



# Woodlands Academy Newsletter

## 29th November 2024

## Christmas Jumper Day



To help the PTFA get ready for the fayre next Friday, we are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 6th December in exchange for a tombola prize. We would love any chocolate or bottle donations. This is usually a really busy stall and it would be great to make it the best yet!



**FREE  
ENTRY**

# Christmas **FAYRE**

**GAMES, MUSIC & MORE**

**DECEMBER 6TH**

**3:30 TILL 5:30 ( RAFFLE DRAWN @ 5)**



WOODLANDS ACADEMY,  
WHITTOCK RD

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## First Aid Reporting



As of January 2025, our first aid reporting system will be changing. At present, we are using Medical Tracker but CLF have their own system that we are transferring to for consistency across all of the schools to aid reporting to Trustees. This means you will no longer receive the notifications from the system.

To ensure you are aware of any first aid incidents, you will receive a simple email message letting you know your child has received first aid that day, so you can ask them about it when they get home. If you need any additional information, please ask the class teacher.

If your child bumps their head, you will still receive a phone call plus a bumped head email with the NHS guidance will come via Parentmail.

Administration of medicines will also revert back to paper processes in school, so you won't receive notifications.

## Important Messages



### **Christmas Performances**

We would like to invite families to our Christmas performances on the following dates:

Nursery/Reception and Year 1 - The performance will be at 9:30am in school on 11th December

Year 2/Year 3 - The performance will be at 2pm in school on 17th December

Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 - The performance will be at 1:30pm at Christ the Servant Church on 19th December

### **Children In Need**

Thank you to everyone that dressed up and donated to raise money for Children in Need. We raised £137.28.

### **Reception Applications for September 2025**

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>

If you know people in the community that are looking at schools, please encourage them to contact school for a show round! We are always happy to show prospective families around our great school.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing



As the winter weather draws in, mental health and wellbeing can affect some children. Have a look at the following article that talks about things you can do to keep children mentally healthy.

<https://www.activemyway.org/support-your-childs-physical-and-mental-health-through-winter>

## Attendance



Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year. This means 10% of the years' curriculum is missed making it harder to keep up with their peers and 10% of their social time is lost where they build strong friendships and grow their social skills. Please make sure children are in school every day they are well enough to be here.

Please look out for Parentmail messages next week, so you know how your child is doing!

## Safeguarding



Prevent is an important safeguarding topic in schools. We talk to the children about being safe online, having trusted adults and teach them about making good choices at an age appropriate level. Please have a look at the parent's leaflet for further information about how to keep children safe from radicalisation.

## 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.



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# Volunteer with us

Because childhood can't wait

Join our network of trained home-visiting volunteers, helping families with young children who are struggling in difficult circumstances.

Our next volunteer training course starts **Thursday 23rd Jan 2025** and runs every Thursday 9.30 – 2.30 til 6th March (except 20th Feb which is half term) in Southmead.

Contact us today to find out more!



**homestartbsg.org.uk**  
**0117 950 1170**



## As a volunteer you can...

- Give just 2-3hrs per week
- Visit a family at home or help at a parent group in your local area
- Be part of our friendly team
- Change a child's future

Charity number 1116207 Unit 11, Greenway Business Centre, Doncaster Road, Bristol BS10 5PY