



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 an amazing summer; enjoying the weather, spending time together and relaxing.

I would like to especially welcome our new families to Woodford Valley. We are pleased that you have chosen to join our school family- we are all here to support you. I look forward to seeing you at drop off in the mornings.

My newsletters will keep you updated with what is happening during the term, please remember to check our website and Facebook page too.

Thank you for your support-I look forward to working with you this year.

Kind regards,

Donna Young



School Values

This term our school value is
Kindness.

Our worships will focus around our value-the children will listen to stories, have discussions and use the value in our everyday life in school.



Attendance

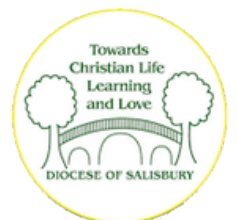
Morning Drop-Off: School begins at 8:40 am. Children may be dropped off from 8:30 am, but please ensure they wait until a member of staff is present to supervise before entering the building.

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.

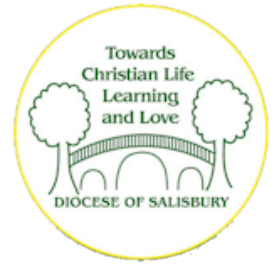


This year in school, we will be having a focus on helping our children to develop skills in becoming more resilient- I will share ideas with you in future newsletters.



PTA

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



Dates for your diary..

Wednesday 2nd September- Term 1 begins.

Friday 18th September- Jeans for Genes day

Wednesday 23rd September- Yr 6 trip to Milestones museum

Thursday 24th September-Open morning-Reception 2027

Friday 25th September- Harvest Festival-Trussell Trust

Friday 1st October-Flu vaccinations

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th

October-Individual photographs

Monday 12th October- Book week

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th

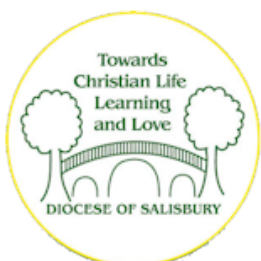
October-Parents evenings

Wednesday 21st October-Term 1 ends

Monday 2nd November-Term 2 begins

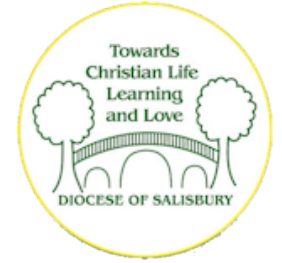


Over the summer, we have improved our EYFS provision. the children now have a bigger space to enjoy their outside learning. Thank you to Mrs Gallagher for working so hard to set everything up.



**Pickwick
Academy Trust**





A few 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 be 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.



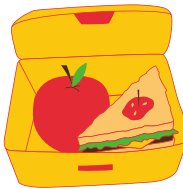
Collection at the end of the day The children will be brought up to the field for you to collect them at the end of the day. Key Stage 1 collection is at 3pm and Key Stage 2 is at 3.10pm. Lake Class, Wilsford and Durnford leave from the first gate, Lower Woodford, Netton, Upper Woodford and Salterton 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. Please see the uniform page on our website for further guidance.



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 ParentInformation section.

Thank you for your support!

