

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Dexter, Elsie, Arlo, Frankie, Zach, Loki & Tommi

Reading: Lorelei, Elsie, Eva, Orla, Bodhi, Fearne, Skye & Leyton

Achievement: Sierra, Dylan, Leo, Lola, Eva, Jasmine, Frankie, Charlie, Florrie & Brody

Pro-star: Ozzie, Izzy, George, Callie & Charlie

Rights respecting award: Lorelei, Robin, Finley, Everleigh, Ella & Lola

Congratulations to Lucy for her football success, Florrie for her horse riding rosettes, Savannah for her success in rugby, Reuben for doing well in his swimming, congratulations to Fearne who has achieved her Rookie Lifeguard certificate and badge for swimming, well done to Hattie for her success in football and to Clara for doing well in rugby. We're super 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 **Ella** who is our winner this week!

Parent's drop in evening

We would like to invite you to our informal Parents' Drop In on September 30th 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

There will be no need to make a formal appointment. Instead, our books will be out and members of staff will be available throughout the evening for you to have a chat, look through your child's work and discuss how they are getting on.

Please feel free to drop in, have a look at their books and speak to staff. There will be teas and coffees available. We look forward to seeing you all.

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

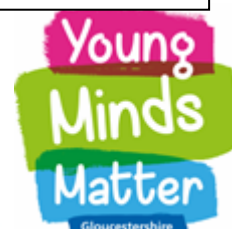
These may be changed but are an indication for those of you who want to plan early.

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

25th September—individual photographs

30th September – Parent's drop in 3.30pm to 5.30pm

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

FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination for your child as soon as possible.

We still have some families that need to fill in the form. Please contact the school office if you need support as we're happy to help.

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the link at:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC115519>

Rights Respecting

Children have weekly Rights Respecting assemblies. This week our assemblies have focused on: **International Day of Democracy- Link to Emmeline Pankhurst, Emily Davison.**

Article 13- Every child has the right to share freely their opinions.

Article 12- Children have the right to give their opinions freely on matter that affect them.

Democracy/ Equality

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I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously

When adults are making decisions that affect children they should ask them what they think.

Adults should take account of children's views when making the decision.

Children should be supported to give their views in a way that is best for them.

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I have the right to get information and share my views

Governments should help children get the information they need, and make sure that information they access via the internet or other media is accurate.

Governments should let children access and share information, unless it is damaging to them or someone else.

Governments shouldn't stop children from saying what they think.

Why you should resist taking term time holidays...

Your child will miss something – it might be something critical. For example, a whole week out of phonics, literacy and maths means they will miss key learning objectives. In phonics and maths especially, where learning is developmental and progressive, they will not have a strong foundation to support their on-going learning.

A whole week equates to over 20 hours of learning across several subjects – that's a lot to catch up on.

What message are you sending?

If you routinely pull your child out of school without permission, you are sending a subliminal message that rules don't matter.

Timing and ability matter

The first week in September and the last week in December is a popular time for absenteeism.

Yet children miss the opportunity to take part in transition and Christmas activities such as understanding the rules in a new class, school plays and team games.

If your child misses the first week of a new term, they will find themselves in a class where all the other children know the expectations, class and this may impact on their confidence.



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.