

Autumn 5 14th November 2024

Dear Parents,

What a busy 2 weeks we have had since returning from half term. The football team have played their first 3 matches for this season. They began by playing away at Long Knowle and then at home against Edward the Elder and St Patrick's. The children have grown to play incredibly well as a team, achieving a win in every match so far. Thank you to the families who have supported by walking with us, or providing sideline support.

Year 4 walked to St. Thomas' church to join the remembrance service and then led Remembrance service in school. They were incredibly respectful and made us proud by showcasing community spirit. Thank you to all of our Year 4 families who joined us for the celebrations. Thank you to our Year 5 families who joined us for the family learning lesson 'journey of life'. We hope this helped you to get an understanding of what your children learn in RE.

We have noticed that more children are starting to understand the importance of online safety. We thank you parents for your handling of these situations, particularly when you make the decision to remove your child from a group / app or to reduce their access to devices. We know that these can be difficult decisions due to the feeling of your child missing out but it is ultimately the correct decision to keep your child emotionally safe.

Miss Sharma



Mon 18.11.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 21.11 and Thurs 28.11	Y5 Mosque Visit - information sent by text 14.11.24 for when your child will attend
Fri 22.11.24	Y1 Local Walk - more information to follow
Fri 22.11.24	Y6 Guru Parab celebration - please reply to text by Monday 18th November.
Wed 27.11.24	School Photograph catch-up session
Thurs 28.11.24	Homework Showcase
Mon 02.12.24	Christmas Day at Wood End inc. Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper - see below
Mon 02.12.24	Nursery parents Christmas decorations session - more information to follow
Tues 03.12.24	Y4 Family Learning session - please reply by Monday 25th November
Mon 09.12.24	Y6 NCMP - school nurse team
Mon 09.12.24	Nursery parents musical games session - more information to follow
Tues 10.12.24	Reception Nativity - pm - more information to follow
Wed 11.12.24	Reception Nativity - am - more information to follow
Wed 11.12.24	Choir at Sainsbury's - pm - more information to follow
Mon 16.12.24	Nursery parents Pass the Parcel session - more information to follow
Mon 16.12.24	Choir to sing at New Cross Care Home - more information to follow
Thur. 19.12.24	Christmas Parties - more information to follow
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

**Reception Intake**  
**September 2025**

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2025, you should have received information from the Local Authority. The online systems opened on 12th November for the applications to be submitted. All submissions should be made by the deadline of 15th January 2025.

**Asda Cash pot for Schools** - please consider adding our school to the cashpot scheme on your Asda app. By adding us and using your app, you will put money into your own cashpot as well as earning money for our school. So far we have raised **£167.24** Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

Thank you to everyone that has already joined the scheme.



Christmas at Wood End Primary School  
Christmas Day - Monday 2nd December

Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils will be able to wear their Christmas jumper on this day for a £1.00 donation.  
Please pay using your schoolcomms app.

Normal school trousers, skirts and shoes (or PE kit if it is a PE day)  
should also be worn.

Christmas Lunch

Pre-orders have now closed.

More information will follow for the following dates:

Nursery parents Christmas Decorations Session - Monday 2nd December

Nursery parents Musical Games Session - Monday 9th December

Reception Nativity - pm - Tuesday 10th December

Reception Nativity - am - Wednesday 11th December

Choir Singing at Sainsbury's - Wednesday 11th December

Nursery parents Pass the Parcel Session - Monday 16th December

Choir Singing at New Cross Care Home - Monday 16th December

Christmas Parties - Thursday 19th December



# Cooking with Wood End

This weeks favourite recipe is from Mrs Howells. Thank you for the photos that you sent in of your Chilli con carne.

Who will we cook with next time? Send us your photos of you cooking the recipe.

## Tasty tuna and sweetcorn pasta recipe

On the table in 30 minutes, this is a quick and simple recipe that will boost your 5 A Day intake and also includes a portion of fish – a great source of protein.

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 20 mins

Serves 4



### Ingredients

- 300g wholemeal pasta shapes
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed or finely chopped
- 400g chopped tomatoes (1 tin, or fresh)
- 1 tablespoon tomato purée
- 150g sweetcorn (fresh, or tinned and drained)
- 2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs
- 2 tins tuna in water, drained and flaked

### Method

1. Cook the pasta according to the instructions on the packet.
2. While the pasta is **cooking**, heat the olive oil in a large non-stick frying pan. Add the onion and garlic and cook gently until soft, about 4-5 minutes.
3. Add the tomatoes, purée, sweetcorn and mixed herbs, and cook for another 5 minutes.
4. A couple of minutes before serving, add the tuna and stir through gently.

Fresh herbs add a delicious flavour, so try adding a few torn-up basil leaves or some chopped fresh parsley.

5. When the pasta is cooked, drain well and serve with the tuna and sweetcorn sauce.

This recipe can be served cold as a salad, making it perfect for packed lunches.

Here is the link to the recipe if you would like to see more:

[Tasty tuna and sweetcorn pasta - Recipes - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

## Football



A big thank you to Minor, Weir and Willis for sponsoring and purchasing our new sports kit. The children look very smart when playing.

Our football team have been in action playing 3 matches in the last 2 weeks against local schools.

The teams worked brilliantly together to secure a win against St Patricks, Edward the Elder and Long Knowle Primary Schools. Well Done!



## Wolverhampton Safeguarding Together



### Could you spot the signs of child Exploitation?

#### Calling all Parents, Carers and community members

Wolverhampton Partnership Exploitation Hub invite you to join us along with partners from Wolverhampton Homes, Community Safety, West Midlands Police, BASE25 and Wolverhampton 360 to help you recognise the signs of child exploitation, what to do if you are concerned about a child you care for and where to access support in Wolverhampton.

There will be a presentation from Wolverhampton Partnership Exploitation hub at 12:30pm and repeated at 1:30pm

**Date:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Time:** Please drop in in any time from 12pm – 2:30pm.

**Venue:** Gloucester Street Community Centre, 1-8 Gloucester Street, WV6 0PT

Refreshments available



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## 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>

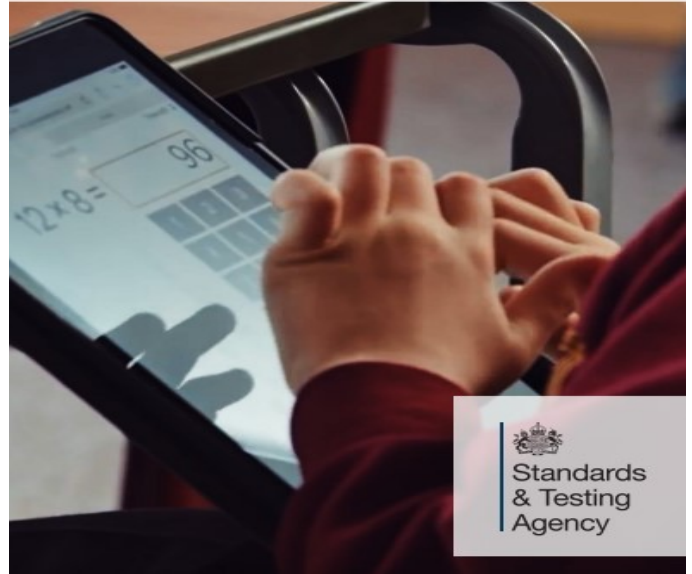
If you would like to apply, you must open a Tax-Free Childcare account online. If you want to find out what help you might be entitled to try the government's childcare calculator.

Please see below link for more information:

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



## Information for parents: multiplication tables check



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### Multiplication tables check

#### Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

#### What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

#### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's school.

#### Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

#### How will the results be used?

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

#### Will I receive feedback on my child's check?

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check.

#### Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit [www.gov.uk/STA](http://www.gov.uk/STA).

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in the department's [personal information charter](#)<sup>1</sup>.

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Information for parents: multiplication tables check

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# 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.