

Dear Parents,

Year 5 visited Wolverhampton City Mosque, travelling into the centre by public buses. We were very proud of how respectful and considerate our children were on this visit to explore the cultures in our wider community.

Year 6 led our Guru Purab celebration which marks the birth of Guru Nanak. Thank you to all our families who joined us to share in this occasion.

Thank you for the support you have given the homework projects this term. The showcase was a success. We hope that you have enjoyed the time you have shared with your children in creating these. The chance for children to share learning with you is absolutely invaluable to deepen their understanding. We thank you for your time and efforts with this.

We have planned this year to create more opportunities for the children to learn with you and also to use our local community resources to deepen learning. We will be sending out a questionnaire in the next few days to gather your views on the children's learning experiences, please do look out for this, these questionnaires help us to know what is working and how we may develop further for our children.



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 - see text message 25.11.25
Tues 03.12.24	Y4 Family Learning session - one adult per child - bookings by 25.11.24
Fri 06.12.24	Y6 visit to McDonalds
Mon 09.12.24	Y6 NCMP - school nurse team
Mon 09.12.24	Nursery parents musical games session - see text message sent 25.11.24
Tues 10.12.24	Reception Nativity - am - see text message 25.11.24
Wed 11.12.24	Reception Nativity - pm - see text message 25.11.24
Wed 11.12.24	Choir at Sainsbury's - pm - see email sent 25.11.24
Mon 16.12.24	Nursery parents Pass the Parcel session - see text message 25.11.24
Mon 16.12.24	Choir to sing at New Cross Care Home - see email sent 25.11.24
Thur. 19.12.24	Christmas Parties - see over
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

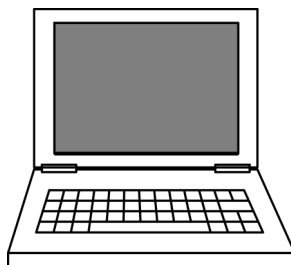
If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2025, you should have received information from the Local Authority. The online systems opened on 12th November for the applications to be submitted. All submissions should be made by the deadline of 15th January 2025.

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 **£188.08** Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

Thank you to everyone that has already joined the scheme.



REMINDER - KS 2 Pupils (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6) We have recently updated our technology use policy, please ensure that you complete the form sent out via text message on 18th November to give permission for your child to use technology (ipads, laptops) in school.



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.

See text message sent 25.11.24

- 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
- Nursery parents Pass the Parcel Session – Monday 16th December

See email sent 25.11.24

- Choir Singing at Sainsbury's – Wednesday 11th December
- Choir Singing at New Cross Care Home – Monday 16th December

- Christmas Parties – Thursday 19th December

Children may come to school
in their party clothes

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Cooking with Wood End

Mrs Wadelin has chosen a lunchbox recipe for you to try.
Send us your photos of you cooking together.

Who will we cook with next time?

Spicy chicken and salad wrap recipe

Wraps are a popular alternative to sandwiches. Complete your child's lunchbox with some homemade popcorn and fresh fruit.

Use your child's favourite vegetables and fruit.

Prep: 10 mins

Serves 1



Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon low-fat Greek style yoghurt
- ¼ teaspoon of curry powder, to taste
- large pinch of chilli powder, to taste
- 85g cooked chicken breast, chopped into small pieces
- 1 large wholemeal wrap
- small wedge of lettuce, to give 2 tablespoons when shredded
- 3 slices of cucumber, chopped
- 1 slice of pepper, chopped

Method

1. Mix the yoghurt and spices to taste and add the chicken.

This is a great way to use leftover roast chicken.

2. Spread the chicken mixture on the wrap, then sprinkle on the lettuce, cucumber and pepper.

Try other salad vegetables – grated carrot and chopped celery work well, too.

3. Fold opposite edges of the wrap, to keep the filling in, then roll up and cut in half.

Complete your lunchbox with:

- peach and strawberry slices
- homemade popcorn (flavoured with cinnamon, for example)
- 150ml fruit juice drink (with no added sugar)

Milk for spring Term

Y1 to Y6 pupils - the cost of school milk is £12.00 per term. The payment for milk for the Spring term can now be made on the Schoolcomms app.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, there will be no charge but milk still needs to be ordered via the schoolcomms app, you will not be charged. All milk should be ordered by 8th January 2025.

Reception pupils - pupils under 5 at 31st December are eligible for free milk. Please order on your schoolcomms app if you wish your child to have milk in the Spring term.

Reception pupils that will be over 5 at 31st December, please see letter sent by email on 2nd December.



Asthma and Allergies in School



If your child is recorded as having asthma or an allergy, you will have received a letter this week via your child.



These care plans are updated annually.

Could you please complete the care plans and send in any medication as requested by **Monday 2nd December**.

Bad Weather Conditions - if,



due to adverse weather conditions, the decision is made to close the school, notifications can be found on local radio stations and the Wolverhampton Today page on Facebook. You will also receive a text message from school. Could you please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.

Vaccination UK

FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it's also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

Stay Well: Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

Protect Others: Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

Stop the Spread: Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season.

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>

Immunisation Provider for NHS

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>



An exciting new concept in helping residents with anything and everything related to food has launched in the city with the first stage of the ground-breaking new Pocket to Plate.

Given the challenging times over the last few years with the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, the council wants to ensure a sustainable approach to good food for everyone in the city for years to come.

The new approach will cover anything and everything to do with food from helping people get food savvy by developing cooking skills in person and online, accessing good quality, but reasonably priced food and even growing their own.

With financial challenges increasing for councils, City of Wolverhampton Council wants to ensure its residents can still eat well and have the knowledge and skills to avoid food insecurity even in the toughest of times.

The council cannot achieve this alone and needs the help and commitment of a wide network of partners across the

You can follow @pockettoplate where over the coming weeks and months there'll be advice on developing good basic food skills, how to do set pieces like a decent 'fakeaway' and themed recipes to help make the most of seasonal food events. We want you to get involved by challenging the chefs and suggesting what you want them to cover each week. You can use the QR codes to follow the Pocket to Plate pages:



Instagram



TikTok



YouTube



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.