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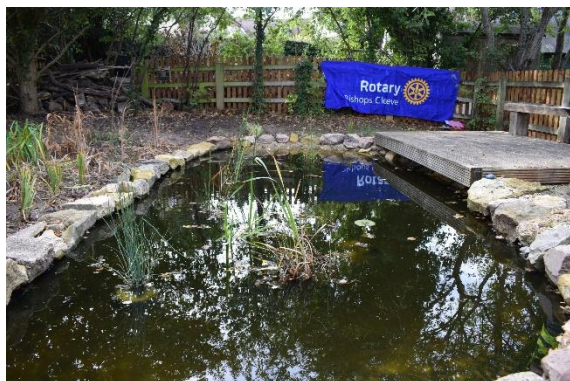
Newsletter

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Friday 25th September 2026

It has been a busy time since school resumed and it has been good to see children settling into their new classes and demonstrating that they are ready, respectful and safe.

Yesterday we officially reopened the school pond after the wonderful work carried out by the Rotary over the summer holidays. It was lovely to be able to thank them publicly and to hand over the thank you cards that the children had made.



Community Champions!

Congratulations to Arthur and Mimi, who were featured in this month's National Geographic Kids after entering a litter-picking project they completed in the village during the summer holidays.



We are very proud of their community spirit and achievement.

Safeguarding

The safety of everyone in our school community is our main priority. As we commence the new year, I am using the newsletter to update you on school procedures that have been updated in regard to safeguarding.

In order to keep everyone safe, and to comply with new legislation for schools, we have made some changes to policies in regard to:

- supporting children with medical needs
- allergens and anaphylaxis
- mobile phones in school.

Our safeguarding and child protection policy has also been updated in light of the revised 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' update. All of our statutory policies are on our website for your information.

My thanks to everyone who has responded to the Microsoft forms requesting information in regard to medical needs and allergies.

The safeguarding team in school is;

Designated Safeguarding lead	Mrs Sally Johnson Head teacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead	Mrs Sarah Badham Deputy Head teacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead	Mrs Karen Holder Family Support Worker
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs Clare Spiller

If you have safeguarding, please contact the school on 01242 674312.

Alternatively you can email safeguarding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

School 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 Badges. Nobody else should be accessing the car park. We have had a number of complaints from neighbours of the school about driveways being blocked. Please park in a way that shows respect for others.

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.

Absences

Informing the school of absences on the day can be done by phoning the office and leaving a message on the absence line, sending an email to admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk or using the absence notification facility on our school website.

For upcoming absences, please complete a 'Request for a Leave of Absence' form, available from the office, and return for a response from Mrs Johnson.

School Uniform

Part of our approach to Belonging is that all children wear and present themselves at school in a similar manner. Last year we saw several children coming to school pushing the boundaries in terms of jewellery, hair styles and 'accessories'. Can we remind parents of the following expectations.

- All children should wear appropriate dark school shoes unless they have a medical reason not to do so.
- Hair that is long enough to fall into eyes should be tied up or a child should wear a plain hair band. *This applies to boys and girls.* If a child comes to school and their hair is hampering them accessing their learning they will be given a simple elastic band to tie their hair up with.
- If worn, ear rings must only be simple studs.
- No necklaces, bracelets, rings or bangles should be worn to school unless agreed with the Headteacher and of a religious or cultural significance
- Hair bands should be plain and not 'ears', sparkly unicorn bands or anything similar.
- Nails should be short, with no nail polish or extensions!

Jumpers and other items of clothing should be labelled. Naming items of clothing and also lunch boxes really helps us to return items.

On days when PE is taught, children should not wear football socks, shorts over leggings or long sleeved tops under t-shirts. On days when children have PE, they are expected to come in their PE kit, which includes the school sweatshirt.

Class teachers in each Year group will liaise with you directly about Forest School/Outdoor Learning sessions.

	Uniform Items
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Required Standard School Uniform	Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
	White shirt, blouse or polo top
	Bottle green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with logo
	White or grey socks or grey tights
	Black / Dark shoes
	Green and white checked summer dress
Required School PE Kit	House colour t-shirt with logo
	Black shorts
	Black tracksuit trousers or joggers
	Trainers
	Children are expected to wear their school jumpers with the above on the days that they have PE
Other Optional Items	Book Bag
	Rucksacks
Little Chestnuts	Bottle green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with logo
Forest School/ Outdoor Learning Kit	Long sleeved tops Black tracksuit trousers or joggers Sweatshirts (these should be their school sweatshirts) Waterproof trousers or 'all in ones' Wellington boots

The children have all done incredibly well in settling in and Mrs Baxter and Miss Niblett have loved getting to know your children a little more.

There will be a talk for parents of children in Reception, next Thursday at 6.15pm. It would be great to see as many of you as possible there.

Reception 2027 Open Sessions

As we are starting the new accademic year, we are looking ahead to our 2027 Reception starters. With this in mind we would like to invite prospective parents and children to one of the following open sessions;

14th October 1.45pm

20th October 9am and 1.45pm

10th November 9am and 1.45pm

23rd November 9am

Places are limited so please call to book your places.

Statutory testing in schools

Every year children who are in Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y6 take part in specific assessments. the links below take you to some parent support and guidance from the Standards and Testing agency about these.

[Reception baseline assessment: information for parents](#)

[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

[2027 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents:](#)

New Reception intake

Please ask your child's class teacher if you

have any questions regarding these.

Lost Property Reminder

We already have lost property items! If your child is missing anything, please feel free to come and have a look.

- **Two bins** are located just inside the door between the **Year 3 classrooms**.
- **Two more** can be found in the corridor near **Maple Class**.

We'll be clearing out all bins at the **end of October**, and any unclaimed items will be donated to local charity shops. Don't miss the chance to reclaim lost belongings before then!

Climbing Frames

These are not staffed in the morning before school or after school, so please do not allow children to use these.

September	
29 th	PTA Colour Run
October	
1 st	6.15pm - Talk for Parents of new Reception children
14 th	Y5 trip - Literature Festival
20 th and 21 st	Parent Consultation Evenings
22 nd	INSET Day No school for children
23 rd	INSET Day No school for children
November	
3 rd & 4 th	NHS Flu Immunisations Reception - Year 6
13 th	Non uniform day for Children In Need (further details to follow)
17 th & 18 th	School Photos - Individual and siblings
December	
4 th	Y3 Viola concert for parents
9 th	Christmas Dinner
18 th	Last Day of Term

Staff Emails

Dates for the Diary

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