



## NEWSLETTER

We have enjoyed a little bit of sunshine this last week and we are certainly hoping this continues into the last two weeks of term! We have had an exciting three weeks in school and we have more events planned for the next two weeks before we break for Easter. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Stay and Share sessions and we hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books with them and seeing how much progress they have made from the start of the year.

Best wishes,  
Miss Lane and Mrs Gomersall

### Easter Bonnet Competition

We will be running our annual Easter bonnet competition again this year and we will be parading our wonderful creations around the school yard on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March starting at 3pm. Please can you support your children to make an Easter bonnet at home and ensure that it is labelled and brought to school on the day of the parade. There will be prizes awarded for the best Easter bonnet in each year group and the PTA will also be holding an Easter event after school. Enjoy getting creative!

### Look Who's Talking

Look Who's Talking Our pupils have taken part in the Look Who's Talking competition again this year. This is an oracy competition where pupils prepare a deliver a two-minute speech on a topic of their choice. The children competed in class heats then in a school heat and three children have made it through to the next round where they will compete against pupils from other schools. Well done to everyone who took part we are all very proud of you! It has been a privilege to watch the children perform their speeches and to see the passion they had for the subjects that interest them and how articulately they conveyed this passion. Thank you very much to parents and carers for supporting the children to prepare and rehearse their speeches.





## World Book Day

World Book Day was a truly fantastic celebration at our school, with both children and adults coming together to share their love of reading. The whole day was filled with excitement, from the wonderful array of book-inspired costumes to the lively party held on the playground. Music from different eras played throughout the celebrations, creating a brilliant atmosphere as everyone danced, chatted, and enjoyed all things books. It was a joyful reminder of how stories can bring us together, spark imagination, and make lasting memories.

## Bikeability

This week, our Year 5 children have been taking part in Bikeability. What a fantastic week it has been!

The instructors have repeatedly shared how impressed they are with the children's brilliant behaviour, positive attitudes, and the respect they have shown throughout every session. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence on their bikes, supporting one another, and embracing each new challenge with huge smiles.

The excitement around school has been infectious, with many pupils eager to tell us about the new skills they've learned, from safe road positioning to smooth signalling and confident braking. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm they have shown each day.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support, especially with helping to bring bikes to and from school. Your cooperation has played a big part in making this week such a success.

Well done, Year 5 — you've pedalled your way through an amazing week!

## Sporting Events

Well done to all of the children in Key Stage Two who have taken part in the ProStars Football Tournaments this term. You all worked brilliantly as a team and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, both while playing and while supporting the other teams. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part — you were fantastic representatives of our school. Thank you!

We would also like to express a huge thank you to the parents and carers who supported the events and helped with transport.





### **Visit from the Community Engagement Vehicle**

Thank you to the team who visited our school with their Community Engagement Vehicle yesterday. During their visit, they spoke with parents about what is available for young people in the local area and how they work to address issues affecting the community. They also shared information about the work of their partner organisations and signposted families to services offering advice, guidance, and support.

If you would like any further information, please contact the team at [hi.ya@fvaf.org.uk](mailto:hi.ya@fvaf.org.uk).

### **Children awaiting a diagnosis with the Children's Autism and ADHD Assessment Service (CAAAS)**

Currently, there is a 2-3 year wait for a diagnosis within the Gloucestershire CAAAS. As parents, you have what is known as 'the Right to Choose' which means you can ask your GP to refer you to another health board who have capacity, to undertake the assessment. This means you have to be willing to travel anywhere within the UK but is a way to speed up the assessment process.

Information on what is involved and how to go about 'Right to Choose' can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/your-choices-in-the-nhs/>

If you want to find out more, please speak to your GP about this service.

### **Attendance**

The school is working hard to promote an ethos of good attendance through weekly class attendance awards in assembly and by sharing attendance data in our school newsletter. The children are already very keen to win the best class attendance award! Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that school starts at 9.00am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the register. If a child arrives after 9:30am, they will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. If a child regularly arrives late, they will miss the same lesson or lessons, which will not only impact their attainment—as each lesson in our Reading, Maths, and English schemes builds on the previous one—but also affect their self-esteem and confidence.

More information regarding our attendance policy and procedures can be found on our school website under the Key Information tab in Policies.





	<b>Sparrow Class YR/Y1</b>	<b>Starling Class Y1/Y2</b>	<b>Robin Class Y3/Y4</b>	<b>Woodpecker Class Y4/Y5</b>	<b>Heron Class Y6</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	94.6%	93.1%	98.5%	97.0%	92.3%

**Congratulations to Robin Class who achieved the highest attendance!**

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### Parents' Evening – Week Commencing 16th March

Reminder that Parents' Evening will be taking place during the week commencing **16th March**.

### Class Assembly Dates – 2026

We are delighted to share the dates for our upcoming class assemblies. Each assembly will begin at **9:30am** and will take place in the school hall.

Robins Class have already completed their assembly this year with their wonderful violin performance, and Year 6 will present their end of year production in July. -of-year production in July.

### Upcoming Assemblies:

- **18th March 2026** – *Woodpeckers Class Assembly* (Year 4/5)
- **13th May 2026** – *Starling Class Assembly* (Year 1/2)
- **10th June 2026** – *Sparrow Class Assembly* (Year R/1)

We look forward to welcoming families into school to celebrate the children's learning and achievements.





### Reminders Packed Lunches

Please can you ensure that packed lunches don't contain any nuts or nut-based products such as Nutella as we have children in school with a nut allergy.

### School Meal Booking

Please ensure your child's meal is booked in advance of the day, preferably a week ahead.

### Community Leaflets

Please click on community on our website to see the latest news and events.

<https://woolastonprimary.ovw10.juniperwebsites.co.uk/community-leaflets>

### Lost Property

Lost property is located by the school office

### Contact Information

Please ensure you advise the School Office of any changes to your contact details. It is vital that we have your up-to-date information for all correspondence purposes and in case of emergency. Please email any changes to [office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Year 6 Residential Payments

We would like to remind parents and carers to please continue making regular payments towards the Year 6 residential trip and to ensure that payments remain up to date. The cost of the trip is paid to the provider in staged instalments throughout the year, and keeping to the payment schedule allows us to meet these commitments on time and secure accommodation, transport, and activities for the children. This residential visit is a valuable and memorable part of the Year 6 experience, supporting pupils' independence, confidence, and teamwork as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us deliver this important opportunity for all pupils

### PE Days for Spring term 2

Reception/Year One: Miss Page: Thursday

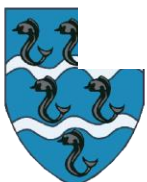
Year One/Year Two: Mrs Thomas and Mrs Madurasinghe: Tuesday

Year Three/Year Four: Mrs Gomersall and Mrs Winstone: Wednesday

Year Four/Year Five: Mr Rushton: Friday

Year Six: Mr Woodcock: Monday

Please ensure that you child has their PE kit in school on these days.





### School Diary – Dates for the Academic Year 2025-2026

<b>March 2026</b>	Tuesday 17,18 <sup>th</sup> ,19 <sup>th</sup>	Parental Consultation
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpeckers Class Assembly
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Easter Hunt
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>April 2026</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Summer Term 5
	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	NCMP Screening – Reception and Year 6 only
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS – English Grammar
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS – English Reading
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 1&2
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS – Maths Paper 3
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTFA – School Disco
<b>May 2026</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>June 2026</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Inset Day</b> – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Summer Term 6
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Multiplication Tables Check
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Check
	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports day / Summer Fayre
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Days
<b>July 2026</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Residential
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm <b>End of Term</b>

