



Wood End Primary School

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Autumn 7

8th December 2023

Mon 11.12.23	Nursery parents musical games session
Mon 11.12.23	Homework Showcase
Tues 12.12.23	Reception Nativity - see below
Wed 13.12.23	Reception Nativity - see below
Mon 18.12.23	Nursery parents pass the parcel session
Fri 22.12.23	Break-up for Christmas
Mon 08.01.24	Return to school - Spring Term starts (not nursery)
Tues 09.01.24	Nursery children to return to school
Wed 24.01.24	Year 4 visit to Kingswood
Wed 31.01.24	Reception NCMP - more information to follow
Fri 09.02.24	Break-up for half term
Mon 19.02.24	Return to school
Fri 22.03.24	Break-up for Easter
Mon 08.04.24	Return to school - Summer Term starts
Thurs 02.05.24	Polling Day - school closed to all pupils
Tues 07.05.24	Class photographs
Wk. comm - 13.05.24	Y6 - KS2 Sats week
Fri 24.05.24	Break up for half term
Mon 03.06.24	Return to school
Fri 21.06.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Mon 24.06.24	Inset Day - school closed to all pupils
Mon 22.07.24	Break-up for Summer

Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December - 9:15am

Wednesday 13th December - 9.15am



You are invited to attend the Reception nativity on the above dates. Each child has a limit of 2 tickets. These may be used for either the Tuesday or Wednesday performance OR they may be used one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. Please specify on the forms link that has been sent by text message.

Milk for Spring Term - all pupils Reception to Y6 - this can now be ordered on your schoolcomms app. Cost of milk for the term is £12.00 If your child is in receipt of free school meals there will be no charge. Please order/ pay by Thursday 11th January.

Dear Parents

On Friday 22nd, which is the last day of term, children may be collected from 1pm. We have already sent you a link this week to confirm that you would like to collect your child. Thank you to all those that have already responded.

Thank you to all who supported Children In Need in creating your dotty accessories and giving time to think about the needs of others.

Christmas day arrived on 1st December, it was lovely to see the children in their Christmas jumpers coming together for Christmas lunch. It was a day filled with sparkles.

Children in Nursery will return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Please note, afterschool activity clubs have now come to an end for this term. We will send out details of spring term activities soon.

To all families that have already sent in homework projects, thank you. To those who are still working on them, we look forward to see them next week.

Miss Sharma



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

YOUR CHILD'S CLASS
ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK
COMMENCING 27TH
NOVEMBER IS:

AS A SCHOOL WE AIM TO HAVE
ATTENDANCE ABOVE 95% THIS
WEEK OUR SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE IS 94%

NURSERY	90.5%
RECEPTION	94%
YEAR 1	94.8%
YEAR 2	97.4%
YEAR 3	90%
YEAR 4	97.7%
YEAR 5	95.7%
YEAR 6	95.7%

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

YOUR CHILD'S CLASS
ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK
COMMENCING 4TH
DECEMBER IS:

AS A SCHOOL WE AIM TO HAVE
ATTENDANCE ABOVE 95% THIS
WEEK OUR SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE IS 90.3%

NURSERY	91.4%
RECEPTION	82.7%
YEAR 1	94.8%
YEAR 2	90%
YEAR 3	89.7%
YEAR 4	97%
YEAR 5	87.3%
YEAR 6	90%



Christmas at Wood End Primary School

Nursery Musical Games Session - Monday 11th December - 11am

Nursery Pass the Parcel Session - Monday 18th December - 11am

Nursery parents will be invited to attend Christmas activity sessions with their child

Tuesday 12th December - Reception Nativity - 9:15am

Wednesday 13th December - Reception Nativity - 9:15am

book your places via the forms link sent by text

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Parties

Children to wear their party clothes to school



Nursery Places

If you or someone you know has a child that will be 3 years old before September 2024 and you would like them to attend Wood End Nursery, please call into the school office to complete a registration form and put their name on our waiting list.

As soon as places are available we will contact you with further details.



Homework showcase

Monday 11th December - 2pm

We look forward to seeing your projects in school. Reception to Year 6 pupils are included in the showcase. Parents may attend from 2pm.

The details for the homework can be found on our website in 'What my child will learn' - Curriculum Overviews & Homework - then select your child's year group .

There are overviews that cover the school year and overviews that are updated at the start of each new term.



Bad Weather Conditions - if,

due to adverse weather conditions, the decision is made to close the school, notifications can be found on local radio stations and the Wolverhampton Today page on Facebook. You will also receive a text message from school. Could you please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.



Reception places for September 2024.

Parents of children due to start primary school next September, should have received information from the local authority regarding applying for a place at your preferred primary school for September 2024. If you have not received this, contact the admissions team at Wolverhampton Council on 01902 551122. You should apply online before the deadline of 15th January 2024.



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PLUS FOR EVERY TREE PURCHASED WITH THIS LEAFLET, WE WILL DONATE **£1 TO YOUR SCHOOL**

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Zones of Regulation

In our Zones of Regulation section on the newsletter we have looked at what the zones are, how people may present in each zone and ways of managing heightened emotions or what we call dysregulation.

In school we brought the zones to life through some roleplay and also some video clips from films and characters that the children would recognise.

To support you in discussing this with your child(ren) below are a couple of links to clips freely available on youtube that unpick the zones and give you an opportunity to discuss real examples together that are 'safe' as they don't require the children to reflect on their presentation or you to identify a time that was challenging. Watch them together and pause after each clip to identify the zone and reflect on how to manage that presentation.

[Dreamworks Animated Zones of Regulation - YouTube](#)

[Disney/Pixar Zones of Regulation - YouTube](#)

Contact Details

If you are lucky enough to receive a new phone from Santa this Christmas, could you please ensure that you inform school of any new contact details.

This also applies to house moves and change of email address.

Thank you



Medical Care Plans

Allergy and Asthma care plans have now been sent home, please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have not received any forms and your child is asthmatic or has an allergy, please contact school.



CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Yo!

Yo! HO HO IT'S TIME FOR SOME CHRISTMAS FUN!

Looking for some fun and exciting things to do over the Christmas holidays – **Yo! Christmas** has it all.

There's so much for you to enjoy from festive fun days, arts and crafts, sporting activities indoor and outdoor, drama and music workshops plus much more.

Visit **yowolves.co.uk** for what's on and get involved.

FUN ACTIVITIES AND FOOD
Christmas Holiday fun for children, young people and families

YOWOLVES.CO.UK is a website for children, young people and families in Wolverhampton. You'll find the latest events, information, support and advice on offer.

Please check with each provider before booking. Some activities will require advance booking and will incur a charge.

Department for Education





102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



9 out of 10

unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

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Vaccinations and children

Vaccinations protect against potentially fatal conditions such as measles, meningitis and septicaemia. It is particularly important for children to be up to date with routine vaccinations when they start at a new pre-school or school because they will be learning and playing with more children. If they are not up to date with their childhood vaccinations, they could be at risk of catching preventable diseases.

Being fully vaccinated helps to stop the transmission of infectious diseases and helps protect both children and staff. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) recommends encouraging parents and guardians to check that their children are protected prior to the winter months as this is when many of these illnesses arise.

Pre-school jobs include:

The measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) first dose, given at one year of age.

The MMR second dose, given at 3 years 4 months of age.

The 4-in-1 pre-school booster which protects against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio which is given at 3 years 4 months of age.

Parents and guardians should check their child's personal health record (Red Book) and contact their GP surgery to ensure all routine vaccinations have been given. A full checklist of all the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

Measles information for parents/ guardians

Data published in July by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows there has been a steady rise in measles cases this year. It is important for all parents/ guardians to be aware of the signs and symptoms and what action to take if you suspect you might have measles.

You are very unlikely to have measles if you've had both doses of the MMR vaccine or had measles before. Anyone who is unsure about their vaccine status can check with their GP practice to see if they are up to date and fully protected.

Signs and symptoms of measles

Measles starts with cold like symptoms; high temperature, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, cough red, sore, watery eyes. Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days. A rash that starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body, usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/> for more details and images.

What to do if you think you or your child might have measles

Do not attend work or early years/ educational settings.

Call your GP or NHS 111 and ask for an urgent appointment if:

you think you may have measles.

you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you've not had measles before, or you've not had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine.

you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you're pregnant – measles can be serious in pregnancy.

you have a weakened immune system and think you have measles or have been in close contact with someone with measles.

Measles can spread to others easily – do not walk into your GP surgery or other healthcare setting; call first. They may suggest talking over the phone.

If you are diagnosed with measles stay home and avoid contact with others for at least four days after the onset of your rash and you feel well.

Resources for Measles and MMR:

[MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[MMR for all: general leaflet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[What do I need to know about the MMR vaccine? - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk)

[Measles: how infectious is it compared to other illnesses? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z#measles>

Crime Prevention

During the winter months, as the nights draw in and people change their behaviour due to the weather and the festive season, we often see criminals try and take advantage.

So, here's our guide of helpful advice and tips to try and prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

This information – and more – can be found on our website: www.west-midlands.police.uk and for latest alerts follow us on Facebook or X (formerly known as Twitter). You'll find accounts for West Midlands Police as well as your local teams, here at Wolverhampton Police.

Facebook links:

- [West Midlands Police](#)
- [Wolverhampton Police](#)

X links:

- [West Midlands Police](#)
- [Wolverhampton Police](#)

Vehicle Crime

Thieves are opportunists, looking for an easy way to steal items of value from an unlocked or unattended vehicle. This could be cash left on display, a sat nav from the glovebox, a mobile phone from the dashboard or perhaps tools kept overnight in a work van.



Every year, vehicles are stolen from driveways and outside homes when owners leave them to warm up with the key in the ignition. Do not do this.

Car thieves watch the weather forecast too and will be out early in the morning on the lookout for vehicles left unattended.

High value vehicles are often targeted in this way as their advanced security technology makes them difficult to steal unless they already have the engine

running and the key in the ignition.

- Stay with your vehicle and if you're in a rush, use de-icing spray and a scraper to speed up the process.
- Sit inside your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen.
- Your insurance may not pay out if you are in any way deemed responsible for the theft.

If you would like to read more advice, or if you need to report something being stolen from a vehicle, visit our dedicated vehicle crime website: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/stealer-street/>

Travelling or parking your vehicle in an unfamiliar place?

Here are a few additional tips to help keep you and your vehicle safe:

- Check your fob has done its job - do not assume your vehicle is secure, always check doors are locked before you walk away
- Take your dash cam or sat nav with you when leaving your vehicle, remove the cradle and wipe away tell-tale suction pad marks
- Never leave valuables on display or in the glovebox
- Don't leave shopping on view in your vehicle - lock everything in the boot, out of sight
- Fit an alarm or immobiliser
- If you have access to a garage, use it for your vehicle
- Use an anchor and chain for your motorbike
- Park your van in a well-lit area with CCTV or against a wall so the sliding or back door is blocked
- If using public parking, try and use one that displays a Park Mark or has visible security and good lighting

One of the most effective ways to stop someone stealing your vehicle (keyless or not) is to use a steering wheel lock. That way even if thieves manage to open your car door they won't be able to drive your vehicle away. We've partnered with Disklok, who are offering a 15% on their products exclusively to drivers in the West Midlands Police area. To get the discount sign up to our [FREE WMNow alert service](#) - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

SelectaDNA offer a property marking kit for many different types of vehicle:

- SelectaDNA Vehicle Kit
- SelectaDNA Van & Commercial Vehicle Kit
- SelectaDNA Off Road and 4x4 Kit
- SelectaDNA Classic Car Kit
- SelectaDNA Motorbike, Scooter & Moped Kit
- SelectaDNA Off Road & Quad Bike Kit
- SelectaDNA Motorhome & Caravan Kit
- SelectaDNA Trailer Kit

You can get 50% off these kits by signing up to WMNow alert service - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

Burglary

Protect your home against opportunist burglars by remembering to 'lock up' and check on your neighbours. Dark evenings can provide perfect cover for burglars who can easily spot an open window in an unoccupied room, see your valuables through open curtains or blinds, or try their luck with an unlocked door while you are distracted.

Lock up - Protect your home

Here's some tips to try and make you and your home less vulnerable to thieves. More information and advice can be found on our dedicated burglary prevention website: <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/27stationroad>



- Try to make your house look as occupied as possible when you are not there
- Do not leave your house and vehicle keys in the lock or on a side table in view of a window
- Do not leave items in open porches that could be used to enter your home, for example, curved-handled umbrellas to open doors or keys through letterboxes
- Always lock your windows and doors when you are in. If you have UPVC front doors take extra care to lock these as soon as you get into your property
- Check your UPVC or Euro cylinder door lock to see if it is snap resistant. It should be stamped with a three star Kite Mark. If it is not, we advise you get the lock changed to either a SS312 Diamond Approved Cylinder, TS007 3 Star Kitemarked Cylinder, or a 1 Star Cylinder with 2 Star handle for maximum protection. For more information contact the [Master Locksmiths Association](#), or [read this guide](#).

- Cancel newspapers and milk if you're going away for a few days and ask a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property. They can help by pushing post sticking out of the letterbox inside fully, or checking garden gates are shut.

Play our interactive game [27 Station Road](#) where you are the detective at the scene of a house burglary. Explore the property and uncover clues about how the burglar broke in – and what the householder could have done to keep them out. Exploring the game will help users review their own security and put measures in place to prevent a burglary happening in their own home.

West Midlands Police is working in partnership with Selecta DNA to offer local residents a discount on their property marking kits. To get 50% off a DNA property marking kit (plus free postage and packaging) all you need to do is sign up to our FREE WMNow alert service here: <https://www.wmnow.co.uk/> - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

If you would like to read further advice, or if you need to report a burglary to us, [visit this page](#).

Distraction burglars and bogus callers

Bogus workmen will claim they need to enter your home to make urgent repairs or check something. They may also offer to carry out property maintenance, often asking for cash in advance without ever undertaking any work.

If you need work done at your home, get several written quotes from reputable firms before making a decision.

Never feel pressured to allow an unexpected caller access to your home. Call their company from the number in your telephone directory or from an independent online search, not the one on their business card. And remember, there is no such organisation as the 'Water Board' – a phrase often used by bogus callers.

Share details of doorstep password schemes with elderly or vulnerable relatives and help them sign up.

No matter what – if you are in doubt, do not open the door.

Always ask for ID when someone claiming to be a tradesperson wants to enter your property. A number of utility companies, including Severn Trent, also offer a 'doorstep password' scheme. You pick a password that you can ask for from anyone who says they work for the company. When a caller arrives, they'll need to phone their head offices to get your password and verify they are legitimate. [Sign up for the Severn Trent doorstep password scheme](#) – contact your other utility providers by phone to find out what schemes they have.

If see further advice on bogus callers, [visit this page](#).

Your Garden

We're aiming to shed some light on home security...keep your garden tools out of sight.



Your garden and shed are easy targets during the darker nights. The colder weather means many people will be packing up all their valuable tools and equipment.

Garden tools and DIY equipment can be used by burglars to get into your house. Don't lend burglars a hand - put tools away and ensure outside sheds and store cupboards are securely locked when not in use.

We recommend you:

- Securely lock any chain tools, cycles, mowers, ladders and other valuables inside a shed or garage
- Bring tools inside if you do not have a shed or garage
- Mark your property with your postcode and house number - this makes stolen property easier to trace and it can be positively identified as yours
- Regularly check fences and gates are in good repair and check for any overgrown areas where someone could hide
- Selecta DNA offer a property marking kit for tools and equipment. You can get 50% off this forensic marking kit by signing up to our FREE WMNow alert service here <https://www.wmnow.co.uk/> - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

Robbery and theft

We always see a spike in robbery and theft during the darker nights. It's easier for criminals to go undetected by digital doorbells, CCTV, and by dog walkers.

Thieves are targeting mobile phones, bags, and car keys. Stay alert this winter and keep your belongings out of sight.



Here are a few tips to help keep you and your belongings safe this winter:

- Be aware of who is around you at the cash point.
 - Use the machine inside a bank or building society if possible and alert bank staff to any suspicious activity
 - Don't let headphones restrict your ability to hear traffic, strangers or potential trouble
 - Never leave your mobile phone in plain sight on a bar or restaurant table. It may be within your reach but it will also be within reach of a thief
- Don't hang your handbag on the back of a chair, out of your sight under a table or leave it unattended. It takes a matter of seconds for valuable contents, such as your mobile phone or purse, to be gone
 - Working on your laptop in a coffee shop? Keep all of your electronic devices together in one place and put them away safely when not in use
 - Keep possessions like wallets or phones in a secure pocket or bag. We often see people have items stolen from a rear pocket of their jeans
 - Register and record your phone IMEI number as it makes it easier to track or trace your phone if it is ever stolen

Selecta DNA offer a property marking kit for Fine Art & Jewellery so if you wear valuable jewellery we advise that you mark this. You can get 50% off this kit by signing up to our FREE WMNow alert service - the discount code can be found in your welcome email.

Track your smart phone or tablet computer

- Turn on your location or share your location with someone you trust so you can track this
- Tracker applications use your device's internet connection and in-built global positioning system to plot the location of your phone or tablet
- In many instances, the tracker application is free and already pre-loaded to your smartphone or tablet, it just needs to be activated. Find out how to do this by visiting [Techadvisor](#).
- The application can assist the user and the police in tracking a stolen device and sometimes even allows remote activation of the device's camera to capture the face and surroundings of a thief.
- Always let the officer dealing with your theft know that you have traced your device
- If your smart device pings in an unknown location do not visit the location or confront the individual without talking to the police.

If you would like to read more advice, or if you need to report something being stolen to us, [visit our dedicated page](#) or call 101.

How you can help us tackle anti-social behaviour

Information we receive from the community helps us identify common issues, hotspot locations, repeat offenders, and patterns of behaviour.

You can report anti-social behaviour on our website live chat between 8am-midnight.

You can speak directly to officers at community meetings or at your local police station.

[You can email your local police team directly here](#)

Keep a diary of incidents of anti-social behaviour. This gives us a history of events and can be used as part of the evidence gathering process. Try and note the time, day, and what type of clothing they are wearing.

Sign up to WM Now to receive the latest crime prevention advice and report crime, [click here to learn more about WM Now](#).

It often takes a great deal of courage to call for help and we will ensure that we identify every opportunity to protect victims. To report 100% anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Talk to your child about staying safe and responsible during the darker nights. While Halloween and Bonfire Night may now have passed, our guide contains advice that may be useful all year round: [Download our free Parents Guide to Halloween and firework safety here](#).

If you want to find out more about how to report rowdy behaviour, please [visit our dedicated advice page](#). If there is a threat to life or an emergency, please call 999.

Knife crime

#LifeorKnife- the choice is yours.

[The Life Or Knife website](#) is aimed at all young people, parents and teachers.

It provides information on where to report or talk to someone about knives and where you can anonymously dispose of them.

It also includes lots of information on the devastating impact knives can have on you and others, guidance on how to talk to your child about knives, and resources that can be used in schools. Your child may recently have been given an input by officers or staff about knife crime, sharing Ronan's Story.



“If somebody had reported my brother’s killers for carrying a knife, he could’ve still been here today”

Got concerns about someone carrying a knife? Call us on 101 or report anonymously to Fearless on 0800 555 111

#LifeorKnife Search Life or Knife on social

Ronan was just 16 when he was fatally stabbed in a case of mistaken identity just a short distance from his home in Wolverhampton. His sister, Nikita, has bravely shared their devastating story in the hope that young people can be convinced not to carry a knife, or to report those they know who do.

[View the film on YouTube, here.](#)

Signs you might want to talk to your child about knife crime:

- If they have become withdrawn from the family and school, changed their behaviour, achievement or school attendance
- If they might have lost interest in hobbies and old friends and now hang around with a new group, staying out late and being vague about where they go.
- If they have become secretive and defensive, particularly about what's in their bag and might even told you that they need to carry a knife.
- If you've noticed knives are missing from the house or may even have found one in your child's bag or coat.
- These things seem easily explained as part of the difficult teenage years, but it's still important to talk to them about knife crime.

How to have the chat

- Pick a place and a time where you can comfortably chat together. Your child might be reluctant to talk to you, so it might help to start by watching a relevant video or news article.
- Ask them if they understand what knife crime is about. Be patient, get them talking, reassure them that they can be honest with you about their fears and worries. You are there to listen and support them.
- You might want to share your own fears about their safety and their future. Tell them that even when they feel they don't have choices, they do.
- You might have a story from your own childhood you can share about a time you felt pressured into acting a certain way or a recent news story you could reference.
- Explain that the bravest thing to do is walk away from a fight, particularly one where someone has a knife. That while walking away is never easy, it's easier than getting seriously hurt or being responsible for killing or injuring someone else.
- You might want to discuss excuses your child could use to help them walk away, such as 'I have to go and pick my little brother up,' - or decide on a 'code' where the child can message you asking you to call them so that they can use your call as an excuse to walk away.
- Reassure them by saying many young people don't carry knives.

The James Brindley Foundation

The James Brindley Foundation exists to bring an end to youth violence, and to engage and empower young people to make positive changes for a better life.

Find out more about the work they do and how they're supporting our campaign by [visiting their website](#).

You can find out more by [visiting the knife crime page on our website](#) and join in the conversation on social media using #lifeorknife.

You can also find out more independent advice and anonymously report knife crime online [by visiting Fearless](#).