treats, activities and special events for all our children, helping us to make those school moments even more memorable.

Each week, we draw a lucky winner, and their prize is presented in our Wednesday assembly — it's always lovely to see the excitement when we announce the winner! If your child would like to take part, or you'd like to find out more, please contact the school office. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support!

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

