



Woolston Infant School

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Dates for the Diary

November

- 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
- 28th Dance mats
- 28th Non-uniform day

December

- 1st Flu immunisations
- 2nd Year R live phonic lesson for parents 9.00am
- 4th Year 1 parent celebration 2.30pm
- 5th Christmas fayre 4.30pm-6.30pm
- 9th Year 2 parent celebration 2.30pm
- 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

January

- 5th Inset Day – School closed for pupils
- 6th School open for all pupils at 8.35am

Headteacher's Message



I hope you all had a nice half term and welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. As you can imagine, there are lots of events going on this half term in the lead up to Christmas. The dates are in the 'Dates for the diary' section.

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back this week – they all came back in and settled straight back into the school routines. One of our key routines, as you may be aware, is phonics and reading.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Southampton Council Bronze Reading Charter Award. This is in recognition of the work we have and continue to do on reading across the school – from phonics to reading for pleasure. Reading remains a priority so please help by reading regularly with your child at home! Our next step is the Silver Award. Well done to all staff and children for their positive attitudes to reading.

Stars of the week

Week beginning 20th October

- Cedar – Riley
- Willow – Gusztav
- Maple – Emily
- Oak – Zachary
- Poplar – Jack
- Sycamore – Nathan

After school club - Evie

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 20th October

- Whole school 94.5%
- Willow 97.6%
- Cedar 96.8%
- Maple 96.5%
- Poplar 94.8%
- Oak 93.2%
- Sycamore 89%
- Well done Willow!



YEAR 2 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Year 2 have had a very exciting start to this half term! On Monday, they were lucky enough to welcome a nurse, a firefighter, and two police officers into school to talk about their important roles and responsibilities within our community. The children had the chance to see real medical equipment, uniforms, and even explore emergency vehicles — complete with sirens and flashing lights! It was a fantastic, hands-on learning experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A big thank you to all who were involved for helping to make the day so special!

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: 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.

MRS WILLsher

We welcome back Mrs Willsher from maternity leave this term. Mrs Willsher will be in Cedar class over the next few weeks getting to know the children before returning in January. We would like invite parents in Cedar class to come and meet Mrs Willsher, in Cedar class between 3.15 and 3.45pm on Thursday 27th November or Thursday 11th December. Please come in via the main office.

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 Hannah in Maple who has progressed to stage 2 in her swimming lessons.

Hannah has also won star of the day 5 times in dance and has received the cotillion. Well done Hannah!

YEAR R PHOTOS IN THE DAILY ECHO

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





PARENTS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING PUSH NOTIFICATIONS ON THE MCAS APP

- Uninstall/reinstall the MCAS app, making sure your phone software (IOS/Android) is up to date before reinstalling
- Make sure your phone settings have notifications turned on
- If you declined notifications when first installing the MCAS app and then trying to update this to allow notifications after doesn't always work. In this case you will need to reinstall.

POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion's 2025 Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and accessories in the school office. You can pay by cash or via a QR code.

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

COLDER WEATHER

As the colder, wetter weather arrives, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing as they do go outside at all different times of the day.

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.

