



WOOLASTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

End of Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to this term it has been with concerts from both key stages and a wonderful PTFA Christmas fayre. Thank you very much to the staff for all their hard work making the wonderful performances possible and thank you to parents and carers for helping the children to learn their lines and providing costumes. We are really proud of how well the children performed and it was a pleasure to see how much they enjoyed it! Thank you very much for all your support and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we will see you back in school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Pantomime

The children really enjoyed watching Dick Whittington, it was a lovely Christmas treat for the children. Thank you very much to the PTFA for paying for this for the children to enjoy.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas term simply wouldn't be complete without a traditional celebratory lunch complete with music, cake and crackers! A huge thank-you to our lunchtime and kitchen staff for making it all possible and to the PTFA for supplying the Christmas crackers.

Christmas Productions

Another year, and another set of wonderful performances from the children in our school. Throughout the production, the children's behaviour, effort and resilience were clear to see. Thank you for supporting the children by providing them with such wonderful costumes and for attending their performances. Finally, a huge thank you to the all staff for their hard work and effort behind the scenes. Well done everyone!



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A Little Help – Facebook

A Little Help is a charity that supports vulnerable families and those in need in our local community. This charity relies on donations from generous members of the public to ensure others can access food and essentials. You can support this 'A Little Help' through donating items on the amazon wish list. Please do donate if you can, thank you.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2AYSMAFP804G2?ref_=wl_share



Forest Foodbank Christmas Opening Times

The Lydney distribution centre has had to relocate from Lydney Town Football Club. It is now at River Children and Family Centre Naas Lane, Lydney GL15 5AU. This is because of flood damage at the football club. During the Christmas holidays Lydney distribution centre at River Children and Family Centre will be open on Tuesday 24th December but then all the distribution centres will be closed over the Christmas period. Cinderford distribution centre at the Forest Community Church opens on 2nd January 2025.

Website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>



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Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, please check to see if you are eligible for free school meals as additional funds can be made available. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the [Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#). Food vouchers may also be available through the [Household Support Fund](#). Find out more by [contacting your local council](#).



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

0300 8987000





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Faiths and Religions Volunteers

This year, I would like to create a network of people in our community from different faiths and religions who can work with our school. I would like to invite any volunteers in to speak to the children about their faiths and religions.

Throughout the school, the children learn about a wide range of beliefs through the RE curriculum. The opportunity to speak to a variety of people from different faiths would help the children in their understanding and knowledge. If you, a family member or friend would be willing to visit our school and talk about their faith, can you please let the office know. People from all backgrounds and faiths are welcome.

Many thanks
Mrs Rushton

Choir

Thank

You

Woolaston Choir

**for singing at the Christmas Fayre –
you did a great job!**

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the PTFA Christmas fayre, the money raised will help provide resources and experiences for children across the school. If you haven't yet purchased your child's Christmas craft item please see their class teacher.



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Thank you so much to everyone for buying a raffle ticket and buying a cup of tea or a mince pie at the performances. We really appreciate the support and in the New Year we will be able to tell you how much we raised and what we can spend that money on.

Thanks again!

The PTFA

Sporting Events and clubs

ProStars after school club will begin week commencing 6th January, booking for Term 3 only will go live via ParentPay on Friday 20th December at 3:00pm, places are limited for these sessions and are filled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Term 3	Tuesday	7 th January – 11 th February	3.30 - 4.15pm	KS2 Football
	Wednesday	8 th January – 12 th February	3.30 - 4.15pm	Reception / KS1 Multi Sports
	Thursday	9 th January – 13 th February	3.30 - 4.15pm	Reception / KS1 Balanceability
	Friday	10 th January – 14 th February	3.30 – 4.15pm	KS2 Tag Rugby

School Attendance to date

	Sparrow YR/Y1	Starling Y1/Y2	Robin Y3/Y4	Woodpeckers Y4/Y5	Heron Y6
Attendance	94.8%	94.8%	95.9%	95.2%	95.2%
Late Marks	3	7	1	1	3
Pupils 100% Attendance	12	15	10	4	11

Congratulations to Year3 Robin Class (Y3/4)

<u>Whole School Attendance</u>	<u>Persistent Absenteeism (PA)</u>	<u>National Average YTD</u>
96%	9.7%	95.4%

Royal British Legion

Royal British Legion has made us aware Woolaston Primary School has raised **£144.48**.

'Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal'



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Art Club

Pupils amazing artwork from Art Club this term, if your child is interested in Art Club please contact Nicky Payne via email nickyppaints@gmail.com.





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Community Leaflets

Page Please see our new community leaflet page for all the latest news and events.

<https://www.woolastonprimary.co.uk/community-leaflets/>

School Diary – Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025

December 2024	Monday 23 rd – Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holiday
January 2025	Monday 6 th	Welcome back to Spring Term 3
	Monday 6 th – Monday 10 th February	Year 3&4 Ukulele Lessons
	Tuesday 7 th – Tuesday 11 th February	Prostars KS2 Football 3:30pm-4:15pm
	Wednesday 8 th – Wednesday 12 th February	Prostars Reception /KS1 Multi Sports 3:30pm-4:15pm
	Thursday 9 th	Boogie Bounce Sessions – Whole School
	Thursday 9 th – Thursday 13 th February	Year 3 and Year 5 Swimming 9:30-10:30am Prostars Reception /KS1 Balanceability 3:30pm – 4:15pm
	Friday 10 th – Friday 14 th February	Prostars KS2 Tag Rugby 3:30-4:15pm
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



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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
	TBC	Sports Day
July 2025	Wednesday 2 nd – Friday 4 th	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

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