



Wootton Bassett Infants' School

Issue 1 — September 2024

Our School Value for this term is:
WE ARE KIND

Welcome

As the new year starts, the staff are excited to get to know your children and we are all looking forward to a full and successful year ahead. The teachers have been busy planning interesting topics and exciting activities. There have been many changes to the structure of our classes so we have given the classes names to help.



Mrs Bowditch & Miss Crimp—Poppies

Mrs Smith & Mrs Webb—Daisies

Mrs Hughes & Mrs Tebbitt—Bluebells

Miss Pearce—Buttercups



The class information has been sent out via our text system and is also available on our website. Over the next few days you will receive the topic letters and curriculum information all of which will be updated throughout the year.

The first of our many events will be the Scarecrow Trail organised by our PTA taking place this Saturday 14th September 10am until 3pm. This is a great event for families we hope to see you there. Please bring your family and friends!

If you have ANY changes to your child's details and need to update their information throughout the year please email admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk and we will ensure the appropriate staff members are informed.

We have put together a plan for this year's events and popped them on the website. If you haven't already seen them you can find them here:

[dates-for-your-diary-2024-25_30476.pdf \(woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](#)

Whilst we will do our best to stick to these dates they are subject to chance but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. Dates will be updated on future newsletters.

Please feel free to pop up/email/call the office at anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

Dates for your Diary

2024-2025

- 14-09 Scarecrow Trail
- 16-09 Reception Baseline Assessment Starts
- 18-09 Phonics Talk & Open Evening (existing Parents)
- 25-09 Open Morning (New parents) & Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 27-09 Fun Run at NJS (pm)
- 01-10 Harvest rehearsal
- 02-10 Easy Peasey Harvest (1pm to be seated)
- 03-10 Themed Menu
- 08-10 Flu Vaccinations
- 09-10 SEN Coffee Morning
- 15-10 Parents Evening
- 17-10 Parents Evening
- 18-10 School Photographer
- 21-10 Outdoor Learning Day (finish 3pm)
- 22-10 TD Day
- 23-10 TD Day
- 04-11 Start of Term 2

ATTENDANCE

At Wootton Bassett Infants believe that attendance is 'everyone's business' and during this term we will be sharing with you how we address and monitor attendance at our school. We are dedicated to improving attendance and supporting you and your child in receiving the best education possible. The benefits of being in school are numerous and being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

What YOU can do:

- *Try to telephone or email the school before 9am **everyday** of your child's absence and cancel their dinner order on Schoolgrid.
- *Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters. But where possible these should be booked outside of school hours.
- *If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival. You can also consult the NHS guidance:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

- FIRST OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**
The first time a penalty notice is issued for the amount of an unauthorised absence the penalty will be £100.
£100 per absence, less £100 if paid within 14 days.
- SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**
The second time a penalty notice is issued for the amount of an unauthorised absence the penalty will be £200.
£200 per absence, less £200 if paid within 14 days.
- THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)**
The third time an offence is committed the penalty notice will be £300.
£300 per absence, less £300 if paid within 14 days.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD
Penalty Notice Fines of UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE 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

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

Tel: 01793 852254

Email: admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk

NSPCC

Things aren't being done properly, so I know we're putting the children we work with in danger. I'm raised my concerns, but I kind of get... brushed off. I don't want to press it, but it feels wrong to leave it. What should I do?

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

Ofsted
Good School

Unlocking
Learning & Skills

Music Mark

PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL
2023 - 2024

Healthy Schools
WILTSHIRE

We are holding a
**Phonics and Early Reader
Workshop & Open Evening**



The workshop will be held in school and is aimed at all infant parents. This workshop gives you the opportunity to understand how we teach your child and how you can help support your child at home in their education journey.

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!



Harvest Festival

Wednesday 2nd October

The children will be having a dress rehearsal at St Bartholomew's Church on Tuesday 1st so will be out of school on this morning.

We are pleased to invite you to 'Easy Peasey Harvest' which is being held at St Bartholomews Church. The doors open from 1pm for parents, with the festival starting at 1:30pm.

As in previous years, we are asking for donations of food which will be collected by the Swindon Food Collective (our local food bank). This food is then distributed to families who are in need or struggling financially. They are looking for the following items:

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants

Please make sure they are unused and in date. We have also been asked not to send pasta, cereal or shower gel

These can be bought in from Monday 30th - Friday 4th and put in one of the boxes by both gates.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



The school photographer Edith Cameron will be in school on Thursday 18th October to take individual photos of your children. If you have multiple children in school we will arrange for siblings to have one taken together too.

If you have any further questions or requests please contact the school

OPEN DAYS
2024

Wootton Bassett Infants' School would like to welcome prospective children and parents to visit our amazing school.

We strive to make learning exciting and fun whilst maintaining a family type atmosphere. Come along and meet:

- Headteacher, Alison Pass
- Assistant Heads, Rebecca Tebbitt and Jenny Pearce
- SENCo Hannah Webb
- Our friendly Governing Body

You will have the opportunity to look round the school, visit the classrooms and ask questions.

Wednesday 25th September 9.30-11.30
We run this event alongside Macmillan Coffee Morning. So, refreshments will be available.

Monday 4th November 6-7pm

MORE INFORMATION:
01793 852254
admin@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk
www.woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk

DID YOU KNOW!

We are part of the Affordable School Programme for Wiltshire supporting families through financial hardship and challenges through the Cost of Living Crisis.

We offer confidential support via a designated email please contact affordability@woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk if you would like to talk to us. You can find more information here:

[Affordable Schools \(woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk\)](http://Affordable Schools (woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk))

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