



Woolston Infant School

Issue No 5 8th October 2025

Dates for the Diary

October

- 9th Years 1 & 2 phonics & reading parent talk 2.40pm
- 10th INSET Day – school closed
- 13th Parents evening
- 15th Parents evening
- 22nd Harvest assembly (pupils only)
- 23rd Year R parent celebration 3.15pm
- 24th Last day of term

November

- 3rd School reopens to pupils 8.35am
- 5th Maths parent workshop YR 9.10am
- 5th Maths parent workshop Years 1 & 2 2.35pm
- 13th Year 1 live phonics lesson for parents 9.00am
- 19th Year 2 live spelling lesson for parents 9.00am

December

- 1st Flu immunisations
- 10th Nativity (Year R) 2.00pm
- 11th Nativity (Year R) 9.15am
- 15th KS1 Christmas Church service 1.45pm
- 16th KS1 Christmas Church service 9.30am

Headteacher's Message



It has been another busy week in school, with lots going on. Year R have now fully settled into school life. After only 3 full weeks, they amaze us all with how well they interact with the older children. This week they have started to come to our whole school assemblies.

Our assemblies this half term have focused on our golden rules and school values. These assemblies support all pupils in becoming a valued member of our school community.

Next week we have our first parent's evening of the year. I know many of you have signed up for an appointment. If you haven't, please speak to the office who will support you in booking one.

As a reminder, if your child can not attend school due to sickness, please contact the school office by 9.00am.

Stars of the week

Week beginning 29th September

- Cedar – Grace
- Willow - Brodie
- Maple – Julia
- Oak – Jensen
- Poplar – Jane
- Sycamore – Zachary
- After School Club – Gusztav

If you have changed any of your contact details, particularly your phone numbers, please make sure that the office have your up-to-date information so that we can contact you should your child be unwell

Attendance



Week beginning 29th September

- Whole school 93.9%
- Oak 98.6%
- Poplar 96.9%
- Maple 96.7%
- Cedar 92.8%
- Willow 89.6%
- Sycamore 88.6%
- Well done Oak!



YEAR R PARENT CELEBRATION

Parents are invited to celebrate year R first half term in school. This celebration will be led by the children giving parents a guided tour of their school. This will take place on Thursday 23rd October between 3.15-4pm. Please enter via the main entrance.

SENSORY GARDEN DEVELOPMENT

Over the next few months, we will be developing a sensory garden within the conservation area. This will be for all children to enjoy in small groups. We will need to fill the space with plants which are not poisonous or spiky. If you or anyone you know have any spare plants, we would be very pleased to have them.

MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP

Mrs Mason is running a parent workshop on how we teach maths at school and how you can support at home. These will be held on Wednesday 5th November at:

9.10am – Year R

2.35pm – Year 1 and 2

Please sign in via the main office.

YEAR 1 & 2 PHONICS WORKSHOP

Parents are invited to a phonic workshop discussing how we teach phonics in year 1 and 2. This is on Thursday 9th October at 2.40pm in the Hall.

NUMBOTS

We use a platform called Numbots to support the children's fluency in solving maths calculations. This starts in Reception looking at subitising through to multiplication in year 2.

Children will bring home their login details today. Please support their maths learning by engaging in Numbots which is accessible on tablets, laptops and mobile devices.

INSET DATES

The school will be closed on the following dates for staff training:

- Friday 10th October 2025
- Friday 19th December 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
 - Friday 6th March 2026
 - Friday 27th March 2026
 - Friday 10th July 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As part of our Harvest Celebrations in school, we are collecting food items for our Harvest display. If you would like to donate some food (tins, boxes or cartons) please send them in by Monday 20th October.

This year we will be donating the food to the Fareshare Charity who are working with families in our community

YEAR R SCHOOL PLACES

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2026?

We are holding an open evening for prospective year R 2026 parents on **Thursday 6th November at 5pm.**

We also have a number of school in action tours. To find out more, visit our website

www.woolstoninfantschool.co.uk or call the office 02380444447.

More information about applying for a Year R school place can be found at www.Southampton.gov.uk

NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder to not bring any food into school containing nuts, including Hazelnut spread. We have several children who are severely allergic to nuts.





CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be using the outside play equipment i.e. the pirate ship and the climbing area outside year 2, before or after school.

Year 2 children should not be on the grass bank, please wait on the path.

It is great to see children scooting and riding their bikes to school. However, please can you ensure they are not used on the playground.

SCHOOL LUNCH

Please encourage your child to have a school lunch. The lunches are funded by the Government for all Infant age children. They are nutritious, delicious and FREE!!

A FEW REMINDERS

- Every child needs a book bag that will fit in their tray – please do not send rucksacks or bags as we have nowhere to put them!
- We ask that as many children as possible have a hot dinner each day.
- Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day.
- No jewellery should be worn in school.
- Please ensure reading books and diaries come into school EVERY DAY.

Thank you for supporting these few simple things that make school life so much easier.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to follow us on facebook - @Woolston InfantSchool

Gentle Reminders



- **Please remember that you must inform us if your child is unwell and is unable to attend school.** Please contact us before 9.20 a.m. You can phone on **02380 444447** or email us at info@woolstoninfantschool.co.uk
If you don't contact us this is classed as an unauthorised absence
- Please inform the school office if you have any change of details, including change of address or phone numbers. It is vital we have up to date information on our system in case of an emergency.
- Aggressive or foul language will not be tolerated on the school site.

