



WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter End of Spring Term 4

Year 3 and Year 4 Ukulele Performance

On Monday 7th April, Year 3 and 4 showcased their musical talents. For ten weeks, the children have been learning to play the ukulele (with Mr Robin Davies) and developing a love of music.

They performed songs such as Rocking Robin, I will walk 500 miles and Banana Tree. It was a fantastic 'concert' enjoyed by the school, parents and carers. Well done to all.



Forest of Dean Council Assembly / Eco Council litter pick

On the 31st March, we were lucky enough to get a visit from a community support officer. She delivered an assembly to the whole school about the effects of litter and ways that we can help reduce it. After the assembly, our Eco-council took part in a litter pick around the local area where they collected several bags of rubbish. This visit also inspired them to complete a litter pick around our school grounds with Mr Swanson.



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World Maths Day

Thank you to all the parents who attended the maths workshops, in class, on the 26th and 27th March. We hope that it was beneficial to you all and that it will help support you with home learning in the future. All the children demonstrated our values throughout the two days, and from the feedback we have had they thoroughly enjoyed having you in.

Gloucestershire Music School – Forest South Carducci String Quartet

We were absolutely delighted to have a visit by these fantastically talented professional musicians. Not only were they a joy to listen to but they also engaged with passion and joy, encouraging children to ask questions and learn more about music.

They played a contrasting programme including music by Haydn, Beethoven and Phillip Glass. During one memorable piece, children were invited up to identify which instrument was playing the main theme by placing a hat on that musician's head! Great fun whilst listening carefully to recognise the main theme.



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Our children were treated to forty-five minutes of wonderful music making. It was inspiring, thought provoking and enabled us to think about the importance of working as a team, recognising individual talents, bringing them together to create something fantastic and sharing these talents for the benefit of others.

Islam Assembly

On the 2nd March, the school welcomed two visitors from Gloucester Mosque to deliver a special assembly on Islam. The visitors delivered an informative presentation about the religion to the school. The children engaged and listened attentively throughout and were extremely respectful to our visitors. At the end of assembly, the KS2 children had the opportunity to ask some questions; the staff were very impressed with the level of thought and respect that went into the queries. A huge well done to the whole school.

Easter Eggs Donated

In our assembly today Richard and Hannah from Netherend Inn kindly donated Easter Eggs for all the children. We hope the children enjoy opening their Easter eggs on Easter Sunday. From all the staff and the children, we would like to say thank you and we wish you both a Happy Easter.

Thank you - Lydney Tesco

We were delighted to be donated 20 bunches of flowers from Lance at Lydney Tesco's, through the fare share scheme. This meant that Miss Niblett could run a floristry session at lunchtime. All children were welcome to create their own bunch of flowers and pass them onto a friend or family as a random act of kindness. The children created some beautiful bunches and even added special notes, everyone had a wonderful time! We hope to run something similar again soon!





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Nurture Group

We have had a wonderful start to the spring term in Nurture Group. The children have all worked incredibly hard each week on our topic. We were delighted to celebrate their efforts with a special Easter themed afternoon. We are continually proud of our children and are looking forward to welcoming them back next term!

Happy Easter everyone!

Love Miss Niblett and Mrs Baker





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End of term pastoral catch up

We have been so lucky to catch up with all our children past and present who have accessed pastoral support. We held an afternoon play session with over 20 children. How wonderful it was to check in with your lovely children and hear all about their amazing achievements this term.



Sporting Events and Clubs

Prostars after school club will begin week commencing 28th April, booking for Term 5 only will go live via ParentPay on Friday 11th April at 3:00pm, places are limited for these sessions and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Term 5	Tuesday	29 th April – 20 th May	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Archery
	Wednesday	30 th April – 21 st May	3.30 - 4.15pm	Reception & KS1 Football
	Thursday	1 st May – 22 nd May	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Football
	Friday	2 nd May – 23 rd May	3.30 – 4.15pm	Reception and KS1 Summer Sports



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School Attendance to date

	Sparrow Class YR/Y1	Starling Class Y1/Y2	Robin Class Y3/Y4	Woodpecker Class Y4/Y5	Heron Class Y6
Attendance	94.7%	93.8%	95.8%	95%	95.3%
Late Marks	52	107	72	118	57
Pupils 100% Attendance	3	2	2	1	2

Congratulations to Year 3/4 class achieving the highest attendance

<u>Whole School Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent Absenteeism (PA)</u>	<u>National Average YTD</u>
95.4%	9.3%	94.9%

Attendance and Term Time Leave

Please can we remind parents that school starts at 9.00am. Any children that are unable to attend school we asked that you notify the School Office by 9.30am. Should there be no message, the school will telephone parents. Can we politely remind you that term time leave is discouraged and holidays are not authorised, unless there are extenuating circumstances. In future, parents and families will be asked to school to discuss their children's attendance should it not be satisfactory. In certain cases, the school will seek advice and guidance from the local authority, especially should your child's attendance sit below 90%. We are very aware of the illnesses and, of course, the reasons for absence will be taken into consideration. Please can parents refer to the Attendance Policy [Woolaston Primary School Attendance Policy](#).

Allergies/Dietary Requirements

Please can you update the school office with any allergies your child may have, or any dietary requirements.

Hay fever, Sun Care and Water Bottles

As we are now heading into the summer term and the weather is slowly warming up, we would be grateful for your support in providing your child with a sun hat and sun cream for use in school. Please could we request that you apply sun cream before children attend school and then provide children with the cream to apply themselves if required, later in the day. If your child suffers from hay fever, please can we request that where possible, parents administer medicines before attending school.

Please could we also remind parents that children will need to bring a water bottle with them every day.



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Art Club





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Please contact Nicky Payne via email Nickyppaints@gmail.com for any question or to sign your child up.



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Reminders!

School Meal Bookings

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

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unnamed clothing items in our lost property. Please can you ensure your child's name is in their school uniform, PE kit and any clothing they wear to school.

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

April 2025	Monday 14 th – Friday 25 th	Easter Half Term
	Monday 28 th	Welcome back to Summer Term 5
May 2025	Thursday 1 st	Year 1,2,4 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust School Visit.
	Monday 5 th	Early May Bank Holiday
	Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th	Year 6 SATs
	Tuesday 20 th	Beder Photography Year 6 Individual photo and all year's Class Photos – Letter to follow
	Wednesday 21 st	Year 1/2 Class Assembly 9:15 – 9:45am
	Friday 23 rd	PTFA Non School Uniform
	Monday 26 th	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 27 th – Friday 30 th	Half Term
	June 2025	Monday 2 nd
Tuesday 3 rd		Welcome back to Summer Term 6
Friday 6 th		Year 4 & Year 5 Cheltenham Science Festival – Letter to follow
Thursday 12 th		Year 3 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Allotment Nature Reserve Trip – Letter to follow



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	Friday 20 th June	Sports Day, 9.15 am
	Friday 20 th June	PTFA Summer Fete, 3.30pm
	Monday 23 rd	Year 6 Information Evening 2025-2026 at Wyedean 5pm-6pm
	Tuesday 24 th	Year 6 Transition Days at Wyedean Additional Needs Day 8:45am-3pm
	Wednesday 25 th	Year 6 Transition Day All Pupils 8:45am – 3pm
	Thursday 26 th	Year 2 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Allotment Nature Reserve Trip – Letter to follow
July 2025	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
	Thursday 3 rd	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy – Letter to follow
	Monday 7 th – Tuesday 8 th	Year 6 Transition Day at The Dean Academy
	TBC	Year 6 Leavers Production
	Friday 18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
	Friday 18 th	End of Term
	Monday 21 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday	Summer Half Term
September 2025	Monday 1 st	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 2 nd	Welcome Back – Autumn Term 1
	Thursday 25 th	Beder Photography - Individual / Sibling photo Individual and sibling's photos – Letter to follow
October 2025	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
December 2025	Monday 22 nd – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Half Term
January 2026	Monday 5 th	Inset Day – No pupils onsite



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	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

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