



Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 2

September 2024

Dear all, I hope you are enjoying this last flurry of warm weather as we head into Autumn. I am pleased to report that we have resolved the recent Parentmail issues and have been working to update you on our key events for this term. Please read on to find out more.

Charity Fundraising Donation

We are thrilled to announce that Richard Barr has raised an incredible amount for both the Down's Syndrome Association and Woolgrove School on his 2024 Penny Farthing challenges.



Richard is local to Letchworth and his Son, Tom, was a former pupil of Woolgrove. More information about Richard's challenges can be found [here](#). Huge thanks for this wonderful donation of £900 which will go towards new play equipment for our Children to enjoy.



Holidays and Attendance

Please find attached term dates for both this academic year and 2025/26.



I hope this will help you to plan ahead and make bookings while adhering to our attendance guidelines below.

The Government have updated their attendance guidance with a more strict approach and I would like to make you aware of our policy – the full version can be found [here](#).

Our School aims to maximise attendance rates in order to ensure that all pupils are able to take fullest advantage of the learning experiences available to them. I personally monitor absence for individuals and will take the necessary action to understand each case and take steps to ensure good attendance.

If time off is needed due to **exceptional circumstances**, an Absence Request Form must be filled out in advance and sent to the school office for my attention. Please ensure that you check the term dates before booking any holidays.

In addition, to eliminate safeguarding risks, if we have children absent from school with no contact from home by 9.30am we will be making calls to Parents and anyone else listed as a contact for your child. If we are still unable to ascertain where your child is, we will take further action to ensure they are safe.

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Flu Vaccinations

Please look out for the Flu Vaccination letter that will be sent to you via Parentmail. A paper copy will be sent home. We must have your consent in order to administer the vaccination and this is done via a consent form online. Nurses will be in school Thursday 3rd October, so you must complete your online consent by **2pm on Wednesday 2nd October.**

Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)



Our first FoW meeting of this year will be held in the Meeting Room at Woolgrove, Friday 20th

September at 9.30am. The Friends are an excellent way to meet other Parents/Carers, as well as raising important funds for the school. If you are able to offer your help, or require further information we would be delighted to see you at the Meeting. We have super biscuits and enough tea to sink a ship, so please come along!



Parents Coffee Morning

Continuing the theme of tea and biscuits, please come along to our coffee morning to welcome our new Parents and Carers as well as an informal chat. Look out for more information for Anne Linnell, our Family Support Worker. The first coffee morning will be held on Friday 11th October at 9.30am.

Event Dates

Please see below a list of events and activities coming up this term. You will be given more information about each event in due course. Watch this space!



Have a wonderful week.

Kind regards,



Lisa Hall, Head Teacher

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Friday 27 September	FoW Meeting: 9.30am
Wednesday 2 October	Year 5 Transition Evening: 7pm
Thursday 3 October	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 11th October	Parents Coffee Morning: 9.30am
Wednesday 21 October	Visiting Theatre: Snow White
Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November	Half Term SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 4 November	Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5 November	Back to School
	Parents Evening: 4 – 7pm
Wednesday 6 November	Parents Evening: 4 – 7pm
Monday 11 November - Friday 15 November	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 25 November	Performance Rehearsals (All Week)
Wednesday 4 December	Christmas Performance: SF1&2: 1.30pm
Thursday 5 December	Christmas Performance: SF1&2: 1.30pm
Friday 6 December	Occasional Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 13 December	FoW Christmas Shop
Monday 16 December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 17 December	Father Christmas visits Woolgrove
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas Lunch
	EYFS Christmas Performance: 1.30pm
Wednesday 19 December	EYFS Christmas Performance: 1.30pm
Friday 20 December	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw
Friday 20 December	End of Term: 1:15pm

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2024 - 2025

AUTUMN	INSET	Monday 2 nd September
	Phased Pupils start	Tuesday 3 rd September
	Phased Pupils start	Wednesday 4 th September
	All Pupils start	Thursday 5 th September
	Half Term	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024
	INSET day	Monday 4 th November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 6 th December
Term ends	Friday 20 th December	
SPRING	INSET day	Monday 6 th January 2025
	Pupils start	Tuesday 7 th January
	Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2025
	Term ends	Friday 4 th April
SUMMER	Pupils start	Tuesday 22 nd April
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
	Half Term	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
	INSET	Monday 2 nd June 2025
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 rd June
	Term ends	Tuesday 22 nd July
	INSET	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

2025 - 2026

AUTUMN	INSET	Wednesday 3 rd September
	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 4 th September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 5 th September
	All Pupils start	Monday 8 th September
	Half Term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
	INSET day	Monday 3 rd November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 5 th December
	Term ends	Friday 19 th December
SPRING	INSET day	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Pupils start	Tuesday 6 th January
	Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026
	Term ends	Friday 27 th March
SUMMER	INSET day	Monday 13 th April
	Pupils start	Tuesday 14 th April
	Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 rd June
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 nd July
	INSET	Thursday 23 rd July 2026