



Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Our first half term is almost complete, time seems to have flown by! We hope everyone has a well deserved rest during half term.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Reading: Frankie, Finley, Poppy, Eva, Toby, Edith, Theo & Phoebe

Achievement: Noah, Leo, Zach, Ruby, Anya, Kayden & Noah

Pro-star: Lola, Dexter, Florrie & Brody

Rights respecting award: Dexter, Savannah, Ellie & Charlie

Dojos: George, Knox, Ozzie & Ethan

Congratulations to Noah for his rugby player of the week trophy, to Bernie for his Stage 1 swimming certificate, to Bertie for winning his darts competition and being awarded a first place trophy, to Sabrina for her player of the week rugby trophy, to Olivia for her Stage 6 gymnastics certificate, to Lucy and Olivia for their Brownie badge, to Clara for her player of the week rugby trophy and to Lucy for her football participation. Thank you to Chloe for sharing her lovely art work. Well done to all the children who were awarded swimming certificates from our recent sessions: Leo, Nolah, Sienna, Dylan, Ottie, Jayden, Eva, Chase, Lola, Sierra, Effie, Elliot, Chloe, Cai, -Zach, Savannah, Alyssa, Charlie, Gregory, Mabel, Archie, Vinnie, Theo, Stanley, Ava, Maggie, Sophie, Brody & Phoebe.

School ready skills

We have been so pleased to see how many children are coming into school able to put on their own coats and fasten their zips and buttons independently. This is especially helpful in the wet weather we have been experiencing, as we aim to get the children outside for some fresh air as often as possible. Perhaps we could set the children (and parents!) a new challenge: learning to tie their own shoelaces! Practising at home little and often can make a big difference, helping children to develop their independence, confidence and fine motor skills. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children become more independent and ready for all their adventures!

We can be contacted at:

Tel: 01594 542287 or alternatively you can use our updated website:

www.ruardeanwoodside.com

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

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.



School Lunch Information

We would like to inform you that the school is now moving to a pre-booking system for school lunches.

Please log in to your ParentPay account to select the meal required by your child. You will need to book meals in advance, with the new menu available to book up to 25th March 2027.

Important: All school lunches must be booked by 10:00 pm on the evening before.

For example, if your child requires a school lunch on Monday 2nd November, you must select and book their meal by 10:00 pm on Sunday 1st November.

Please ensure that your child's meals are booked in advance to avoid any disappointment. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

AUTUMN WINTER 2026/2027

	Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	Option One Rainbow Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup (VE)	British Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Flaky Cheese Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (V)	MENU KEY: Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein
	Option Two Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes (V)	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	Option Three Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling including Salmon Mayonnaise	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert Chocolate Shortbread(VE)	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard (V)	Fresh Fruit(VE)	Syrup Sponge(V)	Ice Cream and Peaches (V)	
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	Option One Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Campfire Chili with Rice (VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes (V)	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (V)	Plant based Added plant protein
	Option Two Planet Friendly Balls in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti (VE)	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roasted Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option Three Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert Gingerbread Cookie(VE)	Chocolate Brownie(V)	Fruit & Yoghurt with Crumble Topping (V)	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches (VE)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)	
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	Option One Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Creamy Coconut Curry with Rice (VE)	Nature Ranger Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Hearty Bolognaise with Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (VE)	Added plant protein
	Option Two Golden Cheese & Bean Pasty with New Potatoes (V)	Beef Burger with Cheese, Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
	Option Three Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	
	Sides Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert Oaty Cookie (VE)	Jam and Coconut Sponge(V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)	Eves Pudding with Custard(V)	Melting Moments Biscuit (V)	

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (V/VE), Salad Bar (V/VE), Freshly Baked Bread (VE), Fresh Fruit (VE), Yoghurt (V)

(V) Vegetarian (VE) Vegan

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

School Website

As mentioned in our last newsletter, our school website has moved to a new address:

www.ruardeanwoodside.com

Please take some time to explore the different class pages, where you can find spelling lists and other useful resources. The **Knowledge Organiser** page contains links to the learning for each subject, while the **Termly Overview** provides details of what your child will be learning this term.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2027

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools! The grand final will be on 23.04.27, which you can come to, if your child is one of the three representatives for our locality.

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoint-type slide shows please.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It really can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement, and help them to keep to time.
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Upcoming dates

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

26th October – Half term

5th November – Crazy Hair Day £1 to take part

12th November – School Opening Morning 9.30am to 11.30am

13th November— Author visit

23rd November—UK Parliament week

24th November – Open the Book assembly

10th December 2pm – Dormice Class Christmas performance

17th December – Drama Club performance

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

Rights Respecting

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

Nelson Mandela- Freedom fighter and first black South African president.

Article 12 and 13- The right to speak out and the right to be heard. Democracy/ Rule of law



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.

Congratulations to

Eva

who is our winner this week!



Reading: We need your help!

We are so grateful to the volunteers who come into school to help listen to children read. Regular reading makes such a difference and although we have guided reading sessions in class, any extra reading is hugely beneficial. If anyone has time to come into school to help listen to children read throughout the school we would be really pleased to hear from you. Please contact the office if you could help even if it just for a short time. Thank you!

Year 1 and 2 Federation History session

Children in Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a history workshop day at Steam Mills this week and learnt lots more about the Great Fire of London. Here's some pictures of the activities we were involved with.



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.