



Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 7

17th January 2025



Hello everyone, a very quick newsletter from me as I feel that this information is important and I wanted to share it with you as soon as possible.

Child Benefit

Don't miss out on up to £1,331 a year in Child Benefit.



Are you a parent or carer who doesn't claim Child Benefit, or has opted out of payments because of the [High Income Child Benefit Charge](#)?

We wanted to let you know that the amount you can earn before you need to start paying the charge has increased from £50,000 to £60,000. If you and your partner both have an adjusted net income of less than £60,000, you no longer have to pay the charge.

If you or your partner have an adjusted net income between £60,000 and £80,000 it can still be worth your while financially to claim, so it's worth [checking what you would get](#).

There's more to Child Benefit than just payments too — you'll also:

- receive National Insurance credits which count towards your State Pension
- make sure your child automatically gets a National Insurance number when they're 16 years old

Claiming on the [HMRC app](#) or [online](#) is quick and easy.

If you already claim but have opted out of payments and would like to restart these, you don't need to claim again — the parent or carer that originally claimed can simply opt back in quickly and easily [through the app](#) or [online](#).

Don't forget, if you claimed Child Benefit payments before 6 April 2024 and you or your partner had an individual income of over £50,000, you may have to pay the tax charge for 2023 to 2024. You can check the [Child Benefit tax calculator](#) to find out more.

Get on it – download the HMRC app



You can view and manage your claim quickly and easily on the [HMRC app](#). This includes viewing payments,

proof of entitlement and adding additional children – all without needing to call HMRC. By downloading the app, sign-in can be even faster with a PIN, fingerprint or facial recognition too – giving you everything you need to know about your Child Benefit claim at your fingertips.

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Holidays and Attendance



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.

In addition to the information I sent out in the last newsletter regarding attendance, I want to remind Parents/Carers that if your child is absent from school for medical reasons or for an appointment, we must see a letter or correspondence from the Medical or Professional Team.

Please send evidence through to the office via email or in person.

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please do send them in to school either side of the appointment where possible to minimise the impact on their learning.

Friends of Woolgrove (FoW) AGM

A reminder that the FoW will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Meeting Room on **Friday 7th February**. In this meeting we will report on fundraising for the previous year and look forward to the events throughout the coming year. All are welcome at 9.30am for a 10am start. Please come along and listen, give your feedback or find out more about the Friends over a cuppa and a biscuit.



Families feeling safe

Please find details below of a free course “All Feelings Matter” funded by Herts County Council.

Dates for your Diary

January	
Monday 27 th	Cultural Diversity Week
February	
Friday 7 th	Friends of Woolgrove AGM
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Half Term: SCHOOL CLOSED
March	
Friday 7 th	World Book Day (Dress up as book character)
Monday 10 th	Arts Fortnight (Until 21 st March)
Tuesday 11 th	Parent / Carer Consultation Evenings (4pm – 7pm)
Wednesday 12 th	
Friday 21 st	Comic Relief (Non-Uniform)
Tuesday 25 th	Arts Day / Exhibition
April	
Friday 4 th	End of Term 1.15pm

Kind regards,

Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher



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Dear Colleagues

We've had a good response to our Free workshops (funded by HCC) 'All Feelings Matter'. The workshops are running next week and the closing date for registration is next Monday 20th January.

Parents and carers can choose:

- 21st January 9.30am – 11.30am and 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Dads and male carers only:

- 23rd January 7.00pm – 9.00pm

The workshops are open to parents and carers across Hertfordshire. If you have parents and carers that would still like to register, please pass on the details as soon as possible.

Professionals can refer, and parents can self-refer by using the button below or the QR code.

[Click here to register](#)



Please would you kindly pass on to your colleagues, networks, parents and carers.

With thanks and kind regards

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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 TERM and INSET Dates

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 28 th November
	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