

Autumn 4 25th October 2024

Friday 25.10.24	Break-up for half term
Mon 04.11.24	Return to school
Tues 05.11.24	Bonfire Lunch
Thurs 07.11.24	Y5 Family Learning Session - 1:45pm
Tue 12.11.24	Odd Sock Day
Wed 13.11.24	Y4 Remembrance Event - 8:45am
Thurs 14.11.24	Flu Immunisation Catch-up session
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,

It has been lovely to have so many of you coming into school to be a part of your children's learning, including: harvest celebrations for year 1, Divali celebrations for year 2 and parent / teacher meetings. We hope you have found these opportunities helpful to know what your children are learning and how they are progressing so that you can support and encourage them too. We look forward to seeing more of you in school over the next few weeks.


All classes in years 1 to 6 have been engrossed in history topics over the past half term, please do ask them about this, so many of them are developing a keen interest for the subject.

We hope that the half term break will be a chance to enjoy with family. For all of you who celebrate, we wish you a very happy Divali.

Miss Sharma



**Remembrance Poppies will be on sale from 4th to 8th November.**




Poppies cost 20p each.

We also have a limited number of wristbands and reflectors, at £1.00 ea. We are unable to give change.

We will start with Nursery and Y6 on Monday, Reception and Y5 on Tuesday, Y1 and Y4, Y2 and Y3 on Wednesday.

**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 earning money for our school. So far we have raised £132.49 Thank you to everyone that has contributed.



**Anti-bully Week**

This year's Anti-Bullying week runs from 11<sup>th</sup> November to the 15<sup>th</sup> November and the theme is respect.

The itinerary for the week is as follows:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Assembly on respecting differences
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd Socks Day - Children to attend school wearing odd socks. This is a national celebration that is meant to promote diversity and inclusion. Please share this message with your child.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Create a 'respect' T - shirt

As we are trying to develop community spirit this year, we have decided to have sessions throughout the year where we get the children talking to each other and engaging in activities in a collaborative way. The first session will be 'decorate a T-shirt'. Please send your child with an old t-shirt which is plain. We will be decorating this using pens.



**Flu Nasal Immunisations Catch-up Session**  
**Thursday 14th November**  
**Reception to Year 6 pupils**

There will be a catch-up session for those that did not have their immunisation spray.

If your child missed their flu spray, please complete the link to either give permission or decline the vaccination.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/wolverhampton>





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

Roast Turkey or Quorn Festive Wellington

Roast/Mash Potatoes - Sprouts, Carrots, Parsnips, Stuffing and Chipolatas

Christmas Tree Ice Cream or Mince Pie Traybake and Custard

If you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch, please order via the text message sent, by Monday 11th November as the kitchen will need to order sufficient supplies.

Please pay on your schoolcomms account.



More information on Christmas Day will follow next term.

# Cooking with Wood End

This week, Mr Hunt chose his favourite recipe.

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

## Chilli con carne recipe

This classic chilli is packed with flavour. It also freezes well, so is perfect to batch-cook.

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 25 mins

Serves 4

[+ Nutritional information](#)



## Ingredients

- 300g extra-lean minced beef
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 400g chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato purée
- 2 teaspoons chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and chopped
- 2 handfuls of cup or button mushrooms, sliced
- 410g red kidney beans, drained
- 150ml reduced-salt vegetable or chicken stock
- 300g easy-cook white or brown rice
- 1 pinch ground black pepper

## Method

1. Heat a large saucepan and add the minced beef, a handful at a time, cooking it until browned. Add the onion and garlic, then cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.

Turkey mince also makes an excellent chilli – and it's lower in fat too. If you want to keep things vegetarian, substitute the minced beef with vegetarian mince, or try our [tasty veggie chilli recipe](#).

2. Add the chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, spices, red pepper, mushrooms, kidney beans and stock. Stir well, bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, cook the rice according to pack instructions.

4. Season the chilli with pepper and serve with the boiled rice.

Chilli makes a really versatile topping or filling, and is also great for reheating leftovers. So instead of rice, try serving with baked potatoes, topped with a spoonful of low-fat plain yoghurt and some chopped cucumber and tomatoes – or in a wholewheat wrap.

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

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/chilli-con-carne/>



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.

For ideas of events and things to do with the children over half-term and Christmas.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/wolverhampton/autumn2024/>



Important

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](#)



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**CHRISTMAS TOURS**

Meet and greet with Santa & Wilfred plus a special Wolves present for all kids

This Christmas at Wolves Museum

Book your festive guided experience behind the scenes at Molineux and a visit to Wolves Museum now!

20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

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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>

# 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.