



Wootton Bassett Infants' School Newsletter

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Our School Value for this term is:

We are kind

Welcome

As the new year starts, the teachers are excited to welcome their new classes and we are all looking forward to a full and successful year ahead. The teachers have been busy planning interesting topics and exciting activities. The class information and topic letters have been sent out via text and are available on our website all year round in the CHILDREN tab.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Sharon Baker to our team. She will be working with Mrs Tebbitt in year 1 for 2 1/2 days and also congratulate Miss Macaulay on her wedding over the summer— now MRS WEBB!

Here are some links useful links for reference:

- [dates-for-your-diary-2023-24_76394.pdf \(woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](#)
- [term-dates-2023-2024_81621.pdf \(woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](#)

These are obviously subject to change and more will be added on future newsletters throughout the year, but we hope that having the dates early in the year will allow you to attend and support the many events and activities we have planned.

Please feel free to pop into school at any time if you have any questions or concerns and we look forward to welcoming you to lots of our events and activities.

Dates for your Diary

13/09	Reception stay all day
15/09	Non-uniform Day
19/09	Reception Parent Workshop (EYFS & Baseline) - 2:30
20/09	Parent Workshop (Phonics & Early Reading) followed by Open Evening for all parents
21/09	School Photographer (individual shots)
29/09	Open Morning for prospective parents
29/09	Fun Run at Noremarsh - pm
03/10	Harvest Festival Dress Rehearsal - am
03/10	PTA AGM - 7pm @ The Crosskeys
04/10	Harvest Festival - pm
10/10	Face-2-Face Parents Evening - 4:30-6
10/10	Online Parents Evening - 6-7
11/10	SEN Coffee Morning - 9:15-10:15
12/10	Face-2-Face Parents Evening - 3:30-6
16/10	Outdoor Learning Day
16/10	End of term 1 - 3pm finish
17/10	TD DAY
18/10	TD DAY
30/10	Term 2 starts
30/10	Diversity Day
07/11	Noremarsh Open Day for Y2 parents
08/11	Open Evening for prospective parents - 6-7



EYFS & Baseline Assessment Workshop for Parents

Tuesday 19th September 2023
2.15pm in the Hall

This meeting is to help inform parents about the Early Years' curriculum and what the children will be learning during their time in Reception. There will also be information about the statutory Reception Baseline which needs to be completed within the first six weeks of term.



OPEN EVENING

We are holding a **Phonics and Early Reader Workshop**. This will be held in the school and is aimed at all infant parents. Following the workshop, we would like to invite you to come behind the scenes and take a look at our fabulous school. You might like to visit the library, check out our outdoor areas, visit your child's classroom, see the wonderful displays, meet the teachers or all of the above.

We hope you can join us!

**Wednesday
20th
September**
Workshop: 5:30pm-6am
Open Evening: 4pm-7pm

Non-uniform Day Fri 15th Sept

In exchange for donations of unwanted cooking equipment or a cash donation.

Full details will follow



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SEN COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Webb, SENCO would like to invite you to an all-welcome drop-in session for parents of SEND children. These will provide an opportunity for you to support each other, share concerns/challenges and discuss what you would like out of these sessions. We will then try our best to find appropriate support, resources and help guide each other through.

WEDNESDAY 11TH
OCTOBER

9:15 UNTIL 10:15
in the school hall



Regular school attendance is the key to enabling children and young people to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

To see our policy, how to report absence or how to request time off please see our website

[Attendance \(woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://www.woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

Attendance

95% attendance equates to 10 days off every two weeks for a whole year.

85% attendance equates to 10 days off every two weeks for a whole year. Less chance of success. Harder to make progress.

80% attendance equates to 20 days off in an academic year. Detrimental to success and progress.

75% attendance equates to one whole day off every week for a whole year.

Attendance is Everyone's Business!

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Every term our children take part in an afternoon outdoor learning session. Every class has one session per term and is run by Mrs Clark alongside the class teacher and TA's. These sessions complement our existing outdoor learning that takes place across the school. The sessions have a practical and physical focus including outdoor yoga, looking at change and managing risks in the environment and an outdoor nature activity.

Please see the following timetable for when each session will take place.

Please check the weather ahead of your child's session and dress them appropriately, especially footwear, this can be trainers or wellies. Children can keep a pair of wellies in school for this. Children can attend school that day in their outdoor appropriate clothing.

Date	Class
Mon 4 th Sept	Mrs Clark planning session
Mon 11 th Sept	Miss Pearce
Mon 18 th Sept	Mrs Hughes/ Mrs Anderton
Mon 25 th Sept	Mrs Baker / Mrs Tebbitt
Mon 2 nd Oct	Mrs Smith/ Mrs Webb
Mon 9 th Oct	Mrs Bowditch
Mon 16 th Oct	OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY



We are looking to appoint co-opted volunteers to our friendly and inclusive governing body to help shape the future of Wootton Bassett Infants' School. Governors play a vital role supporting the headteacher and senior leadership team in the strategic development and success of the school. It is an interesting and varied role offering opportunities to meet new people, gain new skills and make a real difference to our children as they embark on their educational journey.

Perhaps you are an ex-pupil that wants to give something back to the school, or maybe you are interested in learning more about how schools work. Whatever your motivation, being a governor is an enjoyable and rewarding experience and full training is provided to help you settle in to your new role. We meet six times a year, usually in the evening and visits to school are encouraged.

Take a look at our website
woottonbasset-inf.wilts.sch.uk

We welcome applications from all backgrounds and you don't need to be an expert in education, in fact we'd love to hear from you if you have other skills and experience such as HR, marketing, strategy and health & safety.

Please contact
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or call 01793 852254 for more information



Governor Corner