



# Wood End Primary School

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Autumn 3 16th October 2024

Fri 18.10.24	Rec - Y6 Flu Vaccinations - see below
Mon 21.10.24	Y3, Y4, Y5 parents' evening
Tues 22.10.24	Y6 visit to RAF Cosford
Tues 22.10.24	Nurs, Y3, Y4, Y5 parents' evening
Wed 23.10.24	Rec, Y1 & Y2, Y6 parents' evening
Thurs 24.10.24	Rec, Y1 & Y2, Y6 parents' evening
Fri 25.10.24	Y3 Diwali Celebrations - 8:45am
Fri 25.10.24	Diwali Lunch - see below
Friday 25.10.24	Break-up for half term
Mon 04.11.24	Return to school
Tues 05.11.24	Bonfire Lunch - see below
Thurs 07.11.24	Y5 Family Learning Session - 1:45pm
Wed 13.11.24	Y4 Remembrance Event - 8:45am
Mon 18.11.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 28.11.24	Homework Showcase
Mon 02.12.24	Christmas Day at Wood End inc. Christmas lunch - more information to follow
Mon 09.12.24	Y6 NCMP - school nurse team
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,

Thank you to all families who purchased a Cake for Kindness. £130.00 will now be donated to the NSPCC as Wood End's act of kindness to help power Childline.

Please remember applications for secondary schools close on 31st October, do ensure your applications are made on time.

As half term approaches and you are making plans, please note the information included in this newsletter about activities you may take part in.

Over the last few weeks we have spoken with children in years 1 to 6 about online activity: age appropriate activities, what can we do if we feel uncomfortable?, do we trust everything that is online?, how do we use technology to create a balanced lifestyle, healthy relationships online. Please do continue to speak with your child about these issues.



Miss Sharma

### Parent Events in School

Friday 25th October - Y3 Diwali Celebrations  
8:45 - 10:30am

Thursday 7th November - Y5 Family Learning Session  
1:45 - 2:30pm

Wednesday 13th November - Y4 Remembrance Event  
8:45 - 10:30am

Y3, Y4, Y5 parents please book your place via the link sent by text message.

### Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER, The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here: <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/wolverhampton>

**THE NASAL FLU VACCINE**

- Protects your child from the flu
- Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions)
- Is painless, quick and effective
- Is free
- The nasal flu vaccine is very effective at reducing the spread of flu

**THE IM FLU VACCINE**

We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you MUST inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQs, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQs enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,  
Your Local Immunisation Team  
Vaccination UK

**WOLVERHAMPTON**

Immunisation Team  
Contact Details

01902 200077  
WORKING ON BEHALF OF  
**NHS**  
England

**USEFUL INFO**

- We try to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.
- PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will NOT be available to children under 18 years old after December 15th at all, and we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible to ensure we are not able to hold your child's consent for a second visit this year.
- Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

**USEFUL LINKS**

[www.nhs.uk/immunisation](https://www.nhs.uk/immunisation)  
[www.youasked.com/flu/vaccination](https://www.youasked.com/flu/vaccination)

**PRIVACY POLICY**

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: [www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy](https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy)

For data protection queries, please contact: [ds@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:ds@vaccinationuk.co.uk)



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are there any side effects of the vaccine?**

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they are quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

**Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?**

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gelatin or gelatine - it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- There is a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with very severely weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

**We do not eat pork products. Can my child have a different flu vaccine?**

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine virus stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

**Flu Nasal Immunisations**

**Friday 18th October**

**All Reception to Year 6 pupils**

Pupils will receive their vaccine in school on Friday 18th October.

Please complete the link that was text on Monday to either give permission or decline the vaccination. <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/wolverhampton>

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.

Year 6 Secondary School Selection - we have a number of leaflets/brochures available for Coppice, Thomas Telford and Ormiston secondary school. Please collect from the school office. Girls' High have Open Events for Year 5 & 6 girls which are taking place on the 21st and 23rd October.



## Please Read

### Head Bumps in schooltime

There is now a system in place where if your child receives a bump to the head/face during the school day, you will be either contacted by text message or telephone.

- If your child receives a bump with no visible marks and are fine in themselves, you will receive the following message:

***#NAME has bumped their head today. Please see NHS advice on our website to help you monitor when they come home.***

- If your child receives a bump with a slight mark or bump but they are fine in themselves, we will continue to monitor your child in school, you will receive the following message:

***#NAME has bumped their head, we will continue to monitor in school. Please see NHS advice on our website to help you monitor when they come home.***

- If your child receives a bump that requires more intervention, **we will call you directly.**

There is NHS advice for minor head bumps on the school website in the parents tab.

[Minor head injury - Injuries & first aid | NHS inform](#)

Important

## Data Sheets

From next week, you will be given a data sheet for each of your children.

Could you please check all the information and alter any details that may have changed. If there are no changes, we will still need the sheet to be signed and returned to school.

Please complete and sign the reverse of the sheet with the consents for your child whilst in school.



### 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>



### Asthma Medication

If your child is diagnosed asthmatic or needs to use an inhaler in school for other reasons, could you please ensure that we have an inhaler in school and a pink medication administration form completed.

If you do not have a spare inhaler to leave at school, please ask your GP, they should be able to help.

We have received advice that all children under 11 years old, should use a spacer. Please provide a spacer if we do not already have one in school for your child.

Asthma





Please use the link for more information: [www.yowolves.co.uk](http://www.yowolves.co.uk)

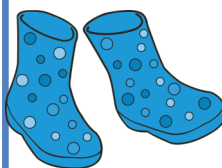
### Parents' Evenings

You should have received your links to book your preferences for Parents' Evening.

Times will be sent out later this week with confirmed appointment times.



**Reminder: please ensure you name your child's water bottles, lunch boxes and uniforms including school coats. We have a number of items that we can not give back as they are not named.**



**As the weather declines, please ensure that your child comes to school in a warm waterproof coat and suitable shoes. Boots/wellingtons should be changed to school shoes on entry.**

### Asda Cash pot for Schools

If you or your family/friends shop at Asda, 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 earning money for our school. So far we have raised £123.48

Thank you to everyone that has already joined the scheme.



# 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.