

### Welcome back

It has been lovely welcoming back the children this week. It seems like everybody enjoyed their summer. We would also like to welcome all the new pupils that have started at Woodlands Academy this week. It has been a busy first week back with wow days for the curriculum and the children have done so well, despite the hot weather. We are already planning all kinds of events for the school year and we look forward to working with you to benefit your children in their learning and their happiness.

We are looking forward to having a great first term back at Woodlands.

Miss Craig and The Woodlands Team



### Our new core Values

We have now updated our values and these are:

**Ready**

**Respectful**

**Resilient**

This will be much easier for us all to remember!  
We will send out the revised behaviour policy with the next newsletter, as there is a lot in this newsletter already.

### Year 3 and free school meals

Please be reminded that the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement has now ended for your child, as they have entered KS2. Meals are £2.45 and dinner money accounts are to be topped up via ParentMail.

If you believe you may be entitled to the benefits-based free school meals, please make an application to the Bristol City Council via this website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>.



### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Y4 Hooke Court

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - last day of term

### Term dates 2023/24

Term 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Term 2 - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Term 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4 - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Term 5 - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Term 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



### Inset days 2023/2024

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

### Uniform and PE kit

It has been lovely seeing how smart so many of the children are on their return to school. Please look closely at this link to ensure you are aware of the school uniform and PE kit expectations:

<https://www.woodlandsacademybristol.com/web/uniform-list/619356>

The main areas we have noticed to address are:  
PE kit T-shirts should be white or their house colour

Beech - Green

Chestnut - Yellow

Elm - Blue

Red - Oak

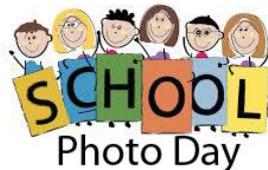
Plain black shoes (that can be trainers) but they need to be plain black (no white soles or ticks).

Please make sure that everything bought from now on as children grow out of items meet these expectations, so the children can collectively look smart and be proud representing our school.

### School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs.

If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, please contact the office.



### Weather/Water bottles

We still have quite a few children in school without water bottles. Please can we make sure everyone has one next week as drinking also helps with concentration and staying hydrated is always important. It is supposed to be cooler next week though, so that will help!

## Teaching Staffing Structure

### Teachers

Nursery - Miss Sherborne and Miss Williams

Reception - Miss Davies

Year 1 - Mrs Tottle-Johnson

Year 2 - Miss Ellis

Year 3 - Miss Vien

Year 4 - Mr Darlison (Mrs Dowling when she returns from maternity leave)

Year 5 - Miss Brockett

Year 6 - Mr Feaster

If you have any questions or worries, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

### TAs

Nursery/Reception - Miss Stone and Mrs Richards

Year 1 - Mrs Allen and Mrs Braine

Year 2 - Mrs Richards and Miss Cooke

Year 3 - Miss Thomas and Miss Grimes

Year 4 - Mrs Allen, Miss Rose, Mrs Braine and Miss Grimes

Year 5 - Miss Amey, Miss Rose and Miss Grimes

Year 6 - Miss Cooke and Miss Grimes

Mrs Richards and Miss Grimes cover the teachers PPA time and Mr Rylands will do this in Year 1.

### Other

Assistant Head/SENDCo. - Mr Rylands

Family Link Worker - Mrs Sheldon

Headteacher - Miss Craig

We are also supported by an amazing wider team of lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, administrators and a caretaker.

When you come into school it is Mrs Christoforou and Miss Hooper that meet and greet you!

## Attendance

Please see the attached attendance letter for your information. We need the children in school every day to ensure the continuity of education. In most cases, the children with poor attendance, do not make the same progress as their peers, so we need everyone in every day and on time, unless there is an exceptional circumstance (e.g. a funeral or hospital appointment). Please make sure holidays and routines appointments are planned outside of school hours. Holidays are not an exceptional circumstance. This is a key area of our school improvement plan.



## Adverts

We currently have three vacancies to be filled. Please share the information below with anyone who may be interested.

Caretaker - <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-caretaker-1362766>

Cleaner - <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-cleaner-1366384>

SEND TA -

<https://www.eteach.com/job/11-teaching-assistant-1367087>

## School Hours Changing from January 2024

I am sharing now that our school hours will be changing from January 2024 due to new government expectations that schools are open to children for 32.5 hours a week or 6.5 hours a day.

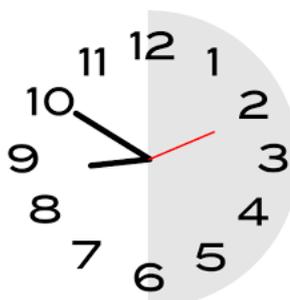
We will open the gates for children to come in at 8:40am and the register will be taken at 8:50am. This means all children will need to be in school and in class by 8:50am.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 3:20pm.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will finish at 3:25pm, so we can get everyone safely to their adults at the end of the day.

Breakfast club will continue to start at 8am and will remain free for children.

Nursery hours will stay the same as their entitlements are different.



## School Admissions

Year 6 parents - secondary school applications open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September (next week). Please use the following link to apply for a Year 7 place for your child before the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. It is really important to meet this deadline to ensure your child is placed in the first round. Late applications often mean children do not get what families want, as they get the spaces that are left in the locality even if they have siblings at the school.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-apply>

Nursery parents - Applications for a school place for September 2024 also open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please use the following link to apply for a place and again it is really important to meet the deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

If anyone is aware of people living locally with a child looking for a Reception place, please pass on this information. Word of mouth is a very useful way to improve our numbers.

We do also have places in other year groups as well, so please again pass on this information, so we can increase our numbers. More children means more budget, so we can do even more to help your children!



## "Messy Church" at Stockwood Free Church

We invite your family to come and enjoy Messy Church with us at Stockwood Free Church (Ladman Road).

This will run every third Tuesday of the month from 4pm until 6pm, with the first session on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Doors will be open from 3.30pm so if you find it easier to drop in straight after school then you are very welcome to come enjoy tea and biscuits before we start the main activities.

Messy Church consists of a variety of fun activities, crafts, games, songs, a bible story and finishes with a meal (all free).

All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

There is no need to book a place at any of the sessions but it would be really helpful if you could let us know if this is something your family would be interested in attending so that we can get an idea of numbers for crafts and catering. A vegetarian option will always be available, but please let us know about any special dietary requirements.

For more information, please contact us at [childrenandyouth.sfchurch@gmail.com](mailto:childrenandyouth.sfchurch@gmail.com)

## Improvement Plans for the Year

Attached to this newsletter are the school improvement priorities for this year. Our focus areas this year are:

- Curriculum
- Leadership of teaching and learning
- Excellent teaching and learning
- Achievement and progress
- Behaviour, community and culture
- SEND, inclusion and pastoral support

Outlines plans for Woodlands Academy SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023 - 2024		
<p><b>1. Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSHE</li> <li>• Science</li> <li>• Music</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Ensure knowledge organisers are used effectively</li> <li>• Bristol Standard EYFS</li> <li>• Continue developing the learning environment inside and out</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. Leadership of Teaching and Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have clearly defined roles and responsibilities that are appropriate to pay grade, strategic leadership and ambition with agreed timelines</li> <li>• Improve attendance for key families</li> <li>• Ensure leaders at all levels are leading and monitoring using agreed structures and having an impact</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. Excellent teaching and learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve children's oracy skills</li> <li>• Coaching</li> <li>• Refine learning objectives and success criteria</li> <li>• Challenge for more able</li> <li>• Quality first teaching</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Attainment and progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths focus</li> <li>• Reading focus</li> <li>• Writing focus</li> <li>• Effective use of assessment for learning to accelerate progress of all learners</li> <li>• Pupil premium</li> <li>• Mobility</li> </ul>	<p><b>5. Behaviour, community and culture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broaden children's opportunities and experiences beyond the school grounds and day improve the Woodlands SMS/C/British values offer</li> <li>• Engage with the MAT behaviour hub programme</li> <li>• Parental engagement</li> <li>• Equalities development</li> <li>• Play</li> </ul>	<p><b>6. SEND, inclusion and pastoral support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptive teaching</li> <li>• Interventions with impact</li> <li>• Provision lowest 20/30%</li> </ul>

## Parentmail/Contacts/Ordering lunches

Please make sure your Parentmail is working and new families please liaise with our admin team to get you set up!

If your contact details have changed e.g. phone number or email address, please let us know urgently.

Please remember to order lunches in advance and online.

Thank you!

Discover an exciting array of free information and support sessions hosted by Bristol Parent Carers throughout September. No diagnosis is required for you to participate. Secure your spot for free by clicking here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bristol-parent-carers-7809612275#collections>

### Digital solutions to supporting mental wellbeing

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS & KOOTH



### Information and support at North Bristol coffee morning

Southmead Greenway Centre  
Doncaster Rd, BS10 5PY  
7th Sep @ 9:15-10:30am



### Primary & Secondary School Transitions

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS & BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL



### Information and support from all services across Bristol



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## Hello September!

### Book your free space now

### Don't miss out



### Make your voice heard by completing our health service survey



### Dyslexia & Visual Processing

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS & BIBIC



### Information and support at South Bristol coffee morning

INNS COURT CENTRE  
1 Marshall Walk, Knowle BS4 1TR  
14th Sep @ 10:30-12:30pm



### Managing extreme behaviour

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