

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.' John 13:34-35

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer, enjoyed some rest, and are now ready for the new school year. I am excited to be leading the school forward after all our successes last year. A special welcome to our new families — we hope you quickly feel part of the Woodford Valley community, where everyone is here to support you. I look forward to seeing many of you at drop-off in the mornings.

I will be keeping you updated with regular newsletters throughout the term.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Best wishes,

Donna Young



School Values

This year we have a new set of school values- these were decided after consultation last year from pupils, parents, staff and governors.

Our value this term is Kindness.



1 Corinthians 13::
"Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude."

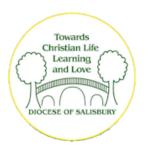
Psalm 145:8
"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."

Attendance

Morning Drop-Off: School begins at 8:40 am. Children may be dropped off from 8:30 am, but please ensure they wait until a member of staff is present to supervise before entering the building.

Illness and Absence: If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:30 am on the day of their illness.

Attendance: We encourage all children to aim for the best attendance possible so they can make the most of their learning and enjoy time with their friends.



PTA

There is a regular coffee morning on a Friday morning that you are welcome to attend.

Look out for news from the PTA soon- we are on the look out for new members!





Dates for your diary....
Tuesday 2nd September- School starts
Tuesday 9th September- Yr 5 food
technology starts

Monday 15th September- Cut off date for Mayflower trip

Friday 19th September-Jeans for Genes day Friday 3rd October-Harvest festival-Trussell Trust

Monday 13th October-Book week begins Tuesday 14th October- Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Thursday 16th October-Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st- Air Ambulance training with all classes Wednesday 22nd October- End of term 1







Baby News!

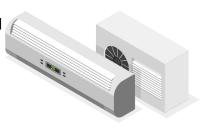
Twins were born over the summer holiday to Miss Chloe Sainsbury. We welcome a boy and a girl into the Woodford family.

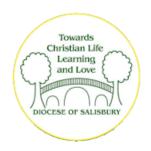
Congratulations from everyone!



Heating News!

Over the summer holidays, the school has undergone some heating works and we now have Air Source Heat pumps heating throughout the school. We are very pleased with this. This will help us on improving green efficiency journey.







Reminders

Drop Off You can drop off your child from 8.30 am in the school carpark. Adults will be there to supervise this from 8.30 am, please do not drop your child off before this as no adults will there. Our new friends will join us at 9am for the first week so they can avoid the busyness of the start of school and experience a bit more of a relaxed start to the day. Their buddies will be waiting for them by the gate. Please can you ensure that your child is in school by 8.40am so that they can begin their learning and enjoy the start of their day.

Collection at the end of the day The children will be brought up to the field for you to collect them at the end of the day. Key Stage 1 collection is at 3pm and Key Stage 2 is at 3.10pm.

Lake Class, Wilsford and Durnford leave from the first gate, Lower Woodford, Netton, Upper Woodford and Salterton from the middle gate.

PE Kits Children need to bring in their PE kits and can leave them in school, please can you make sure that it is labelled as it can wander off on its own!

Uniform Uniform is an important part of our school identity, and we ask that all children wear the appropriate school uniform each day. This helps to create a sense of community and pride among students. Please ensure that each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups. Please can we also ask you not to send pupils in wearing jewellery,only watches (not Smart watches) or simple studs or sleepers in ears that are pierced. Long hair should be tied back and no nail varnish or false nails to be worn in school.
Lunch and Snacks We encourage healthy eating habits, so please provide your child with a nutritious lunch and fruit or vegetable snacks. Remember, we are a nut-free school due to allergies, so avoid including any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox. If your child has any special dietary requirements,

please inform the school office so we can accommodate their needs.

Parent-Teacher Communication We believe in maintaining open lines of communication between parents and teachers. Regular updates will be provided through newsletters and the Parent Pay app. If you have any

concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher in the first instance through the school office, where an appointment will be made for you.

Website Teachers are busy making sure that class website pages are up to date and these are regularly refreshed so please look at these regularly. We also post important documents on our website with a prompt from Parent Pay so please make sure you look at these to. Please look at our excellent results in the Parent Information section.

Thank you for your support!

