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Newsletter

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Friday 21st November 2025

Parents communicating with staff

It is important that parents only speak with staff at the classroom door in the morning, if it is a real emergency. Staff need to be available to welcome all children into their class in the morning and not to be distracted by information that could be emailed through or that could wait until the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Playground

Reception children are now familiar with the playground and whilst the Infants are still separated from the Juniors, Reception children are now able to access the whole Infant playground alongside children in Years 1 and 2.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise money last Friday. We do not get to see the amount you raised, but thank you for whatever you were able to donate!

Sparklers & Spookers Disco



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the PTA Halloween Disco another spooktacular success!

There were some suitably scary

costumes and some impressive make up.

Thank you to the tattoo artists, the much needed refreshments team, the DJ who provided for a wide range of musical tastes, the parents and teachers who kindly helped to supervise, and of course the many PTA members for all their hard work both behind the scenes and on the night!

We are thrilled to report that the PTA made an impressive £536.40 on the night which is incredible. Thank you.

This is an amazing amount and will go towards projects and resources that benefit all of our children.

Christmas Fayre Announcement

We wanted to let you know that, after careful consideration, the PTA has made the difficult decision **not to run the Christmas Fayre** this year.

This wasn't an easy choice, and we know it will be disappointing for many. However, due to the level of time, planning and volunteer availability needed to deliver the event safely and to the standard our community expects, we felt it was the most responsible decision for this year.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and your continued support.

Want to Get Involved? Join the PTA!

We'd love to welcome more parents and carers into the PTA, whether you have lots of time to spare or just the odd hour here and there. Every bit of help makes a huge difference!

Joining the PTA doesn't mean a big commitment; it simply means you care about supporting our children and school community. From helping at events to sharing ideas, or even just offering an extra pair of hands occasionally, we'd really value your support.

If you're interested in getting involved or would like to find out more, please get in touch: thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

We're friendly, flexible, and always grateful for new faces, come and help us make this year a great one!

On Tuesday 11th November, the children of Woodmancote fell silent.

From Little Chestnuts to Year Six, every child showed grace and respect as they remembered those who have fallen. The array of service uniforms—from Rainbows to Scouts—brought a vibrant contrast to the grey skies.

In classrooms, children engaged in age-appropriate discussions about the significance of the day and the history behind it. As always, the children of Woodmancote embodied our school value of respect, and all the teachers were immensely proud of them.

Families in Partnership

The latest newsletter can be found at [Families in Partnership newsletter November 2025 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

SkillZONE

On Tuesday 11th November, a group of Y4/5s went to SkillZONE in Gloucester. SkillZONE is Gloucestershire's only interactive life skills village where people can learn how to keep themselves safe at home and in their community.



During the visit, they were able to see inside a police custody suite (and cell!); learnt how to stay safe on buses, in parks and in water; and saw how much damage a fire could do to a room in 6 minutes!

The children really enjoyed the visit and

represented the school brilliantly: well done everybody!



Congratulation!

Nancy-Rose North recently won two awards at MSD kickboxing presentation day, one of them being female kickboxer of the year. This is a massive achievement for Nancy and we are immensely proud of her.

Reception Stay and Play



Last week we held two stay and play sessions for parents to visit our Reception classrooms. Parents were invited to watch our morning routine and our daily phonics session. Parents then supported their

children to create a firework rocket picture to link with our learning about Bonfire Night. It was lovely to welcome everyone into the classrooms!

Mrs Baxter and Miss Niblett

Maths Problem-Solving Puzzles with Michael Ede

Recently, we were delighted to welcome Michael Ede into school to lead a series of exciting maths problem-solving sessions with several year groups. The activities were designed to challenge and inspire, and it was

wonderful to see every child fully engaged from start to finish.

Michael introduced puzzles that encouraged creative thinking, logical reasoning, and collaboration. Children explored different strategies, tested ideas, and discovered that there is often more than one way to solve a problem. These sessions didn't just strengthen their mathematical skills; they also boosted confidence, perseverance, and the ability to think critically.



A huge thank you to Michael for giving his time and expertise to make maths

come alive in such an enjoyable and meaningful way. We look forward to welcoming him back in the future!

Half Term Refurbishment

Over the half term break, our front office area received a fresh new look! We hope you'll agree that the updated space feels brighter and provides a more welcoming seating area for visitors.

The staffroom also had a makeover, which now includes a brand-new kitchenette. This exciting addition will be used by small, supervised groups of children during cooking sessions as part of the Design and Technology curriculum.

We're delighted to make these improvements, which will enhance our school environment and provide fantastic learning opportunities for all our children.

Seren's Wish Charity

We are delighted to be supporting the work of the Seren's wish charity again this year by having a gift donation box, located at the doors between the Year 1 and 2 classrooms (Maple and Willow)

The charity also have an Amazon Wish List for people to buy gifts from directly, the link is below:

<https://shorturl.at/OtStB>

As ever people can find out more about the work of the charity, who they help and how to get involved by visiting their website.

<https://www.serenwish.co.uk>

Christmas Activities

Christmas Postbox

This will open on Monday 1st December and can be found in the Hall. Children may wish to give each other cards and the postbox is there for them to post all their cards in, rather than give them all out individually! All we ask is that they write the name and class on the front of each card.

Christmas Dinner Day

This is on Wednesday 10th December and everyone can come dressed in Christmas outfits, including Christmas jumpers.

Christmas Parties

These will be held the last week of term. To support parents and avoid conflict in the family home first thing in the morning, all children can come to school in their own clothes, Christmas jumpers or Christmas outfits, every day in that last week!

Nativity

Dates can be found below and the teachers in Reception will keep you in the loop regarding the performances.

Year 2 Carol Concert

An opportunity for parents of children in Year 2 to come along and hear the Year 2 children sing. We will start at 9am.

Holiday Camps

You are now aware Atlas Camps will not be operating from Woodmancote going forwards. They will continue to provide camps at other local schools such as Dunalley and Winchcombe <https://atlas camps.co.uk/>. The Governing Body will be evaluating other providers in the coming year and we will keep you posted.

Dates for the Diary

December	
3 rd	Train to Teach Open session at Woodmancote School (Odyssey Teaching School Hub)
10 th	9.15 Reception Nativity 14.00 Reception Nativity
10 th	Christmas Dinner Day
11 th	9.15 Reception Nativity
18 th	Year 2 Carol Concert at 9am
19 th	Last Day of Term
January 2026	
15 th	Year 4 Residential Meeting at 4pm (via TEAMS) Information to follow

Looking Ahead	
23 rd -25 th March	Year 4 Residential
18 th -22 nd May	Year 6 Residential

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