

### Happy New Year

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It's been lovely to welcome you all back into school. From Miss Craig and everyone at Woodlands.



### Attendance

Class attendance since September 2023:

Reception: 92.2% ↓

Year 1: 95.6% ↓

Year 2: 92.5% ↓

Year 3: 93.4% ↓

Year 4: 92.1% ↓

Year 5: 93.3% ↓

Year 6: 91.7% ↓

Whole school attendance: 92.8% ↓

All classes are below our attendance target - let's work together getting every child in school every day!

### Lateness

Please can you make sure your children arrive on time at school. We are regularly having children arriving after the register closes. The school gates open at 8.40am and children need to be in school and in class by 8.50am. We understand there may be a one-off issue, and if so, please phone and let us know if your child is going to be late.



### Parking at Pick Up and Drop Off Times

Please be thoughtful when parking cars at pick up and drop off times. It is really important that parking does not prevent fire engines (and other services) access to any property at any time. Please can you also not use other people's driveways to turn around. Thank you.



## Dates for your Diary

### Term dates 2023/24

Term 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4 - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Term 5 - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Term 6 - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



### Inset Days

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## Minibus Driving for School Trips

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to drive a minibus for our school trips. The cost of coaches with small classes makes trips incredibly expensive for parents and carers and this would keep costs down for you! It would involve driving a group of children with supervising adults a handful of times a year. You need a D1 on your licence (you can check this on the back of your licence). We would put you on a MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) training course, so you could drive both West Town Lane's and Oasis Brislington's minibuses. If you are interested, please get in contact with the school office or email [info@woodlandsacademybristol.com](mailto:info@woodlandsacademybristol.com)



## End of day Playground Supervision

Please can we remind you to supervise your children in the playground at the end of the day after they have been released by the teacher. It is really important they are not riding bikes or scooters in the playground at this time for safety.

## The Big Ambition Survey

This is the last week for parents to have their views heard in the Big Ambition survey. If you would like to take part and get your views heard, please follow the link to the survey for further information:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



## Reception Applications

It is the last day today for Reception applications for September 2024. If you are a Nursery parent, please make sure you follow the link and complete the application today, so your child is allocated a place and giving you more chance of getting your first choice. <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR NURSERY PARENTS AND CARERS!**

## Information from Sirona

Fussy eating affects 1 in 4 school age children, so we know this is a big deal for many of your pupils and families. Please see below leaflet.

**How can I get my child to eat healthier if they won't try new things?**

**Our top 6 tips to tackle fussy eating at home**

**Get FREE support to get your family healthier**  
Join programmes starting in January, or start online programmes now!

**1. The big "why"?** Why don't they try new things? Are there tastes or textures they love or hate?

**2. Check your language.** Aim for encouraging language and avoid labelling. Swap "my child doesn't eat vegetables" for "my child loves sweetcorn."

**3. Lower anxiety at mealtimes.** Phones away and focus on chatting. There's no need to pressure them to try new foods.

**4. Exposure.** Get them to pick out fruits and veg when you're out shopping and ask them to help chop them up.

**5. Routine.** Set mealtimes to build regular habits and aim for 2 healthy snacks per day between meals.

**6. Make it fun!** Make funny face pizzas and add some new toppings.

Scan the code  
...or click here  
to find out more

Sign up today!

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*Peter Humbles, Family Nutritionist*