

Autumn 1 6th September 2024

Welcome Back!

Mon 02.09.24	Return to school - Y1 to Y6
Fri 13.09.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 26.09.24	School Photographs - all pupils, more information to follow
Fri 18.10.24	Rec - Y6 Flu Vaccinations - more information to follow
Mon 21.10.24	Y3, Y4, Y5 parents' evening
Tues 22.10.24	Nurs, Y3, Y4, Y5 parents' evening
Wed 23.10.24	Rec, Y1 & Y2 parents evening
Thurs 24.10.24	Rec, Y1 & Y2 parents evening
Friday 25.10.24	Break-up for half term
Mon 04.11.24	Return to school
Mon 18.11.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 28.11.24	Homework Showcase
Fri 20.12.24	Break-up for Christmas break
Mon 06.01.25	Return to school
Fri 14.02.25	Break-up for half-term
Mon 24.02.25	Return to school

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year. We hope that the summer break was an opportunity to refresh and reconnect.


Thank you to all families who sent in photographs for the summer homework. The teachers are enjoying finding out about their new classes.

Congratulations to Miss Jones who got married during the holiday and is now Mrs Stefanyszyn.

The children this week have been asked to think about their goals / aspirations & challenges. Please speak to them about...

- whether they have changed their career aspirations
- which learning skill / knowledge they will challenge themselves to develop this year
- which talent / interest out school they will challenge themselves to explore / improve on

Please note Reading diary days on page 3.

Miss Sharma 

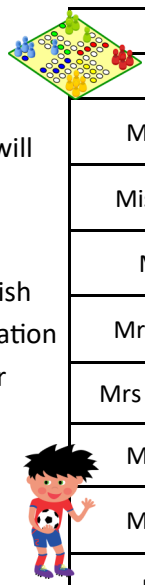
Afterschool Activity Clubs for Summer Term

Listed are the afterschool activity clubs for the Autumn Term. These will be released for booking on Monday 9th September and will commence week beginning Monday 16th September.

Please only book **one** club per child; if you wish to book a second club please use the 'reservation booking' for that club. There is no charge for these clubs. Collection for all school activity clubs is 3:45pm. If you select a club for your child and they do not attend for 2 weeks, their place will be offered to children on the waiting list for that club.

These clubs run each week with the final sessions being held week commencing 25th November.

Summer Activity Clubs			
Staff	Club	Years	Day
Mr Pinnock	Netball	Y3 & Y4	Monday
Miss Johnson	Forest Schools	Y1 & Y2	Monday
Miss Ellis	Art Club	Y1 & Y2	Wednesday
Mrs Geraghty	Board Games	Y1 & Y2	Wednesday
Mrs Stefanyszyn	Music Club	Y3 & Y4	Wednesday
Mr Pinnock	Football	Y5 & Y6	Wednesday
Mr Pinnock	Multiskills	Y1 & Y2	Thursday
Mr Hunt	Drama Club	Y3 & Y4	Thursday
Mrs Brookes	Choir	Y5 & Y6	Thursday



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sitting together eating school lunches helps to build positive minds and healthy habits

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Woodend

2024/25 Lunchtime Term Dates

Week 1		
02.09.24	02.12.24	31.03.25
16.09.24	16.12.24	28.04.25
30.09.24	13.01.25	12.05.25
14.10.24	28.01.25	02.06.25
04.11.24	10.02.25	16.06.25
18.11.24	03.03.25	30.06.25
	17.03.25	14.07.25

Week 2		
09.09.24	09.12.24	07.04.25
23.09.24	06.01.25	05.05.25
07.10.24	21.01.25	19.05.25
21.10.24	03.02.25	09.06.25
11.11.24	24.02.25	23.06.25
25.11.24	10.03.25	07.07.25
	24.03.25	21.07.25

Making meal times fun and educational

We have a brand new themed calendar that will not only bring fun into the dining rooms, but will introduce your child to new tastes and flavours. Keep an eye out at your child's school for dates and menus.



Feeding the future of Wolverhampton

We know that school meals play an important role in a child's education. Eating a healthy balanced meal at lunchtime provides the nutrients they need to grow and thrive in the classroom. Encouraging children to sit and eat together will help them develop important social skills and develop friendships. We know our catering staff encourage students to be respectful and use manners when choosing their meal. We ensure that no child goes hungry and will always get a meal they will eat and enjoy.



The menus are packed with local fresh produce, this will reduce food miles and help the council work towards their environmental targets. We also educate children to do all they can to help improve the planet. We know going meat free once a week makes a huge difference to carbon emissions. That is why we continue with Meat Free Mondays on our menu cycle.

We know food is super important to fuel sporting activities too, and exercising is an excellent way of boosting your brain, making friends and feeling good about yourself. Everything we want for the young people in our City!



Menu Pricing

Meal prices are set by the school.

Universal Infant Free School Meal

Under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme, all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 can enjoy school meals during term-time for free, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. You do not need to register for UIFSM.

Your child's school may ask if your child will be taking meals so that they can make the necessary arrangements. Your child's school will let you know how much you will need to pay for school meals. Charges and arrangements vary from school to school.



*eligibility criteria applies - for more information visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Free school meals

You may be able to claim benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) for your child/ren if you meet the Government's eligibility criteria (in receipt of certain benefits or a reduced household income). Please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or ask at your child's school to see if you can claim. You will need to register for this benefit.*

Food Allergies

Some of our menu items contain allergens, see below. Peanuts and nuts are also classed as allergens, but these are not used on our menu.

THE 14 ALLERGENS



Our professional and dedicated catering team are able to provide details of food allergens on request. We cater for medically diagnosed food allergies and intolerances by working with dietitians at New Cross Hospital.

For more information on allergies or special diets please visit: www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/catering or please contact Catering Services on 01902 555223 or cateringcleaning@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Food Welfare

Catering Services Primary Menu has been given the Bronze Food for Life Award for the last 7 years. All the meat products used on our menus are British Red Tractor or Farm Assured Certified. We only use Free Range Eggs from a local supplier. All our fish on our menu is from sustainable stock.



* MAKING A DIFFERENCE MENU * 2024-25 *

Look through our new menu, not only will it make a difference to your child's learning and development, but it will also make a difference to the planet.

Meat Free Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Week 1

- Margherita Pizza ✓
- Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Slice ✓
- Jacket Wedges
- Mixed Salad Sweetcorn
- Blueberry Muffin
- Jacket Potato Baked Beans
- Cheese & Cucumber Bap

- Traditional Roast Dinner with Trimmings
- Quorn Roast Dinner with Trimmings ✓
- Roast Boiled Potatoes
- Carrots Broccoli
- Arctic Roll
- Jacket Potato Cheese
- Tuna Mayo & Salad Baguette

- Toad in the Hole
- Cheese & Onion Slice
- Diced Potatoes
- Peas Sweetcorn
- Old Fashioned Iced Sponge
- Jacket Potato Beans
- Chicken Mayo Sandwich

- Beef Burger
- Quorn Hot Dog ✓
- Sweet Potato Fries
- BBQ Beans Sweetcorn
- Chocolate Orange Mousse
- Jacket Potato Cheese
- Ham Salad Sandwich

- Fish & Chips
- Sausage and Bean Melt ✓
- Bread & Butter
- Peas Baked Beans
- Fruit Salad & Ice cream
- Jacket Potato Beans
- Cheese & Tomato Sandwich

Week 2

- Pizza Pinwheel ✓
- Pizza Pasta & Garlic Slice ✓
- Potato Wedges
- Mixed Salad Sweetcorn
- Lemon Drizzle Traybake
- Jacket Potato Beans
- Quorn Sausage Bap

- Hunters Chicken
- Southern Fried Breaded Chicken ✓
- Creamed Potatoes
- Green Beans Carrots
- Fruit Mousse
- Jacket Potato Cheese
- Tuna Mayo Sandwich

- All Day Breakfast Brunch
- Sausage Bap ✓
- Hash Brown Bites
- Baked Beans Tomatoes
- Vanilla Cookie & Milkshake
- Jacket Potato Beans
- Egg & Cress Bap

- Homemade Chicken Pie
- Cheese & Potato Pie ✓
- Creamed Potatoes
- Garden Peas Baked Beans
- Chocolate & Lime Cake
- Jacket Potato Cheese
- Ham Sandwich

- Fish Fingers & Chips*
- Quorn Nuggets ✓
- Bread & Butter
- Peas Sweetcorn
- Ice cream Tub
- Jacket Potato Beans
- Cheese & Tomato Baguette



Available Daily - Milk, Freshly Made Bread, Cheese & Crackers, Fresh Fruit or Fruit Salad, Yoghurt
*Salmon & cod provided

✓ Vegetarian ✓VE Vegan

All parents of children in Year 6 should have received secondary school application information from the Local Authority. If you have not received this, contact the admissions team at Wolverhampton Council on 01902 551122. You should apply online before the deadline of 31st October 2023.

PE Kit

Pupils should come to school in their PE kit on the following days. Please ensure that all pumps/trainers are plain black (no logos/colour). Please see page 5 for full details.

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 6 - Monday

Fitness Days

Pupils may wear their black pumps/trainers on the following days to take part in their fitness lessons.

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Wednesday

Year 3 - Friday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Friday



Acceptable Use Policy

We would like to remind you of our Acceptable Use Policy that many of you signed up to last term. This covers the use of technology in school including laptops and Ipads.

If you did not complete the form that was sent, your child will not have access to use this technology in school.

Year 3 will be sent a new form, via text message, to complete as the policy is updated when they enter KS2.



Reading Books and Logs

Every week reading books are changed for younger readers & reading logs are checked for all readers. Please ensure your child has their reading books and logs in school on this day:

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 - Monday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Friday



School Meals - September - The cost of a school meal has increased to £2.60 per meal.

All school meals should be paid for in advance, on Monday, of the week the meals will be taken. Please pay on your schoolcomms account. If your child is free school meals this does not effect them.

Reception Baseline Assessments

Children in Reception take part in a Baseline Assessment when they join Reception class. You will find information about this in the parent tab, marked as Assessments on the school website.

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(woodendprimaryschool.co.uk)

Tax-Free Childcare

If you are a family who currently use WoodE's breakfast/after school club, or would like to use the facility, then you may be interested in the following information. Wood End Primary School is signed up for the Tax-Free Childcare scheme which is open to all parents of children under 12 (or under 17 if disabled) to help with the cost of childcare.

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

If you've already registered, you can [sign in to your childcare account](#).

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 15 or 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use it to pay for [approved childcare](#), for example:

childminders, nurseries and nannies
after school clubs and play schemes

Please see below link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

If you would like to apply, you must open a Tax-Free Childcare account online. If you want to find out what help you might be entitled to try the government's childcare calculator.

Please see below link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Absence Reporting

Please notify school on the first day of absence by 8:45 or as soon as practically possible. Do this by calling the school office, leaving an answerphone message or email if necessary.

As per our attendance policy for September 2023, we now request that parents contact school on each day of the child's absence.

If school does not receive any notification of a child's absence, Mrs Farley will call parents to ascertain the reason for the absence.

Medication - could you please ensure that if your child needs to use an inhaler, that this is brought into school via the school office and a pink administration form is completed.

Prescribed medications can be administered in school if they are to be taken 4 times daily. Please bring to the school office and complete the relevant form.



Woode's Breakfast and Afterschool Club - If you wish to make use of these clubs, please complete a registration form before booking any sessions. Available from the school office. As per policy, all sessions need to be booked and paid for in advance on your Schoolcomms app. Any sessions that are not paid for will be declined.

Shoes - If your child's shoes have the ability to light up, please ensure that the lights are switched off for school use.

Please ensure that all uniform, bags, lunchboxes and water bottles are named.

Uniform

- Grey full or knee length trousers (not jogging bottoms / leggings)
- Grey knee length skirt or pinafore • Green checked summer dress may be worn in warm weather
- Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)
- Jade green or white polo shirt (logo optional)
- Plain black flat school shoes (not black trainers)
- Plain white / black / grey socks • Plain white / black / grey tights
- Waterproof outdoor coat
- Nursery - Uniform is optional for children. It is recommended that children wear old 'doesn't matter' clothes, so that they are able to enjoy all activities without the worry of dirtying or damaging 'new / best' clothes

PE Kit

- Coloured t-shirt (house colour) Red - Maple / Blue - Birch / Yellow - Laburnum / Black - Poplar
- Plain dark green / black shorts
- Black pumps / trainers (must be plain black – including sole - with no colours/logos)
- Dark green track suit may also be worn (available from Kids Corner)
- If unavailable, plain black may be worn (no logos or colours)

PE kit is not required in EYFS (Nursery / Reception class)

Jewellery, hair accessories, make-up, nail varnish, accessories

In the interests of safety, jewellery should not be worn in school. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Pupils who have pierced ears may only wear small plain studs (not novelty earrings). All jewellery must be removed during PE and swimming lessons. If earrings are worn on PE days, and your child cannot remove them themselves, they will be covered by tape by a member of staff. Head scarves for religious purposes, hair bands, ribbons (scrunchies) should plain in design with no objects attached to them. They should be either green (to coordinate with school colours), black or brown. Children's hair should not be dyed but kept to their natural hair colour. Make up and nail varnish must not be worn in school. Nail varnish will be removed by a member of school staff. Simple watches may be worn in school by pupils who are able to tell the time or are learning to tell the time. Watches must not be smart watches that have functionality beyond telling the time. If worn, watches will also need to be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

Bags Only school book bags (transparent plastic or green /black nylon) may be brought in to school in addition to a lunch bag. A transparent plastic book bag is provided free of charge at the beginning of each school year if required. A nylon book bag is provided free of charge to all children when they start in Reception class.