



Woodlands Academy Newsletter

10th September 2024

[Welcome Back! It is great to see you!](#)

It has been lovely welcoming back the children this week! It seems like a good summer was had by all. We would like to especially welcome all of our new pupils and families to our school community. It has been a busy first week back settling the children, managing three different lunchtime experiences (dry field, wet play and soggy playground) and starting the curriculum, and the children have managed so well. We are already planning all sorts of events for the school year and we look forward to sharing dates shortly.

Everyone at Woodlands Academy is looking forward to a great year and working with you to ensure your children have the best year possible!

Miss Craig and The Woodlands Team

Teaching Staffing Structure



Teachers

Nursery - Miss Sherborne

Reception/Year 1 - Miss Davies

Year 2 - Miss Ellis

Year 3 - Miss Vien

Year 4 - Miss Brockett

Year 5 - Mrs Dowling

Year 6 - Mr Feaster

TAs

Nursery - Miss Stone

Reception/Year 1 - Mrs Richards, Mrs Braine

Year 3 - Miss Amey, Miss Rose

Year 4 - Miss Cooke, Mrs Allen

Year 5 - Mrs Allen

Year 6 - Miss Cooke, Mrs Delgado, Miss Amey

Mrs Richards and Mrs Delgado will cover the teachers planning time across the school, while Miss Stone will cover the Nursery planning time.

Other

Assistant Head/SENDCo/Attendance Lead - Mr Rylands

Family Link Worker - Mrs Sheldon

Principal - Miss Craig

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss Craig

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mr Rylands and Mrs Sheldon

We are also supported by an amazing wider team of lunchtime supervisors, cleaners, administrators and a caretaker.

When you come into the office, it is Mrs Christoforou and Miss Burke that meet and greet you!

Important Messages



School Values

Just a reminder to our Woodlands families that our school values are:

Ready Respectful Resilient

We will work with your children supporting them to follow these values helping them to be excellent citizens in school and out.

Year 3 and Free School Meals

Please be reminded that the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement has now ended for your child as they have entered Key Stage 2. Meals are £2.40 and dinner money accounts are to be topped up via Parentmail.

If you believe you may be entitled to benefits-based free school meals, please make an application to Bristol City Council via this website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/travel-and-free-school-meals/free-school-meals>

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 18th September to take individual photos. If you do not want your child to have their photo taken, please contact the school office.

Uniform

It has been lovely seeing so many smart children in their uniform this week. Please note: we have asked the uniform supplier to remove the houses from the school uniform moving forwards to make it easier for you to pass down items when children grow out of them.

Reception and Secondary Applications for September 2025

Reception

The window for applying for Reception 2025 places opens on Thursday 12th September 2024, and closes on Wednesday 15th January 2025. We will be holding open days for all prospective parents (more info to follow). If you are aware of any friends or family who are looking for reception places, please feel free to make them aware of our school. Applications for reception places can be made here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply>

Secondary

The window for applying for secondary 2025 places also opens on Thursday 12th September 2024, however the window closes on Thursday 31st October 2024. You can make your application here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

If you require a paper application but you don't have access to a printer, please speak to the school office and they will be happy to print one for you.

Website

We are in the process of building a new website and look forward to sharing this with you soon!

Parentmail/Contacts/Ordering Lunches

Please make sure your Parentmail is working and up to date. New families please liaise with our admin team to get set up.

If your contact details e.g. phone number, email address, postal address etc have changed, please let us know urgently.

Please remember to order lunches in advance.

Drop off and Pick Up Time

Please make sure children are in school and sat down ready to be registered by 8:50am. Please note the playground gates close at 8:48am to ensure children have enough time to be sat in class before the register is taken.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pick up time is 3:20pm.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pick up time is 3:25pm.

Vacancy

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor. Please click the link to find out more about the role and how to apply.

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/Home/Vacancy?id=2164&returnurl=/CabotLearningRecruitment/>

Mental Health and Wellbeing



If your child suffers with anxiety, you will find this website a really useful resource.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/anxiety/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=september_2024&utm_content=o25

Attendance



Well done to everyone who has been in school every day and on time this week. Remember we can only teach your children what they need to learn, if they are here with us. Every day counts!

Our Local Community Events/Activities



Please note these events and clubs are not run by school or school staff, so make sure you contact them directly.

"Messy Church" at Stockwood Free Church

We invite your family to come and enjoy Messy Church with us again this year at Stockwood Free Church (Ladman Road).

This runs every third Tuesday of the month from 4pm until 6pm: 17th September, 15th October, 19th November and 17th December this year. Doors will be open from 3.30pm so if you find it easier to drop in straight after school then you are very welcome to come and enjoy tea and biscuits before we start the main activities.

Messy Church consists of a variety of fun activities, crafts, games, songs, a Bible story and finishes with a meal (all free).

All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no need to book a place at any of the sessions. A vegetarian option will always be available, but please let us know about any special dietary requirements.

Please note that parking may be limited in our car park for the September session as we are having some roof repairs carried out.

For more information, please contact us at childrenandyouth.sfchurch@gmail.com



Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free
groups for
adults run
by Bristol
Children's
Centres

Scan here
to find out
more and
register your
interest!



Your parenting
toolbox:



For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
or email: **pssso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via:
www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find
the best group option for you.



South Bristol
Children's Centres

The start of a new academic year is the perfect time to try a new activity - so **Keynsham Life Saving Club** are holding a taster session on Sunday 22nd September 2024 from 2pm-4pm for 8-18 year olds at Keynsham Leisure Centre.

Our members learn first aid, water safety and specialist rescue skills. We offer the opportunity to take Royal Life Saving Society awards, put your skills to the test in lifesaving competitions, and (for older children) lifesaving can even count towards the Duke of Edinburgh award. Life saving is a great way to keep fit, have fun and learn essential life skills.

During our taster session, we'll give you a flavour of the sort of activities that you might cover on a typical club night: you'll learn some basic first-aid, find out about different types of casualty, discover different ways to safely enter the pool, and try your hand at a rope-throw rescue.

For full details and to book your place, please visit www.klsc.co.uk