



# Wootton Bassett Infants' School Newsletter

Headteacher - Mrs. Alison Pass

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Our School Value for this term is:

**We are proud of our achievements and those of others**

## Mrs Pass - Headteacher

As the end of the school year fast approaches it has been lovely to reflect upon all the fantastic events, activities and successes we have experienced. From school discos to book weeks,



theatre visits and visitors to our own fantastic performance of Peter Pan we have enjoyed so many lovely things. We have loved welcoming people into our school and as well as going out to visit and take part in a wide

range of events and we have learnt a lot!

The children have tried hard, shown exemplary behaviour, produced fantastic work and looked after each other. As always, we are very proud of them.

The Vale View Garden project has been one of our most enjoyable successes, and we hope you can take advantage of this great facility and enjoy the gardens over the summer holiday.



## Dates for your Diary

23-07 Yr2 Leavers Celebrations  
24-07 End of Term 6 1pm finish

### 2024 - 2025

02-09 Teacher Training Day  
03-09 Year 1 & 2 back to school  
05-09 Reception start school  
14-09 Scarecrow Trail

**2024-2025**  
**DATES FOR THE**  
**DIARY**



We want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Webb on the news that they are expecting their first baby. We wish them both lots of love and can't wait for the new arrival just before Christmas.



We will be sorry to see Mrs Anderton and Mrs Baker leave us. We appreciate everything they have done in the time they have been at WBIS, and they will leave an enormous hole. However, we wish them every happiness in their next adventures and look forward to hearing all about their retirement and new job.

All enquiries or to report an absence please contact the school office

Tel: 01793 852254

Email: [admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

We would like to wish our year 2 children every success for their journey to year 3. They have been excellent role models. We will miss them but know that they will be amazing!

Finally, all that remains is for us to say thank you for your continued support this year. We would like to wish you a lovely summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3rd September.





Thank you to all the staff and governors for their continued hard work and for everything they do for the children. I know they are all ready for the

summer break but will be looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for the events and contributions they have made to help us have a special year in school.

Thank must also go to our volunteers who come in every week to listen to the children read or help with walking to local events & school trips.

Mr Senior, Mrs Pryor, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Loveday, Mrs Strange, Mrs Ashley, Mrs Kimber and Mrs Lawrenson - you are all amazing and everything you do is appreciated.

If you can offer an hour a week to help please speak to Miss Lynne in the School Office - it makes such a difference to the children and the progress they make.



## Attendance at School

We aim for 98% attendance whole school attendance

For the school year 2023-2024 our attendance is **96%**.

The new statutory guidelines come into effect on 19th August 2024 - more information can be found [HERE](#)

### PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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#### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£101 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £86 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

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#### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£102 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024

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#### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

#### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## School Uniform

We would like to remind you of our school uniform requirements in preparation for September.

Our uniform is based on the colours, grey, white and navy blue, for example:

- navy blue sweatshirts, pullover/cardigan
- white or blue polo shirt, blouse or shirt
- blue/white checked or striped dress
- grey/blue trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafore

Our site is on many levels and has lots of steps and stairs throughout the school.

Therefore it is essential that sensible shoes (waterproof, closed toe and secure fastenings) are worn to school, Crocs or sandals are not appropriate.

For PE lessons children can wear:

- A plain t-shirt
- A hoody or jumper
- Black, grey or navy leggings, tracksuit bottoms or jogging trousers
- Trainers suitable for running around (not boots, slip on shoes or school shoes)

Long hair should be tied back and no jewellery is worn except for plain stud earrings. Smart watches are also not allowed in school.

You can purchase uniform through [my clothing.com](https://www.my-clothing.com)





## The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July – 31st of August

You can register for the Doodle Summer Challenge by logging onto your child's account from 1st July onwards. Children are encouraged to earn 750 stars before 18th August. If they reach their target you can claim their reward which will be sent to

school once the challenge comes to an end. For more information [click here](#)



### Celebrating our successes

**Term 6 Reading Winners** Congratulations Lois, Riley, Felix, Luke and Ellis for your amazing reading.



Our **Doodle Maths** special recognition award goes to **Molly** for a 667 day streak—wow!!!

**Balance Bike Graduates**  
Well done **Harry, Carter, Darcey & Lexi** for passing the Balance Bike programme.



**And finally our Stars of the Year** These awards are given by the class teachers to those pupils who have shown all our school values throughout the year in everything they do.



Congratulations  
**George, Ebony-Rose, Riley, Harrison, Imogen, Ethan, Jacob S, Yusuf, Daisy, Arabella, Flynn and Emily C.**



### Welcome to our School - Alfie the Bear Bin

Our school was one of 46 schools in Wiltshire who took part in this year's event and we were one of 9 schools to win a bin! Our Eco Councillors have been brilliant this year and have named him Alfie!

This was kindly given by Idverde who worked in partnership with Wiltshire Council to support the Great British Spring Clean for schools 2024 campaign. Litter remains a big problem for across the country and Wiltshire Council spends £2 million a year on street cleaning services.





# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

## LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanar' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

## SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

## PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

## TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

## TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

## YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

## WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs

## COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE, Every Day!

## TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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# SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN SWINDON

**FIND SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN ON SWINDON ROCKS**



Visit the Swindon Rocks this summer to find fun things to do with the kids.

With community events, places to visit, parks and walks and much more, we'll take the hassle out the holidays.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE A LOOK](#)

## LOCAL EVENTS



## FREE THINGS TO DO



## PLACES TO VISIT



## PARKS AND WALKS



# SUPPORT

Useful Resources for Parents, Carers, Young People and Educators.

## CRISIS MESSENGER

This service is available to anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained crisis helpline staff who will work with you to take your next steps towards feeling better.

If you need support, you can text APC to 83220

## BUSY THINGS

Busy Things is offering new starters FREE access to 100s of fun learning activities this summer to help give the best starting school experience.

Username: startingschool0098  
Password: startingschool0204



## FIND A FOOD BANK

## FREE FAMILY DAYS OUT WITH THE KIDS

## NSPCC

The NSPCC are here to help 24/7 and children can call their helpline number on 0800 1111

## ONLINE WELLBEING

Helping young people to overcome their mental health issues - look for peer-reviewed

## ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLISTS

Online safety checklists provide age-specific online safety checklists. Guides on how to get parental controls, and parental tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

## REPORT REMOVE

Resources for organisations, if you're taking young people's social images and content online.

## REPORT CHILD ABUSE

If you think a child or young person is at risk or being abused or neglected, contact the Children's Social Care team at their local council. If you don't know where they live, contact your local council's team, the NSPCC or the Police for advice.

## PARENTSAFE

Resources - helping you to keep your children safe online & beyond

## SHORE

SHORE is part of The Lucy Faithfull Foundation. They raise money to support and support to help you or someone you know change eating behaviours and learn more about being safe both online and offline. All of their services are provided free of charge, which means you don't have to pay when you use.

## SHOUT

SHOUT is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks. It's for young people who want to talk to someone who can help them with their mental health. Text: 83220

## YOUNGMINDS

YoungMinds is a charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. They want to make sure that the young person they speak with, their mental health, and they can get support, when they need it, for free, what?

## THE MIX

The Mix can help with embarrassing problems, weird questions, and please don't make money from our thoughts you have. The Mix gives young people the support and links they need to take on any challenge they're facing.

- Call 0800 555 2221 or visit [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)
- Chat messenger: Text 14141 to 83220 (24/7 support)
- Email: [help@themix.org.uk](mailto:help@themix.org.uk)



[www.safeguardingsupport.com](http://www.safeguardingsupport.com) | 01753 752200

# Prospect Hospice

Together making every day count

## Run the Rainbow

Saturday 17 August, 10am at Lydiard Park



Entry from £12

Sign up and start fundraising at [www.prospect-hospice.net/rainbow](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/rainbow)

### Prospect Hospice

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Company No: 09745 8945  
Email: [info@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:info@prospect-hospice.net)

### Partners in Care

Registered charity number 2026261

### Partners in Care

Company registration number 1441414

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