



# WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

### End of Academy Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe it's the end of the academic year! I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support this year whilst I have covered Miss Lane's maternity leave. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the children and their families and I am looking forward to working with you all again next year.

As a whole school community, we would like to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children and we wish them well on the next stage of their learning journey in secondary school – please remember to visit us and let us know how you are getting on!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September** is an **INSET day**, staff will be receiving training on safeguarding, curriculum and assessment. We then look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Mrs Gomersall

#### School Communication

The school's communication strategy is attached below. School does not use WhatsApp, but PTFA do. Should you want clarification on a school event, please first look at the school calendar on the school website before telephoning the School Office.

In Year 1-6 We have two platforms- Teachers2Parents and Seesaw and in Year R we have Teachers2Parents and Tapestry.



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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	T2P	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.

Parents should always contact the School Office to notify absence or medical appointments.

Parents are advised to speak with their class teacher should they have any questions regarding learning and/or behaviour. Please remember, you are able to speak with the teacher at the end of the day, on the playground and they are available to arrange a meeting for a mutually convenient time.

Should teachers want to discuss items of a personal matter with parents, e.g. behaviour, parents will receive a telephone call.

Please contact your class teacher in the first instance. Following on from this, should there be further involvement needed, this will become the attendance of the phase leader. The Deputy Headteacher will become involved after this, with the Executive Headteacher involved at the end.

We respectfully ask that this process is followed and we will direct parents to the process as this allows the school to deal effectively with parental communication.

Any communication that is sent to the school office will be sent to the correct member of staff.

## School Attendance to date

	Sparrow Class YR/Y1	Starling Class Y1/Y2	Robin Class Y3/Y4	Woodpecker Class Y4/Y5	Heron Class Y6
Attendance	95%	94.7%	96%	95.6%	95.5%
Late Marks	69	141	107	154	75
Pupils 100% Attendance	3	2	3	2	1

**Congratulations to Year 3/4 class achieving the highest attendance for the academy year.**



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<u>Whole School Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent Absenteeism (PA)</u>	<u>National Average YTD</u>
95.9%	6.8%	94.8%

## **School Uniform:**

Grey Pinafore, Skirt or Trousers

White Blouse/Shirt or Red/White Polo Neck Shirt

School Sweatshirt or Red Jumper or Cardigan

White, Grey Socks or Red or Grey Tights

Black flat shoes with heel

## **PE Kit:**

Black / Navy Shorts or Joggers White

T-shirt / Polo Shirt Plimsolls (daps) or Trainers School

Jumper for Winter

**Please could we ask all parents/carers to label their child's clothing, water bottles, lunch bags /bags etc. as we had a high volume of lost property in the recently few months. Any clothing that hasn't been collected by the end of each term will be donated to clothes banks.**

## **PE days**

Your child's PE lessons will be announced by email on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

## **Read with me**

We have recently teamed up with the wonderful people at 'Read with Me'. Their volunteers are visiting Woolaston weekly in order to hear children read for 10-15 minutes – providing one to one time. This creates discussion which in turn improves social and communication skills and builds confidence.



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## Boogie Bounce



## Science Festival





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## Sports Day

What a memorable Sports Day.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend and support their children. The children behaved really well, and their teamwork and sportsmanship were admirable. It was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed participating in the different events and they clearly demonstrated our school value of perseverance!

After the lengthy process of totalling the points, we are pleased to announce the results:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Red House

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Yellow House

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Blue House

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Green House





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## **Transition Days**

The children spent time in their new classes on Wednesday 25th June whilst our Year 6 pupils spent the day at Wyedean. These sessions provided pupils with an opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates and to spend some time getting to know each other. Everyone is now looking forward to the new learning experiences they will have next year.

## **Strawberries**

We would like to say a big **thank you** to Mr Morris for bringing in donations of strawberries for the school.



## **Year 3/4 St Andrews Church Visit**

We had the most exciting day ever on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June! First we had a lovely walk to St Andrew's church. There was so much to look at, there was grass hoppers making this weird noise. The grass was super long, even higher than me. We had to cross 3 stiles but finally we made it to the church.

There was a lot to look at liked stained glass windows, candles, chairs there was even a graveyard. The thing I loved the most was the baptism and I got to play the mother – I had a blast! Then it was time to go back to school.



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## **Sporting Events**

We would like to congratulate all of the children who have taken part in our tournaments and events this year. You have all played fantastically and we are proud of you all for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

Thank you also to those parents/carers who have supported the events and helped with transport.

We are looking forward to taking part in more exciting events next year. Thank you again!

## **Year 5 Taster Days**

This term, the Year 5 children have been to The Dean Academy and Wyedean to take part in taster days. The children experienced a wide range of secondary based lessons, including Cooking, Latin, Engineering and much more. The children thoroughly enjoyed the two days and represented the school brilliantly. Members of staff at each school commented on how well behaved and respectful all of the children were.

## **PTFA Summer Fete**

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended the school fayre this term. It was wonderful to see the school community come together as one and enjoy a fantastic afternoon in the sun. A huge thank you to the PTFA and all of the other volunteers who contributed (especially our wonderful Year 6s!).



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## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 were blessed with beautiful weather this year for their residential trip to PGL Liddington. The children had a wonderful time, and the staff were all very impressed with their behaviour – even if they didn't sleep quite as much as they'd hoped!



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard to prepare for their production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The show was a great success. Thank you so much for all your support with costumes. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Smith for her creativity in set design and props, and to Miss Niblett for choreographing such superb Oompa Loompa dances!





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## The Bloom Room

We had the most wonderful end to our summer term by celebrating the children's hard work with a reward for our Nurture Group. We held a teddy bears picnic and played some games in the sunshine. The children have really worked hard on transition this term and enjoyed a snack time with their new teachers! We look forward to seeing you all in September!



In ELSA the children have been busy creating their Colour Monster emotion pictures. The creativity and thought shown in their pieces were amazing! I look forward to displaying their creative pieces in the corridor! Well done to all the ELSA cohort on their brilliant work this term, it was wonderful to see you achieve your well-deserved certificates in assembly. Keep shining like the stars you are!





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Lunchtimes have been super busy this term. Not only have we been holding a 'lunch club' in The Bloom Room garden, for those who need extra support at lunchtime, we have also been busy being fun activities to all the classes.

Each class has been lucky enough to take part in our beading activities last week. The creations made were beautiful, it was wonderful to see so many children take part.



Thank you to all the families that have donated teddy bears for our children to enjoy at lunchtimes. This has been a great resource and the from all years have enjoyed playing with them.

It has been a busy but successful term for The Bloom Room. I would like to thank all our parents and carers for the continued support. Your children really are wonderful - I look forward to catching up with them and hearing all about their summer in September!

Love Miss Niblett

## **Celebrating Diversity in Our School**

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July, our entire school came together to celebrate the wonderful diversity of cultures and religions that shape modern Great Britain. Across all classes, pupils took part in thoughtful discussions, creative activities, and shared personal stories that highlighted the rich tapestry of traditions, beliefs, and practices within our community. The children embraced the opportunity to learn from one another and speak about their heritage with pride. Their confidence in sharing experiences was matched by the respect and curiosity shown when listening to others.



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The questions they asked were thoughtful and engaging—showcasing how deeply they connected with the topics explored. These two days served not just as an educational experience, but as a meaningful reminder of the importance of kindness, inclusivity, and belonging.



## **End of year PTFA Newsletter**

Every year when I write this, I start it with the same phrase, and as it's my last one, I will say the same again... What a year!

Halloween movie night

Christmas Fayre

Wonka bars

Cake sale

The Rising Sun hosted a breakfast with Santa to help us raise money

The Netherend Inn hosted a bingo night to help us raise money.

Discos

Easter Treasure Hunt

Summer Fayre

Sports Day Refreshments and Flags

School Non-Uniform Days.

Coconut Shy and Pimms stall at Woolaston carnival!



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What did we spend our money on this year?

EYFS Book Bags and PE bags.  
Christmas Crackers  
Easter Eggs for the Easter Bonnet competition  
Festive Panto  
KS1 Coat/ Bag Tolley.  
Lots of prep for The CIRCUS!

We are putting on a full-sized circus in September. Have we mentioned it?! And when I say we, I very much mean Happy's Circus are putting on a circus. We are hosting them and running a play in the morning before you go in and enjoy the circus in Woolaston!

Please watch these [videos](#) on our Circus Instagram page with you children to show them how amazing it's going to be.

If you haven't already booked your tickets please [click here](#) and get buying.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Lydney are coming to open the event, and we have invited the local papers to come and take some photos on the day too! It's the biggest event we have ever put on, so we would really appreciate it if you bought a ticket or two. As always, we are raising money to buy much-needed equipment for the school, and we are hoping that with an event this size we can invest the money well.

We are advertising the Circus externally, so please make sure you buy your tickets early. We are expecting them to sell out over the summer!

Thanks as always for all your support, I am handing the chair role over to Jo Manship and Emily Gilling, with Hazel Beeton supporting as Treasurer. Please continue to support them as much as you have supported me for the last few years.

Thanks!

Abby (ex-chair of PTFA)



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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



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## **KIDS CREATIVE SUMMER WORKSHOP TIMETABLE**

### **IMAGINARY ISLANDS CREATIVE CAMP**

**JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> 09.30AM-3.00PM EACH DAY**

ALL MATERIALS, A SKETCHBOOK, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £150

A 3 DAY LONG SERIES OF CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, EXPLORING THE THEME

'IMAGINARY ISLANDS'

THE 3 DAYS WILL CONCLUDE WITH A MINI EXHIBITION ORGANISED WITH THE

CHILDREN AND CELEBRATED WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

### **CELEBRATE SUMMER DAY WORKSHOPS**

**MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10.00AM-3.00PM**

**AND**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10.00AM-3.00PM**

ALL MATERIALS, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £45 PER DAY

THESE 2 WILL HAVE DIFFERENT THEMES SO YOU COULD BOOK BOTH

PAINTING, PRINTING, DRAWING AND MAKING, A WHOLE DAY OF CREATIVE

PLAY WITH A SUMMER VIBES THEME

### **UPCYCLE SESSIONS**

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**MORNING SESSION 9.30-12.30: DECORATE A SET OF DESK DRAWERS £52**

**AFTERNOON SESSION: 1.30-3.30PM: DECORATE A LAMPSHADE £26**

### **NEON WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 10.00AM-2.00PM**

ALL MATERIALS, DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED £38

YOU'LL NEED YOUR SHADES FOR THIS ONE, A FUN DAY OF CREATING

USING NEON COLOURS, GLOW IN THE DARK AND BLACK

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**LOCATION:** PIG AND PIP HQ: MOOR STREET, CHEPSTOW, NP16 5DB

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**EMAIL:** NICKY AT NICKYPPAINTS@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK A PLACE



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## Reminders!

### 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](mailto:office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk)

### School Diary – Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

<b>July 2025</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday	Summer Half Term
<b>September 2025</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Welcome Back – Autumn Term 1
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Beder Photography - Individual / Sibling photo Individual and sibling's photos – Letter to follow
<b>October 2025</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term
<b>November 2025</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Autumn Term 2
<b>December 2025</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Half Term
<b>January 2026</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils onsite
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Spring Term 3
<b>February 2026</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term



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	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Spring Term 4
<b>March 2026</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Half Term
<b>April 2026</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Summer Term 5
<b>May 2026</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Early Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>June 2026</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Summer Term 6
<b>July 2026</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
		End of Term