



Friday 19th December 2025

As we approach the end of term, can I wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



The Nativity



Reception and Little Chestnuts performed their version of the Nativity 'Miracle in Town' last week. All of the team were really proud of their wonderful singing and dancing.

Thank you to all who came along to watch and parents for the amazing costumes.

Carol Concert at St Michael's



On Saturday evening, the children of the Woodmancote Choir proudly represented our school at St Michael's church, where they sang traditional Christmas carols alongside the Cleeve Chorale adult choir.

Many thanks to Dominic Hawley from Cheltenham Ladies College, for his support and expertise over the last few weeks, to help the children grow in confidence and

enjoy every moment of their performance! It was a truly special event, where we were able to come together as a community and share a joyful and festive atmosphere that really captured the spirit of Christmas!

Miss Taylor

Football

On Friday 21st November, ten children represented Woodmancote at a football tournament. The boys finished third overall and did themselves proud. Game time was shared equally among all children, and their behaviour was exemplary. Showing grace in both victory and defeat, they embodied our school value of respect. All the adults involved were immensely proud.

On Friday 28th November, 18 children across Years Five and Six went to a local football event held at Kayte Lane. Overall, the school finished second scoring many goals and winning five games. All children shared the playing time and behaved to the highest standard. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make the trip possible and the support of those who came and watched.

Mr Guest

Christmas Message from the PTA

As we come to the end of another busy term, the PTA would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported PTA events this year, whether by volunteering, attending events, donating, or simply spreading the word. Your support really does make a difference, and all funds raised go straight back into enhancing school life for our children.



Looking ahead to the new year, we're already starting to plan some fun events for the spring term, including favourites such as the Pancake Flip and an Easter Disco. We're also hoping to organise a relaxed PTA social in the new year- a chance for parents to meet the team, have a drink, and find out a bit more about what the PTA does and how you can get involved (in any way that suits you).

Whether you can help a little or a lot, we'd love to hear from you in the new year.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2026.

From the PTA Team

Governor News

Hello! We're trying a new approach by sharing governor updates within the school newsletter rather than producing a separate one. We hope this works well for you, but please feel free to share any comments or suggestions at chair@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

The Big News

As you know, Mr. Tucker will be retiring at Easter. The governors, supported by our Local Authority contact, have been responsible for recruiting a new headteacher. We're proud to say that, despite the challenges schools often face in recruitment, we received a strong field of applicants and interviewed several excellent candidates.

We are delighted to announce that Sally Johnson, currently headteacher at Winchcombe Abbey, has been appointed. We believe her experience and approach will be a

great fit for our school, and we look forward to working with her.

Changes to the Governing Body

This term, we say thank you and farewell to Jess Gane and Nikki Stark (parent governors) and Cariad Comfort (local authority governor), who have completed their terms. We are grateful for the time and commitment they have given to the school.

We also welcome our new governors: Nicola White and Leah-Jane Styles (parent governors) and John Greenbank (co-opted governor). They are already actively involved, and we're delighted to have them on board.

Governor Focus

Governors regularly visit the school to observe and monitor different aspects of school life. This year, our focus is on phonics teaching in Key Stage 1 and writing in Key Stage 2, both key priorities in the School Development Plan.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Jane Erving

Chair of Governors

**Dates for the Diary**

December	
19th	Last Day of Term
January 2026	
Tuesday 6th January	First day of Term 3
15th	Year 4 Residential Meeting at 4pm (via TEAMS) Information to follow
February	
13th	Year 3 trip to Corinium Museum
13th	Last day of Term 3
23rd	First Day of Term 4
March	
16th and 18th	Parent Consultations
17th	Year 4 to Winchcombe School to see In the Net
23rd - 25th	Year 4 Residential
27th	Last day of Term 4
Looking Ahead	
18th-22nd May	Year 6 Residential

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