



WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome Back

It is a pleasure to welcome our parents, carers and pupils back to school after the summer holiday. We are really pleased to welcome new families to our school community and it is lovely to see how well the children have settled. Over the summer holiday we have said goodbye to Mrs Guest, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Lane. We wish them well with their new and exciting ventures and we would like to thank them for all their hard work at Woolaston Primary School and for the tremendous support they gave our pupils.

We have a busy term planned with meet the teacher mornings, maths and phonics sessions for our reception parents and after school clubs. The meet the teacher meetings are information sharing sessions with the class teacher but please don't worry if you are unable to attend as a copy of the Powerpoint will be put on our school website on the relevant class page.

The school website holds all the information that you, as parents, need to know. You can find information about what your child is learning, for example, what they are learning this term, how we teach reading, how we teach art across the school, starting in the early years moving through to Year 6. In addition to this information, you can find information about school clubs, school meals, absence forms, holiday club and medical forms- including forms that must be signed and issued to the school office to enable the school to administer prescribed medicines. The school calendar will also inform parents of what is happening and when. Please be sure to check the school website before calling the school office.

School Gates

The school gates open at 8.55am and close at 9.00am, this is to ensure staff are able to return to classes ready to start teaching. If you enter or leave school via the office gate can you please ensure you fully close the gate and pull the bolt across to prevent unauthorised access or exit from this gate. We are working with the company who have installed the new fob system to remove the green exit buttons located in the school and new parts have been ordered to ensure the gate fully closes. Whilst we are waiting for this to be completed staff are conducting regular checks to ensure the gates are fully closed.

Attendance

Please help your child to arrive in school on time so that they are ready to learn. If your child arrives after the gates close, by law parents/carers need to sign their child in plus give the reason for the lateness. The school registers close at 9.30. Your child will be recorded code L (late arrival before the register is closed) and code U (arrived in school after registers closed). It is also important that your child is in school for the full day until 3.30pm.



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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 your child is unwell, or absent for any reason, please contact the school office by 9.30am. If we have not heard from you by this time, Mrs Wellington will ring you.

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. Please ensure you apply for leave at least two weeks ahead of the leave date.

The School Office and Contact Details

The school office will be open to parents 8.15-10.00am and 1.30-3.00pm. Mrs Wellington is the School Administrator and is required to complete tasks such as data submissions to the DfE, attendance monitoring, management information systems and well as monitoring communication to the school and managing contactors.

During the period of the School Office closure, parents will of course still be contacted should children be unwell, or should children need to be collected for an appointment.

Parents/carers will of course need to notify the School Office in advance of such arrangements

Please contact the school for absences, concerns or any enquires 01594 529270 or email office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk . If you wish to contact the class teacher, please send a message to the School Office and this will be passed on.

Pupil Information

Our annual data collection sheets for parents to complete will be sent home next week to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact numbers in case of illness or emergencies. Please can you ensure these forms are returned as quickly as possible via the class teacher so we can update our systems.

It is also very important to inform the School Office of any Health Care changes or Allergies so we are aware of these medical needs.



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2025 Admissions Open Day

Please share the information below with any families with children that will be starting school in September 2025. We will be hosting four open day sessions in the autumn term where parents will have a tour of our wonderful school site.



 FOREST EDGE FEDERATION
**WOOLASTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
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OPEN DAY

WE ARE A GOOD SCHOOL IN ALL AREAS!

Comments from our Ofsted report in May 2023:

This is a happy, nurturing and inclusive school. Pupils are friendly and polite. Relationships between pupils and staff are kind and respectful. Staff care for pupils and help them to learn well.

Leaders work to bring about improvements with determination. They provide clarity and direction. Leaders are ambitious for all pupils. They have developed a broad and ambitious curriculum, especially in English and mathematics. Pupils learn well in mathematics because leaders have identified the key knowledge that they need to learn.

Leaders prioritise reading. All staff are well trained to teach phonics. Staff use consistent approaches to teach pupils how to read. This helps pupils to become fluent readers.

Please contact the School Office to book a place on one of our open days.

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Email: office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk



Thursday 3rd October 9.30am
Friday 11th October 2.00pm
Thursday 17th October 2.00pm
Friday 8th November 9.30am

Uniform and P.E kit

Wearing the correct school uniform and having the correct P.E kit and equipment, ensures that the children feel like they belong to our wonderful school community and are ready to learn. A list of uniform items is available on the school website. <https://www.woolastonprimary.co.uk/uniform>

Leggings, cycling shorts and trainers are not classed as school uniform.

There was a huge amount of unclaimed lost property last year, please make sure all clothing, bags, lunch boxes and bottles are labelled.

At the end of each term any lost property will be donated to charity or binned.



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Play Apparatus

Children and younger siblings are not to play on this before or after school. For safeguarding reasons, any parent with a pre-school child is asked to supervise them closely whilst on school premises. The climbing frames and other play equipment are not to be used. We thank you in advance for complying with this request.

End of the Day- 3.30pm

Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 that are able to walk home independently must have submitted a letter to the School Office. Without this, we will not let your child walk home unaccompanied.

Children will be taken on to the playgrounds to be dismissed to parents. Please ensure that you wait for your child at the correct exit so that class teachers can see you. If you have children in KS1 and KS2 we ask you collect your younger child before your eldest child.

Healthy Snacks

Children in the Reception class and Key Stage 1 are provided a piece of fruit/vegetable by the school for their morning snack but children in Key Stage 2 can also bring a piece of fruit or vegetables to eat at playtime. We have some children in school with a nut allergy so we request that no items containing nuts such as cereal bars, Nutella and peanut butter are sent into school.

Reading

It is really important that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day. Reading with your child 5 minutes a day will support your child by helping them build language skills, learn about the world, and develop empathy and emotional awareness. Reading together also provides an opportunity for parents and children to connect.





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Parking

Please can remind parents and carers not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school. We ask that parents are also considerate to local residents, not mounting pavements and blocking driveways.

PE Days

Your child will have PE on the following days below and will need the correct clothing and footwear in order to participate safely. Children can bring PE home weekly if needed along as it is returned to school for the following week. We understand the financial implications surrounding school uniform and therefore accept uniform, with or without a school logo.

Year	Day
EYFS	TBC
Year 1 / 2	Fridays
Year 3 / 4	Thursdays
Year 4 / 5	Mondays and Tuesdays
Year 6	Wednesdays



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Tapestry, Class Seesaw and Teachers2parents

For our new parents/carers the method the school uses to communicate with you. In Years 1-6 we have two platforms- Teachers2Parents and SeeSaw and in Year R we have Teachers2Parents and Tapestry.

Year	Platform	What it contains
R	Tapestry	Childs learning diary against EYFS goals. This is a platform that will only share learning- no communication will come from Tapestry re school updates
All school	Teachers2Parents	Email: Newsletter regarding whole school events and school calendar. 3 x term- end of first week of term, mid-term and last week of term
		Text: For last minute notifications that need to get to parents quickly- weather warnings, school closure etc.
All School	SeeSaw	Class SeeSaw is a learning platform that allows parents to see what is happening in their child's class. It allows class teachers to send updates and reminders that are solely relevant to that class.



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After School Prostars Clubs

Prostars after school club will begin week commencing 16th September, booking for Term 1 only will go live via ParentPay on Friday 13th September at 4:00pm, places are limited for these sessions and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Term 1	Wednesday	18 th September – 23 rd October	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Football
	Thursday	19 th September – 24 th October	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS1 Multi Sports
	Friday AM	20 th September – 18 th October	8.30 – 9.00am	KS1 & KS2 Fun Circuits
	Friday PM	20 th September – 18 th October	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Netball

Art Club

Sessions will start every Wednesday from Wednesday 11th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm until the end of term 1. Please contact Mrs Payne via email Nickyppaints@gmail.com for any question or to sign your child up.

Harvest

This year, the school will be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday 15th October. The children will have a visitor from the Forest Foodbank for a special assembly. If you would like to make a donation, please give any items to the office on Monday 14th October.. Donations of tinned, dried and packaged food are welcome.





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School Diary

Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

MONTH	DATE	Event
September 2024	Wednesdays 18 th September – 23 rd October	Prostars KS2 Football 3.30-4.15pm
	Thursdays 19 th September – 24 th October	Prostars KS1 Multisports 3.30-4.15pm
	Fridays 20 th September – 18 th October	Prostars KS1 & KS2 Fun Circuits 8.30-9.00am Prostars KS2 Netball 3.30-4.15pm
	Thursday 19 th	Year 6 Open Evening The Dean Academy 5.00pm – Letter to follow
	Wednesday 11 th	Art Club Begins 3.30pm-4.30pm
	Friday 20 th	Batwalk Year 5 and Year 6
	Monday 23rd	Year 6 Meet the Teachers 9.00-10.00am
	Tuesday 24th	Year EYFS / Yr1 Meet the Teachers 9.00-10.00am
	Wednesday 25th	Year 4 / 5 Meet the Teachers 9.00-10.00am
	Thursday 26th	Year 3 / 4 Meet the Teachers 9.00-10.00am
Friday 27th	Year 1 / 2 Meet the Teachers 9.00-10.00am	
October 2024	Thursday 3 rd	2025 Admissions Open Day at 9.30am
	Friday 11 th	2025 Admissions Open Day at 2.00pm
	Tuesday 15 th	Harvest Festival
	Thursday 17 th	2025 Admissions Open Day at 2.00pm
	Tuesday 21st	Parental Consultations – Information to follow
	Thursday 24th	Parental Consultations - Information to follow
	Thursday 24 th	PTFA Non School Uniform
	Friday 25 th	Inset Day – no pupils on site
Monday 28 th – 1 st November	October Half Term	
November 2024	Monday 4 th	Welcome back Autumn Term 2
	Thursday 14th	Beder Photography – Individual and Siblings
December 2024	TBC	Christmas Production



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	TBC	Christmas Jumper Day
	TBC	Christmas Lunch
	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
	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
July 2025	TBC	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