



Woodmancote School
Belong · Aspire · Achieve

Newsletter

www.woodmancoteschool.co.uk

Friday 24th April 2026

Welcome back to school for the Summer term and thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received since joining you as Head teacher.

It has been a wonderful two weeks in which I have been immersed in the ways of the School and seen the enthusiastic way that the children engage in their learning.

The children have been eager to talk to me, keen for me to learn their names, whilst demonstrating patience with me (I am trying but it will take time!) I am enjoying getting to know them all and talking to them about their learning.

Do come and say hello in the playground so I can get to know you all.

Mrs Johnson

Year 6 SATs Preparation Week

During the week beginning 27th April, Year 6 will take part in a SATs Preparation Week. Pupils will complete some practice SATs papers in the school hall, the same environment in which they will sit their actual SATs during the week beginning 11th May.

We see this as a valuable opportunity to help familiarise the children with the routine and setting, build their confidence, and support them in doing their very best during the real assessments.

To ensure your child gains the full benefit from this preparation, please make sure they are in school every day that week. Thank you for your continued support.

Y6 Team

Car Park

Can we remind all parents that the car park at the front of the school is only for staff, visitors to the school and parents displaying Blue Badges or School Parking Permit.

If you are dropping off or picking up from Woodpeckers you may also use it, but we politely ask all other parents to park on surrounding roads in a safe manner, even if this means parking a little further from the school.

Year 1 visit the SS Great Britain

In Year 1 we have been learning about the Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel and we were very excited to visit and learn more about one of his steam ships.

The children enjoyed exploring the ship and seeing how the rich and poor people who travelled aboard the SS Great Britain would have lived differently. We also visited the dry dock and saw how the ship looked under the water level.

Children took part in a fantastic workshop where they were able to dress as Victorians, learn about how the iron ship was built and even have a go at using some of the Victorian tools. The children behaved wonderfully, well done Year 1!





Young Photographer of the Year Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year Competition last term.

The entries we had were stunning and I am thrilled to say that Freddie Phelps from Ash Class had his photograph selected by the judges for inclusion in the Audio Vision Presentation. He has been invited to the presentation evening at the Bacon Theatre on Wednesday April 29th 2026, where the video will be shown.

Congratulations to Freddie.

Mrs Workman

Tag Rugby Festival

On Wednesday 22nd April, a tremendous day of rugby was played by our Year 5 team. They played until their feet were sore and walking was a challenge, a true sign that they put in one hundred percent effort! The team played 10 games, won 7, drew 1 and lost 2 and were a pleasure to be with and watch. I am extremely proud of their efforts. Well done team!

Trampolining

We are incredibly proud of Izzy in Hazel Class for her fantastic achievement in trampolining. On Sunday, Izzy competed in the South West Regional Final after successfully progressing through two rounds of qualifiers, placing her among the top 40 competitors in the region.

Izzy delivered two excellent routines, earning high scores and finishing in an impressive third place overall. This outstanding result means she is now the reserve member of the South West squad, giving her the exciting opportunity to potentially represent the South West at the National Finals in July.

As well as this, Izzy won gold for her DMT (Double Mini Trampoline) passes, a brilliant achievement which moves her a step closer to her ambition of joining the English gymnastics pathway.

A huge congratulations!



Balanceability

Reception have loved starting their Balanceability sessions with the Move More Coaches this term. They have already made lots of wonderful progress in learning to ride a bike. They are also learning how to be safe on a bicycle. It is lots of fun!





Dates for the Diary

Week of 27th April	Y6 SATs practice week
28th April	No Gardening club
5th May	Music Junction concert 6.30pm in school hall
6th May	Y5 Class Assembly
7th & 8th May	School Photos - class & Y6 Leavers
11th - 14th May	Y6 SATs week
13th May	Y1 Class Assembly
18th - 22nd May	Y6 Residential
19th & 20th May	Reception NHS Height & Weight

Looking Ahead	
9th June	Y5 trip - Sudeley Castle
23rd June	Reception trip - GWR

Staff Emails

Mrs Baxter	kbaxter@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Dodwell	rdodwell@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Jordan	sjordan@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Grosvenor	rgrosvenor@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Badham	sbadham@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Workman	kworkman@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs McCormack	senco@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr Guest	tguest@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr Adkin	padkin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Howard	nhoward@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr Evans	revans@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs White	jwhite@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr Ridal	lridal@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Pearman	gpearman@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Holding	lholding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs McNamee	lmcnamee@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Organ	hcowan@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Miss Taylor	mtaylor@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr Wood	Lwood@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Miss Niblett	Lniblett@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mr de Gruchy	Ddegruchy@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Mrs Holder	kholder@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk



Woodmancote School