

Happy Christmas!

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all back in on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

From Miss Craig and everyone at Woodlands.



Christmas Float

On Sunday 17th December at 6pm Santa Claus is coming to town! Here is the route it will be taking around Stockwood.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=lycyNq9BK9Ln6WrZ6ZL5kPR8AzwTo36A&ll=51.41248994280295%2C-2.5460306000000066&z=14>



School Hours Changing from January 2024

Another reminder, our school hours will be changing from January 2024 due to new government expectations that schools are open to children for 32.5 hours a week or 6.5 hours a day.

We will open the gates for children to come in at 8:40am and the register will be taken at 8:50am. This means all children will need to be in school and in class by 8:50am.

Children will be marked with an L code until 9am and after 9am children will get a U Code. If a child has eight U codes in a ten week period you are likely to receive a penalty notice.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 3:20pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will finish at 3:25pm, so we can get everyone safely to their adults at the end of the day.

Breakfast club will continue to start at 8am and will remain free for children.

Nursery hours will stay the same as their entitlements are different.

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to thank you for all the money raised at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December and for taking part in the Spooky Spoons and Christmas Stocking competitions.



Poppy Appeal

Woodlands Academy raised £128.21 for Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you everyone for your donations.



Dates for your diary

Friday 15th December - Last day of term

Term dates 2023/24

Term 2 - 30th October 2023 - 15th December 2023

Term 3 - 3rd January 2024 - 8th February 2024

Term 4 - 19th February 2024 - 27st March 2024

Term 5 - 15th April 2024 - 24th May 2024

Term 6 - 3rd June 2024 - 19th July 2024



Inset Days

2nd January 2024

9th February 2024

28th March 2024

26th May 2023

22nd and 23rd July 2024

A special visitor on Friday 15th December.

The children had a special visitor on Friday 15th from Santa and every child each received a chocolate reindeer and a book from him. This was arranged and fully funded by the PTA.

Thank You

Information from Bristol City Council

Free NHS app helps parents care for their poorly child.

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999.

The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or [iTunes](#) and for Android phones at [Google Play](#). Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



Information from the Children's Commissioner for England

'The Big Ambition' survey closing date has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024 to allow even more children the chance to have their say. Please see the poster below on how to take part.



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



 **CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Skills for Work Volunteering Opportunities

Do you want to gain experience but struggle to find opportunities?

Gain skills and experience for work through volunteering with a range of charities in different sectors.

Many opportunities can lead to paid work and charities can offer references for future employers.



Wednesday 31st
January



Bath Central
Library



10am - 12pm



FREE

Drop in to this **FREE** event
to talk to local charities offering volunteering opportunities.



EmploymentSkills_Pod@bathnes.gov.uk



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Skills for Work - Volunteering Opportunities 2024

**FREE
ENTRY**

**Employment &
Skills POD** 

The Event Will
Be Held On:

Wednesday 31st January
10:00am - 12:00pm
at Bath Central Library

Bath & North East
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The Employment and Skills Pod is funded and managed by the West of England Combined Authority, led by Metro Mayor Dan Norris, and delivered by Bath and North East Somerset Council in partnership with Skills Connect.

Living and Learning Together



COMPUTER SKILLS

Beginners Computer Skills

**10:00AM—12:00PM. Wednesdays
STARTS 10th January for 5 weeks – Stockwood
Children's Centre**

This free course will help you to become more confident in using IT for home and work. We will learn how to navigate a laptop, send emails, create a document and use the internet safely.

For more information and to book please contact:

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Eligibility: Adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications.



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