



Woolston Infant School

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Dates for the Diary

October

- 23rd Year R parent celebration 3.15pm
- 24th Last day of term

November

- 3rd School reopens to pupils 8.35am
- 5th Maths parent workshop Year R 9.10am
- 5th Maths parent workshop Years 1&2 2.35pm
- 7th Friends coffee morning 9am
- 13th Year 1 live phonics lesson for parents 9.00am
- 19th Year 2 live spelling lesson for parents 9.00am
- 20th Writing parent workshop Year R 2.35pm

December

- 1st Flu immunisations
- 2nd Year R live phonic lesson for parents 9.00am
- 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
- 17th Christmas lunch
- 18th Last day of term for pupils
- 19th Inset Day – school closed for pupils

Headteacher's Message



This morning, we had our Harvest assembly in school. We were joined by Miles and Caroline from St Marys Church who spoke to the children about Harvest and how it helps others. Working cooperatively with others is something we speak regularly about in school, and it is great to see this happen both in classrooms and in the outside areas.

As we come to the end of the first half term at school, I would like to say it has been a long but hard-working term for all. As a school, we continue to ensure children are in school all the time. Our aim for attendance is 96%, currently our attendance is just below that at 95.5%. Hopefully, we can all have a rest next week and push above 96% by Christmas.

I would like to say congratulations to Miss Murray, who ran the Great South Run at the weekend. It was not great conditions, but she still managed an impressive time of 1 hour 58 minutes!

Stars of the week

Week beginning 13th October

- Cedar – Jasper
- Willow – Archie
- Maple – Julia
- Oak – Zachary
- Poplar – Grace
- Sycamore – Amber

After school club - Jasper

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 13th October

- Whole school 96.5%
- Poplar 98.3%
- Willow 97.6%
- Maple 97.4%
- Oak 97.1%
- Sycamore 95.2%
- Cedar 93.6%
- Well done Poplar!



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. A reminder that the children should **not** use any of the outside play equipment.

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.

WRITING PARENT WORKSHOP

We will be running a writing workshop for year R parents on Thursday 20th November at 2.35pm. This will discuss the journey from mark making to writing in year R and beyond.

YEAR R PHOTOS IN THE DAILY ECHO

Willow and Cedar will have their class photos in The Daily Echo on the 14th November.

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

LIVE LESSONS

Building on our parent workshops around phonics, we would like to invite parents in to watch a live lesson in the classrooms. As it is a live lesson, we ask that no siblings attend. The dates for these are:

13th November – Year 1 9.00am

19th November – Year 2 9.00am

2nd December – Year R 9.00am

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to Hallee in Cedar who won a trophy in a dance competition for coming 1st in Slow Dance.

Well done to Hannah in Maple who has graduated from a Polish school.

Well done to Isabella in Poplar who has passed Learn to Swim 2.





CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be using the outside play equipment (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.

In the interest of all our community, dogs are not allowed on the school site. If you do bring a dog to school, please ensure they are not blocking the entrances to the site.

When parking at drop off and pick up time please can I ask that you are considerate to the neighbours, but more importantly ensure the safety of all members of the school community.

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.

