



# Wood End Primary School

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Autumn 1 8th September 2023

Wed 13.09.23	All Reception class begin school
Friday 15.09.23	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Friday 22.09.23	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Thurs 28.09.23	School Photographs - individual and siblings
Friday 29.09.23	Macmillan Cake Sale
Wed 04.10.23	Y1 Harvest Service
Thurs 26.10.23	Flu Nasal Immunisations - Reception to Year 6 pupils
Mon 23.10.23	Parents' Evening 3:15 - 5:45pm Nursery, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
Tues 24.10.23	Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm Year 2, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
Wed 25.10.23	Parents' Evening 3:15 - 5:45pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3
Thurs 26.10.23	Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm Reception, Year 1, Year 3
Fri 27.10.23	Break-up for half-term
Mon 06.11.23	Return to school
Wed 08.11.23	Year 4 Remembrance Service
Thurs 09.11.23	Online Behaviour Workshop for parents - pm
Wed 15.11.23	Year 3 Diwali assembly
Friday 01.12.23	Christmas Day in school
Mon 11.12.23	Homework Showcase
Wed 13.12.23	Reception Nativity
Fri 22.12.23	Break-up for Christmas
Mon 08.01.24	Return to school - Spring Term starts

Dear Parents....Welcome Back!

It is lovely to have all of our families back at school. A warm welcome to our new families joining us in Nursery and Reception classes. We hope that you had time to both relax and have fun during the summer holiday.

Thank you to all families that shared photographs of historical visits, pieces of art work seen or family events attended. It has been really lovely to share these memories.

This year we will continue with our family learning sessions. Dates will be shared with you soon. We really look forward to learning together.

Your child will be given a reading diary this week—please support your child's reading experiences and record these in the diary, we will be providing information to support reading at home soon.

In Years 1 to 6, a spelling booklet will be sent home. Please practise the words for the week dated.

Curriculum overviews will be available for all classes from the beginning of next week. Please use these to find out what your child will be learning this term.

Please note that children's shoes should be plain and not have flashing lights. Skirts should be of knee length.

In line with the updated school attendance policy, children's absence must now be reported to school on the first day and then updated on each day of absence after that. Please find below some information from the health agency to support attendance in school.

Activity clubs will begin again this term. A list is provided below of the activities which will be available. Please discuss with your children which clubs they would like to commit to.

All parents of children in Year 6 should have received secondary school application information from the Local Authority. If you have not received this, contact the admissions team at Wolverhampton Council on 01902 551122. You should apply online before the deadline of 31st October 2023.

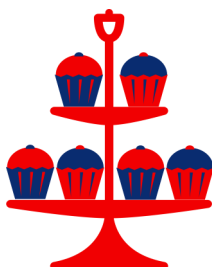
Miss Sharma



We are once again supporting **Macmillan Cancer charity** on **Friday 29th September 2023**

If you wish your child to have a cake in school on the above date please **pay using your schoolcomms account before Wednesday 27th September.**

The **cost of cakes is 50p.** You may donate more if you wish but each child will only be provided with one cake.



**Medication** - could you please ensure that if your child needs to use an inhaler, that this is brought into school via the school office and a pink administration form is completed.



### Reminder:

**Price of school meals** - The cost of a school meal is now £2.40 per day. Please pay for your school meals on the Schoolcomms app at the start of each week. A copy of the menu is available below. A hard copy will be sent home as soon as it is available and will be available on the school website.

**Woode's Breakfast and Afterschool Club** - If you wish to make use of these clubs, please complete a registration form before booking any sessions.

As per policy, all sessions now need to be booked and paid for in advance on your Schoolcomms app. Any sessions that are not paid for will be declined.

**Shoes** - If your child's shoes have the ability to light up, please ensure that the lights are switched off for school use.

**Please ensure that all uniform, bags, lunchboxes and water bottles are named.**

### Uniform Donations

Thank you for all the kind donations of used school uniform, we now have an overflowing cupboard.

### Absence Reporting

Please notify school on the first day of absence by 8:45 or as soon as practically possible. Do this by calling the school office, leaving an answerphone message or email if necessary.

As per our attendance policy for September 2023, we now request that parents contact school on each day of the child's absence.

If school does not receive any notification of a child's absence, Mrs Farley will call parents to ascertain the reason for the absence.

**Autumn term after school activity clubs** will be starting week commencing Monday 18th September. We will shortly be sending notification when the clubs are available for booking. You will need to book using your Schoolcomms app. Please only book **one** club per child; if you wish to book a second club please use the 'reservation booking' for that club. If there are then places available we will be able to allocate the reserved places. There is no charge for these clubs. Collection for all school activity clubs is 3:45pm.



Autumn Activity Clubs			
Staff	Club	Years	Day
Miss Johnson	Forest school	1 & 2	Monday
Mr Pinnock	Netball	3 & 4	Monday
Mrs Bellenger	Board Games	1 & 2	Wednesday
Miss Chahal	Art	1 & 2	Wednesday
Mrs Sharma	Dance	3 & 4	Wednesday
Mr Pinnock	Football	5 & 6	Wednesday
Mr Pinnock	Multi-skills	1 & 2	Thursday
Miss Cartwright	Crafts	3 & 4	Thursday
Mrs Brookes	Choir	5 & 6	Thursday
Mr Sheard	Athletics	5 & 6	Friday



## Harvest

We will be collecting donations of produce for our Harvest display soon, if these could be brought into school from Monday 2nd October.

This year, we have decided to support the work of the local food bank, The Well, with our donations. They provide support to the local community in the form of food parcels.

They have produced a shopping list of the most useful items:








UHT milk, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, jam, pasta and sauces, tinned vegetables and fruit, rice, noodles, nappies, baby wipes, toiletries, household cleaning products.









Thank you for your support.



# \* MAKING A DIFFERENCE MENU \* 2023-24

Look through our new menu, not only will it make a difference to your child's learning and development, but it will also make a difference to the planet.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	Margherita Pizza 	Traditional Roast Dinner with Trimmings	Toad in the Hole	Build a Burger	Fish & Chips
	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Slice 	Quorn Roast Dinner with Trimmings 	Meatball Tagine 	Mexican Enchiladas 	Sausage and Bean Melt 
	Jacket Wedges Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	Roast Boiled Potatoes Carrots Broccoli 	Diced Potatoes Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Potato Wedges BBQ Beans, Sweetcorn	Bread & Butter Peas Baked Beans
	Blueberry Muffin	Dorset Apple Traybake & Custard	Jam Sponge	Fruity Mousse	Fruit Salad & Ice cream

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 2</b>	Pizza Pasta  & Garlic Slice 	Cottage Pie	All Day Breakfast	Sausages in Onion Gravy	Fish Fingers & Chips*
	BBQ Roasted Vegetable & Quorn Wrap 	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie	Sausage Bap 	Southern Fried Breaded Chicken 	Quorn Nuggets 
	Potato Wedges Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	Creamed Potatoes Sweetcorn Carrots 	Hash Brown Bites Baked Beans Tomatoes	Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Cauliflower 	Bread & Butter Peas Baked Beans
	Lemon Traybake	Banana Cake	Oaty Cookie & Milkshake	Chocolate & Lime Cake	Ice cream Tub

Available Daily - Filled Jacket Potato and Sandwich, Milk, Freshly Made Bread, Cheese & Crackers, Fresh Fruit or Fruit Salad, Yoghurt.

\*Salmon & Cod provided.

 Vegetarian

 Vegan



## SERVING SCHOOL MEALS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Provided by Catering Service  
City of Wolverhampton Council

### WOOD END

#### 2023/24 Lunchtime Term Dates

Week 1		Week 2	
04/09/23	19/02/24	11/09/23	11/03/24
18/09/23	04/03/24	25/09/23	08/04/24
02/10/23	18/03/24	23/10/23	22/04/24
16/10/23	15/04/24	13/11/23	06/05/24
06/11/23	29/04/24	27/11/23	20/05/24
20/11/23	13/05/24	11/12/23	10/06/24
04/12/23	03/06/24	08/01/24	24/06/24
18/12/23	17/06/24	22/01/24	08/07/24
18/03/24	01/07/24	05/02/24	22/07/24
15/01/24	15/07/24	26/02/24	
29/01/24			

#### Making meal times fun and educational

We have a brand new themed calendar that will not only bring fun into the dining rooms, but will introduce your child to new tastes and flavours. Keep an eye out at your child's school for dates and menus.



#### Making Wolverhampton Greener

The City of Wolverhampton Council has a target of the year 2030 for the city to reach net carbon zero and make Wolverhampton a greener city. The school meal service embraces this change and will make every effort to reduce the carbon footprint of the meals we serve.

We will use local fresh produce to reduce food miles and include meat free days as we know this has an impact on climate change. Recycling, reducing waste and saving energy has always been a part of our ethos. We will help to educate children on the little things they can do in school and at home to help make the world a better place. Little things add up to a lot!



#### Menu Pricing

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can enjoy school meals for free. Children in Year 3 and above may be eligible to claim for free school meals\*.

To apply, contact your child's school or the Local Authority on 01902 554128 or email [freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Meal prices are set by school.

Alternatively, contact Jo Smith, Service Development Team Leader, call or email 01902 554283 [jo.smith@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:jo.smith@wolverhampton.gov.uk)



\*eligibility criteria apply - for more information visit [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

#### Food Allergies

Some of our menu items contain allergens, see below. Peanuts and nuts are also classed as allergens, but these are not used on our menu.



Our professional and dedicated catering team are able to provide details of food allergens on request. We cater for medically diagnosed food allergies and intolerances by working with dietitians at New Cross Hospital.

For more information on allergies or special diets please visit: [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/catering](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/catering) or please contact Catering Services on 01902 555223 or [cateringcleaning@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:cateringcleaning@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

#### Food Welfare

Catering Services Primary Menu has been given the Bronze Food for Life Award for the last 7 years.

All the meat products used on our menus are British Red Tractor or Farm Assured Certified.

We only use Free Range Eggs from a local supplier.

All our fish on our menu is from sustainable stock.



# Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

## Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:



### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.



### Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

## COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

### Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

## Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

## Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

## Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

## Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

## Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

## Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

## Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

## Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.



## Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

## School Uniform for September 2023

### Uniform

- ◆ Grey full or knee length trousers (not jogging bottoms / leggings)
- ◆ Grey knee length skirt or pinafore
- ◆ Green checked summer dress may be worn in warm weather
- ◆ Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan (logo optional)
- ◆ Jade green or white polo shirt (logo optional)
- ◆ Plain black flat school shoes (not black trainers)
- ◆ Plain white / black / grey socks
- ◆ Plain white / black / grey tights
- ◆ Waterproof outdoor coat



Nursery - Uniform is optional for children. It is recommended that children wear old 'doesn't matter' clothes, so that they are able to enjoy all activities without the worry of dirtying or damaging 'new / best' clothes.

### PE Kit

- ◆ Coloured t-shirt (house colour) Red - Maple / Blue - Birch / Yellow - Laburnum / Black - Poplar
- ◆ Plain dark green / black shorts
- ◆ Black pumps / trainers (must be plain black – including sole - with no colours/logos)
- ◆ Dark green track suit may also be worn (available from Kids Corner)
- ◆ If unavailable, plain black may be worn (no logos or colours)
- ◆ PE kit is not required in EYFS (Nursery / Reception class)

### Jewellery, hair accessories, make-up, nail varnish, accessories

In the interests of safety, jewellery should not be worn in school. The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. Pupils who have pierced ears may only wear small plain studs (not novelty earrings). All jewellery must be removed during PE and swimming lessons. If earrings are worn on PE days, and your child cannot remove them themselves, they will be covered by tape by a member of staff.

Head scarves for religious purposes, hair bands, ribbons (scrunchies) should be plain in design with no objects attached to them. They should be either green (to coordinate with school colours), black or brown.

Children's hair should not be dyed but kept to their natural hair colour.

Make up and nail varnish must not be worn in school. Nail varnish will be removed by a member of school staff.

Simple watches may be worn in school by pupils who are able to tell the time or are learning to tell the time. Watches must not be smart watches that have functionality beyond telling the time. If worn, watches will also need to be removed for PE and swimming lessons.

### Bags

Only school book bags (transparent plastic or green /black nylon) may be brought in to school in addition to a lunch bag. A transparent plastic book bag is provided free of charge at the beginning of each school year if required. A nylon book bag is provided free of charge to all children when they start in Reception class.

If you wish to purchase items with a school logo, they can be bought from [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) or directly from 'Kids' Corner' on Showell Circus in Low Hill, WV10 9BA.

Pre-worn uniform is also available to purchase from the school office if required.