



WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Start of Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at Woolaston Primary! It is lovely to see all the children, parents and carers returning to school after the summer break. The children have all settled very well into their new classes and they have been engaging well with their new teachers and new learning. They have clearly missed each other over the holiday! It is also lovely to welcome some new families and children into our school, both in EYFS and across all year groups, and we are really pleased that you have joined our school community.

Attendance

Please help your child to arrive in school on time so that they are ready to learn. Children must be on school premises by 9:00am ready for registration, the school gates open at 8:50am and close at 9:00am for staff members to be back in class ready to start teaching.

Please note parents are not allowed to take children to the classrooms in the mornings.

If your child arrives after the gates close you will need to enter via the school office as 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.

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 is now open to parents at 8.30am until 4:00pm. 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.



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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.

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	Via email: Newsletters regarding whole school events and school calendar. Letters regarding school trips and visits Whole school communication from teachers such as special events
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.

Seesaw Login

Your child will be coming home with their new 'Home Learning' log in for Seesaw and an access code for families. Unfortunately, we are unable to use Seesaw as a direct messaging service between teachers and parents/carers. If you wish to contact a member of staff, then please do so through the School Office.

Free School Meals

Could Your Child Benefit from Pupil Premium Funding?

Woolaston Primary School can receive additional funding for any child receiving Free School Meals. This is separate from the Universal Free School Meals which are given to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Pupil Premium funding is allocated solely to the registered, eligible[†] pupils and is used to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for those



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children. For example, at Woolaston Primary School we spend the Pupil Premium funding on:

- 1:1 support teaching;
- Class supported teaching;
- Group work;
- Pastoral activities e.g. cooking and gardening;
- Tutoring;
- Purchased resources for mathematical development and emotional resilience;
- Enrichment activities

In order to support the eligible children's learning and personal development.

Additionally, registering for Free School Meals also entitles your child to:

- Free musical tuition;
- Free school trips; and
- A school uniform bursary.

† In order to qualify for Free School Meals for your children you must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- *Income Support;*
- **Income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance;
- **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance;
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;*
- *The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit;*
- *Child Tax Credit, **provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit***
- *Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit; or*
- *Universal Credit.*

As a parent/carer you can apply for Free School Meals online along with your Admission applications. The Free School Meals Portal also includes an online eligibility checking service which provides instant feedback – so they can easily confirm if you are entitled. For more information and to make an application visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

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.

Play Apparatus



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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.

Autumn Term One After School Clubs

After School Clubs

We are in the process of finalising clubs for the Autumn Term and the booking forms will open on the ParentPay platform on Thursday 11th September at 4pm. Clubs will commence on Monday 15th September.

After School Club Provision

As it is the beginning of the year, we would like to ask for your feedback about our after school provision. Please could you take a couple of minutes to complete a questionnaire about our after school clubs using the link below. We will then use this information whilst planning clubs for this academic year.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Cfh4VsvHi1>

Many thanks for your time.

Key Stage 2 Choir

Key Stage 2 choir will begin again on Thursday 11th September. It is during lunchtime and any child from Year 3 to Year 6 can attend. No consent is required as it is within school time.



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Our choir is not just about Young Voices! Woolaston Choir is for anyone who wants to sing. Young Voices is a big event at the Birmingham NEC arena in January and we do spend our time rehearsing for this. However, children can come to choir and enjoy singing, even if they don't want to go to the Young Voices concert. We sing in assembly and at Christmas events too. For those who do want to attend Young Voices, they must come to choir on Thursday 11th for me to take a list of their names. Parents will then be sent separate information about the event.

Mrs Madurasinghe

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.

2026 Admissions Open Day

Please share the information below with any families with children that will be starting school in September 2026. We will be hosting three open day sessions in the autumn term where parents will have a tour of our wonderful school site.



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FOREST EDGE FEDERATION
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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.

Tel: 01594 529270

Email: office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk



Thursday 2nd October 2.00pm

Wednesday 8th October 10:00am

Thursday 16th October 10.00am





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WOOLASTON SCHOOL PTFA PRESENTS

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

WOOLASTON MEMORIAL HALL FIELD

SUMMER FAIR OPENS AT 11:30AM

BIG TOP OPENS AT 1:30PM
SHOW STARTS AT 2PM

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

SCAN TO BOOK TICKETS

Reminders

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches should not contain any nuts as we have children with nut allergies.



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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://woolaston-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/community-leaflets/>

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

School Diary – Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

September 2025	Thursday 25 th	Beder Photography - Individual / Sibling photo
		Individual and sibling's photos – Letter to follow
		The Dean Academy Open Evening 5:00-8:00pm
October 2025	Thursday 2 nd	Open Days for parents of prospective EYFS in Sept 2026) 2:00pm
	Wednesday 8 th	Open Days for parents of prospective EYFS in Sept 2026) 10:00am
	Thursday 16 th	Open Days for parents of prospective EYFS in Sept 2026) 10:00am
	Friday 24 th	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	Half Term
November 2025	Monday 3 rd	Start of Autumn Term 2



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December 2025	Monday 22 nd – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Half Term
January 2026	Monday 5 th	Inset Day – No pupils onsite
	Tuesday 6 th	Start of Spring Term 3
February 2026	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	Half Term
	Monday 23 rd	Start of Spring Term 4
March 2026	Monday 30 th – Friday 10 th April	Easter Half Term
April 2026	Monday 13 th	Start of Summer Term 5
May 2026	Monday 4 th	Early Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 th	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 26 th – Friday 29 th	Half Term
June 2026	Monday 1 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 nd	Start of Summer Term 6
July 2026	Friday 17 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
		End of Term