



# WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

### End of Summer Term 5

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely but very short term this has been! It has been wonderful having this beautiful weather and the children have really enjoyed going on the field at lunchtime – I only hope it continues next week when it's half term! As the weather is getting warmer we would be grateful if you could provide your children with sun hats and water bottles. Please can we request that you apply suncream before they come to school then provide children with the cream to apply themselves if required, later in the day.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is an INSET day.

Mrs Gomersall

#### SATs

Last week, Year 6 completed their SATs in spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and maths. We are very proud of their resilience and hard work, not just in the week of SATs, but all through Year 6 where they have shown great maturity and perseverance. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support in the lead-up to the big week and Mr Woodcock, Miss Niblett and Miss Smith for setting up a breakfast club where the children could get some food and have a calm, relaxing time with their friends before the tests started. Thank you too to George in the canteen for cooking the children some delicious muffins – they went down very well and provided valuable brain fuel!





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## **Attendance and Term Time Leave**

This term we have had a school visit from our local authority inclusion officer, Brian Gazzard, who conducted a full audit of attendance at the school. As a result of this audit, he has identified three main areas of concern:

- The number of holiday requests
- Lateness before registration

Please can we remind parents that school starts at 9.00am. When children arrive after 9.00am they are missing the introduction to the first lesson of the day which is phonics in the hub and reading in years 2 to 6. Any arrival after 9.30am is classed as an unauthorised absence but all late marks are recorded and the number of minutes late is also noted. This academic year there have been 438 late marks and this term alone since 28<sup>th</sup> April there have been 35 late marks. Our registers download attendance information directly to the local authority who will now be monitoring all lateness, holiday requests and attendance. We have been advised to issue penalty notices and notices to improve to support an improvement in these issues. As a school the last thing we want to do is to issue fines and notices to improve but we must follow the guidance the local authority issues.

Can we politely remind you that term time leave is discouraged and holidays are generally not authorised, unless in extenuating circumstances. There has been a huge increase in requests for term time leave and therefore some children are missing large chunks of schooling. 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](#).



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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	94.9%	94.4%	95.7%	95.1%	95.3%
Late Marks	62	119	87	134	60
Pupils 100% Attendance	3	2	2	1	1

**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>
95.5%	8.6%	94.8%

## Caterlink

We are delighted to inform you we will be offering an extra option for the children till the end of the school term. They will be excited to learn that the Packed lunch on a plate will be returning to the menu, with the options of Ham Cheese or tuna Mayonnaise. Menu will go live on Parentpay Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Please ensure your child's meal is booked in advance of the day, preferably a week ahead to help with ordering and wastage.





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## The Bloom Room News

Our pastoral provision is launching a brand new name, to go along with our new space!

Welcome to '**The Bloom Room**' - *where children can grow, feel and flourish. Nurturing hearts one petal at a time.*



Here in The Bloom Room, we run Nurture Group and ELSA intervention. It's a wonderful pastoral space that's designed to be a safe base within our school.

KS1 ELSA groups have been settling in nicely into our sessions. Relaxation has been a huge hit with both groups. It's been so wonderful to get to know the children and build positive relationships with our younger members of Woolaston.





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Mrs Baker and I continue to see our Nurture group flourish. We have been busy creating someone fantastic Colour Monster Models! We are excited to work on supporting them with transitions into their new year groups next term.



Thank you to all our families for the continued support. Have a wonderful half-term break everyone!

See you soon,  
Miss Niblett

## **Archery**

Well done to all of the children who took part in the archery tournament. Your behaviour was exemplary and were all great archers.





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## VE Day 80



## Fun Fitness Day





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## Sporting Events and Clubs

Prostars after school club will begin week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> June, booking for Term 6 will go live via ParentPay on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3:00pm, places are limited for these sessions and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Term 6	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June – 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 - 4.15pm	Reception and KS1 Multisports
	Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June – 9 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Football
	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> June – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Cricket / Rounders
	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> June – 11 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30 – 4.15pm	KS2 Athletics and Summer Sports

## Transition Days

The children will spend some time in their new classes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, classes for next year will be announced after half term. On this day, Year 6 pupils will be attending Wyedean. Dean Academy have additional dates. Should your child be in Year 6 and not be attending Wyedean, they will be expected to attend school. The sessions provide pupils with an opportunity to meet their new teachers or classmates and spend some time getting to know each other.

## New EYFS Induction Evening

We will be holding an induction evening for the parents and carers of the reception children starting in September. The evening will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm until 6.00pm. In the meeting we will talk through the induction procedures and share with you what a typical day in reception will look like for your children.

## Newsletter Subscription:



Gloucestershire County Council is producing families in partnership newsletters to inform families of services available and new developments in the local area. Keep up to date with the latest news and opportunities from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) by clicking the links below to sign up.



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<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-april-2024/?pageNumber=1>

## Art Club





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## Reminders!

### Year 6 Residential

Please could we remind parents that the outstanding balance for the residential trip is due by the end of May. Thank you.

### Lost Property

There has been an increased number of clothing which is unnamed 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](mailto:office@woolaston.gloucs.sch.uk)

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

<b>May 2025</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTFA Non School Uniform
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
<b>June 2025</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day – No pupils on site
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back to Summer Term 6
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Boogie Bounce – Year 6 Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school.
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Come and Play Session 10.30-11.30am
		Year 4 & Year 5 Cheltenham Science Festival



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	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Raising Star Singing Club 3.30-4.30pm
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Induction Evening 5.00pm-6.00pm
	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Allotment Nature Reserve Trip – Letter to follow
	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Come and Play Session 10.30-11.30am
	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Come and Play Session 10.30-11.30am
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day, 9.15 am
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Summer Fete, 3.30pm
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Information Evening 2025-2026 at Wyedean 5pm-6pm
	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Days at Wyedean Additional Needs Day  8:45am-3pm
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day All Pupils 8:45am – 3pm
		School Transition Day + New Reception 2025
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Allotment Nature Reserve Trip – Letter to follow
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Mini Sports Event 11.00-11.45am
<b>July 2025</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential Trip
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Come and Play Session 10.30-11.30am
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy – Letter to follow
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day at The Dean Academy



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	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception 2025 Come and Play Session 10.30-11.30am
	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Technique Trip
	TBC	Year 6 Leavers Production
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term
	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
	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>		Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm
	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term



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