Woolston Infant School

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Dates for the Diary

November
11th Flu vaccination
25th Governors meeting 6pm
26th Year 1 live phonic lesson 9.05am
30th Inset Day – No school for pupils

December
1st Dance mats activity day
1st Year R live phonic lesson 9.05am
3rd Year 1 learning showcase 2.30pm
4th Year 2 live phonic lesson 9.05am
9th Year R nativity 1.45pm
10th Year R nativity 9.15am
11th Xmas Fayre 4.30-6.30pm
15th Year 1&2 Xmas Church service 1.45pm
16th Year 1&2 Xmas Church service 9.30am
16th Christmas lunch
17th Last day of term
18th Inset Day – No school for pupils

January
4th School reopens to all pupils 8.35am
5th Pantomime

Headteacher's Message

I hope you all had a nice half term and welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. As you can imagine, there are lots of events going on this half term in the lead up to Christmas. The dates are in the 'Dates for the diary' section.

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back this week – they all came back in and settled straight back into the school routines. One of our key routines, as you may be aware, is phonics and reading.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Southampton Council Silver Reading Charter Award. This is in recognition of the work we have and continue to do on reading across the school – from phonics to reading for pleasure.

Reading remains a priority so please help by reading regularly with your child at home! Our next step is the Gold Award.
Well done to all staff and children for their positive attitudes to reading.

Stars of the week

Week beginning 19th October

Willow – Jenson
Cedar – Louis
Maple – Luis
Oak – Zachary
Poplar – Zachary
Sycamore – Nina

After school club – Rosie

If you have changed any of your contact details, particularly your phone numbers, please make sure that the office have your up-to-date information so that we can contact you should your child be unwell

Attendance

Week beginning 19th October

Maple 98.3%
Poplar 96.8%
Oak 95%
Cedar 92.4%
Sycamore 88.8%
Willow 85.7

Whole school 92.5%
Well done Maple class!

Info

NUMBOTS

We use a platform called Numbots to support the children's fluency in solving maths calculations. This starts in Reception looking at subitising through to multiplication in year 2. Children should now have their logins. Please support their maths learning by engaging in Numbots which is accessible on tablets, laptops and mobile devices.

YEAR R SCHOOL PLACES

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

We are holding an open evening for prospective year R 2027 parents on **Tuesday 10th November** at **5pm.**

We also have a number of school in action tours. To find out more, visit our website www.woolstoninfantschool.co.uk or call the office 02380444447.

More information about applying for a Year R school place can be found at www.Southampton.gov.uk

BONFIRE THEMED LUNCH
Thursday 5th November

Blue – Hot dog
Yellow – Veggie hot dog
Green – Jacket potato

POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion's 2026 Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and accessories in the school office. You can donate using cash or via a QR code.

ONLINE SAFETY HUB

We know many of our pupils have a tablet or computer to play games and develop technological skills. All families have access to our Online Safety Hub which offers advice and guidance on how to ensure pupils are safe while on devices. Advice includes setting parental controls, limiting screen time and using a range of apps and games.

FLU VACCINATION – 11th NOVEMBER

Using the NHS link attached please record your decision by selecting yes or no.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please place orders by the 10th November using your order card which you should have received.

YEAR R PHOTOS IN THE DAILY ECHO

Willow and Cedar will have their class photos in The Daily Echo on the 13th November.

Info

SCHOOL LUNCH

Please encourage your child to have a school lunch. The lunches are funded by the Government for all Infant age children. They are nutritious, delicious and FREE!!

MEDICATION

Any children who has prescribed medication in school, please ensure this is handed to the school office and the appropriate consent forms completed. This includes any inhalers or EpiPens.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

In order for all children to make the best possible progress socially, emotionally and academically, please ensure they are in school every day and arrive on time. You will find more information about attendance on our website.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Please can we remind everyone that children should not be using the outside play equipment i.e. the pirate ship and the climbing area outside year 2, before or after school.

Year 2 children should not be on the grass bank, please wait on the path.

It is great to see children scooting and riding their bikes to school. However, please can you ensure they are **not used on the playground.** We do have secure storage for bikes and scooters next to the school office.

Gentle Reminders

- ***Please remember that you must inform us if your child is unwell and is unable to attend school***. Please contact us before 9.20 a.m. You can phone on **02380 444447** or email us at info@woolstoninfantschool.co.uk
  If you don't contact us this is classed as an unauthorised absence

- Please inform the school office if you have any change of details, including change of address or phone numbers. It is vital we have up to date information on our system in case of an emergency.

- Aggressive or foul language will not be tolerated on the school site.

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