



WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Autumn Term 1

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful term it has been! The children have all settled into their new classes and our EYFS pupils have settled really well into school life. It has been a very busy term with parental consultations, sports events, European Languages Day, meet the teacher mornings and phonics and maths parent workshops for EYFS. It has been a pleasure being back with the children and working with the school community.

Thank you very much for all your help and support this term and we look forward to coming back to school on Monday 4th November. Have a lovely half term - let's hope the weather improves!

Mrs Gomersall

Attendance

New attendance guidelines were issued by the government at the start of this academic year and they are aimed at improving attendance following the Covid pandemic. As a school, we are working hard to promote an ethos of good attendance through weekly class attendance awards in assembly and sharing attendance data on our school newsletter - the children are already very keen to get the best class attendance award! Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that school starts at 9.00 am so any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the register, if a child arrives after 9.30am they are recorded as an unauthorised absence. If a child regularly arrives late they will miss the same lesson or lessons which will not only impact on their attainment as each lesson in our reading, maths and English schemes build on the previous lesson but also on their self esteem and confidence.

More information regarding our attendance policy and procedures can be found on our school website by clicking the link [Pupil Attendance Policy](#) and [Woolaston Attendance/Absence](#).

We understand that certain medical appointments may need to be taken during school day and parents/carers will need to provide a copy of appointment letters to the school office. If we don't receive a copy of the letter or text appointment your child will be marked as a **O (unauthorised absence)**

If you are taking your child/children out of school in term time, then please complete a request for leave absence form via our website Attendance and Absence or hard copies are kept in the school office. **You will also need to provide proof of any exceptional circumstances. All term time absence requests will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances**



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Our overall school attendance for this academic year so far is 96.1% and 0.9% late marks. Please help your child to attend and arrive in school on time so that they are ready to learn.

2024-2025 Week 5		2024-2025 Week 6	
Wk Commencing 30th September		Wk Commencing 7th October	
Weekly Attendance		Weekly Attendance	
Whole School Target - 100%		Whole School Target - 100%	
↑97.2%↑		↓96.9%↓	
Class EYFS / Year 1	97.5%	Class EYFS / Year 1	95.3%
Class Year 1/2	94.8%	Class Year 1/2	93.9%
Class Year 3/4	99.0%	Class Year 3/4	99.0%
Class Year 5	96.7%	Class Year 5	98.9%
Class Year 6	97.6%	Class Year 6	98.0%
Congratulations to Year 3/4 for achieving the highest attendance		Congratulations to Year 3/4 for achieving the highest attendance	

We are proud of our STAR pupils		We are proud of our STAR pupils	
During Week 5,		During Week 6,	
117 pupils achieved 100% attendance		116 pupils achieved 100% attendance	

2024-2025 Week 7		2024-2025 Week 8	
Wk Commencing 14th October		Wk Commencing 21st October	
Weekly Attendance		Weekly Attendance	
Whole School Target - 100%		Whole School Target - 100%	
↓95.7%↓		↓95.5%↓	
Class EYFS / Year 1	94.4%	Class EYFS / Year 1	93.0%
Class Year 1/2	93.9%	Class Year 1/2	91.9%
Class Year 3/4	96.6%	Class Year 3/4	97.8%
Class Year 4/5	95.6%	Class Year 4/5	100.0%
Class Year 6	98.0%	Class Year 6	95.5%
Congratulations to Year 6 for achieving the highest attendance		Congratulations to Year 4/5 for achieving 100% attendance	

We are proud of our STAR pupils		We are proud of our STAR pupils	
During Week 7,		During Week 8,	
114 pupils achieved 100% attendance		120 pupils achieved 100% attendance	



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Thank you Miss Hicks!

We are so delighted with our new musical instruments! We have been able to buy new classroom percussion sets and new glockenspiels thanks to a very kind and generous person. Miss Hicks was a teacher at Woolaston for 40 years, she was well known in the village. Sadly, she passes away earlier this year and the grand old age of 105! She asked that her funeral collection be donated to the school for music. Thank you Miss Hicks, we will think of you as we use our new instruments.

If you want to know more about Miss Hicks follow this link below.

https://www.voicesfromtheforest.co.uk/professions_public_service.html



Sporting fun!

Well done to all the children who have played in the Prostars Football Tournaments this term. We have taken part in a girls' football tournament and two mixed football tournaments. All of the children played well and we were proud of them for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to everyone who was involved and to the parents/carers who supported the events and helped with transport. We are looking forward to taking part in more sporting events next term.





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Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, please check to see if you are eligible for free school meals as additional funds can be made available. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.



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Smoking, E-Cigarettes and Vaping

No smoking, or use of e-cigarettes or vaping products on school premise or by the school gates please.

Parking

We have notice the increased safety outside the school drop off and pick up times, which is a big risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions (**yellow zigzags**) outside school are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger.

Please avoid making U turns in the road and local residents driveways, the road is far too busy and very dangerous to the children, parents and residents.

Parking outside schools – www.police.uk and www.met.police.uk

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- *Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.*
- *Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.*
- *If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.*

After School Prostars Clubs

Prostars after school club will begin week commencing 4th November, booking for Term 2 only will go live via ParentPay on Friday 25th October at 12:00pm, places are limited for these sessions and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Term 1	Wednesday	6 th November – 11 th December	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Football
	Thursday	7 th November – 12 th December	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Hockey
	Friday AM	8 th November – 13 th December	8.30 – 9.00am	KS1 & KS2 Fun Circuits
	Friday PM	8 th November – 13 th December	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS1 Multi Sports

Unfortunately, there will be no hockey session on Thursday 14th



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Poppy Appeal

We are selling Poppy merchandise in school right up until Remembrance Weekend concluding on Monday 11th November 21024. Along with Poppies, there are snap banks, zip pulls and bracelets.

Please continue to support this worthwhile charity!





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Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024

The School Council met and decided to mark Children in Need this year by wearing yellow clothing to school. In return.

Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity.

Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, we are asking you to help make life lighter for children.

BBC Children In Need

Please send in a small donation for Children in Need with your child. There will also be a cake sale at 3.30pm on the School Playground. For those bakers amongst you, donations would be gratefully received. Please can we request that cake donations are in the school office by 9.00am on the morning of Friday 15th November 2024.

Thank you.





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Community Leaflet Page

Please see our new community leaflet page for all the latest news and events.

<https://www.woolastonprimary.co.uk/community-leaflets/>

Dates

October	Friday 25 th	Inset Day – no pupils on site
	Monday 28 th – 1 st November	October Half Term
	Thursday 31st	Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline
November 2024	Monday 4th	Welcome back Autumn Term 2
	Monday 4 th	PTFA KS1 Halloween Movie Night 3:30pm-5:00pm
	Wednesday 6 th	PTFA KS2 Halloween Movie Night 3:30pm-5:10pm
	Wednesday 6 th – Wednesday 11 th December	Prostars – KS2 Football 3:30pm -4:15pm
	Thursday 7 th – Thursday 12 th December	Prostars – KS2 Hockey 3:30pm -4:15pm
	Friday 8 th – Friday 13 th December	Prostars – KS1 and KS2 Fun Circuits 8:30am – 9:00am
	Friday 8th	2025 Admissions Open Day 9:30AM
	Friday 8 th – Friday 13 th December	Prostars – KS1 Multisports 3:30pm -4:15pm
	Tuesday 12 th	Odd Sock Day - Anti Bullying Week
	Thursday 14th	Beder Photography – Individual and Siblings
	Friday 15 th	Children in Need – Yellow theme
	Friday 29 th	PTFA Non Uniform Day – Hamper Donations
	December 2024	Friday 13th
Wednesday 18th		Hub Christmas Production 9:30am
		Christmas School Lunch
Thursday 19th		KS2 Christmas Production 2:00pm
		KS2 Christmas Production 9:30am Hub Christmas Production 2:00pm
Monday 23 rd – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Half Term	
January 2025	Monday 6 th	Welcome back to Spring Term 3
February 2025	Friday 14 th	PTFA Non School Uniform
	Monday 17 th Friday 21 st	Half Term
	Monday 24th	Inset Day – No Pupils On Site



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	Tuesday 25 th	Welcome back to Spring Term 4
March 2025	Dates to follow	
April 2025	Friday 11 th	PTFA Non Uniform Day
	Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th	Easter Half Term
	Monday 28 th	Welcome back to Summer Term 5
May 2025	Monday 5 th	Early May Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd	PTFA Non School Uniform
	Monday 26 th	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 27 th – Friday 30 th	Half Term
June 2025	Monday 2nd	Inset Day – No Pupils On Site
	Tuesday 3 rd	Welcome back to Summer Term 6
	TBC	Sports Day
July 2025	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Year 6 Residential
	TBC	Year 6 Leavers Production
	Friday 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
	Friday 18 th	End of Term
	Monday 21st	Inset Day – No Pupils On Site
	Tuesday	Summer Half Term