

December 2023



Welcome to this final newsletter before Christmas. It was great to see so many of you attending our parent meetings at the beginning of this half term. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, you can call the school office who will arrange for you to meet with the class teacher or have a telephone conversation instead.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Woodcot. Year R, 1 and 2 have begun to practise songs for their nativity and the singing is amazing.

Don't forget, parents are invited along to our Year R & Key Stage 1 Nativity, Key Stage 2 Carol Service and our Christmas decoration Workshop where the children with the most festive looking class will win a prize.

Look out later in this newsletter for more information.



School Open Evening for Prospective Parents For Year R Starting in September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2024

We are holding an open evening for prospective parents on:

Thursday 7th December at 6pm

Please come along so you can see if you would like your child to start in our Year R next September

Woodcot is a fantastic school and we want you to recommend us to friends and families

Online application system opens 1st November 2023, accessible at: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions and closes 15th January 2024

Christmas

KS1 Nativity - Jesus in a Manger

11th December 2023 at 2.15pm

12th December 2023 at 9.15am



KS2 Carol Service

A carol service for children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be held at St Matthew's Church on Wednesday 13th December at 2:00pm. Parents, carers and friends of children in these year groups are invited to join us at the church.

In order for us to be able to manage numbers, we ask that no more than 2 adults per family attend each performance please.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

This year Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day will be on

**Thursday 7th
December 2023.**

Please bring a £1 donation for Save the Children.



WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY
FESTIVE SEASON

Christmas Decoration Workshop

On Friday 1st December 2023, at 2:00pm, you are invited to our Christmas Decoration Workshop. You will be able to work alongside your child to create a festive masterpiece to decorate their classroom.

Mrs Clist and Mrs Beetlestone will judge which classroom looks the most festive and the children in that class will win a prize.



Diary Dates

Open Evening for Prospective Year R - Thursday 7th December 2023 at 6pm

Christmas Decoration Workshop - Friday 1st December 2023 at 2:00pm

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December 2023

KS1 Nativity - 11th December 2023 at 2:15pm & 12th December 2023 at 9:15am

KS2 Carol Service - St Matthew's Church on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 2:00pm

Break up for Christmas - Friday 15th December 2023 at 1:30pm

INSET Day - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Children Return to School - Wednesday 3rd January 2024



Holiday Dates

Click the link below for our school term time and holiday dates:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

INSET Days 2023 - 2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Pre-loved Uniform Hub

We have lots of pre-loved uniform - you can swap clothes or just take what you need (small donations are completely voluntary).

Contact our Family Support Co-ordinator, Mrs Wood, via the school office., if you would like to browse our pre-loved uniform. Alternatively, look out for her on the playground, at the start of the day, and she will arrange for you to come in and take a look.



Primary age children undertake the following National Assessment Tests:

Year 1

National Phonics Check

Week commencing 10th June 2024

Year 4

Multiplication Checks

Week commencing 3rd June 2024

Year 6

Key Stage 2 SATS

Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May 2024

Please note - Guidance from Hampshire County Council states that parents will be fined if children miss a national test for any unauthorised reason.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, please phone, text or email adminoffice@woodcot.hants.sch.uk We must be notified on each day your child is absent.

The school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school

If you child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, within the last 100 possible sessions, a penalty notice (fine) can be issued.

Holidays will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances.

You can request a leave of absence form via email or pick one up from the school office.