



WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Happy New Year – welcome back

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas break and have enjoyed spending time together. It brings me great joy to welcome the children back to school for what I am sure will be another super half-term.

I thank all parents who have supported their child/ren to arrive at school today, ready to achieve. It is immeasurable the impact of arriving to school on time, in school uniform with correct equipment has on a child's start to the school day. Your support really does make all the difference.

Please see below for key points to note about the school day and expectations, that will enable us to work together in supporting your child/ren's educational, social and emotional progress.

Things to Note

- School uniform must be worn on days when the children are not required to wear PE/Games kit. PE/Games kit must be worn on days when the children have PE or Forest School. Please do not send your child in branded sportswear. Please see [Uniform | Wodensfield Primary](#) for further information on our expectations.
- Please continue to pay Cool Milk direct if your child is over 5 years-old and does not receive free milk <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>
- School meals to continue to be paid in advance via the School Gateway app. A school meal is £2.40 per day. You must inform the school office, should you wish to change your child's meal plan as you will be charged.
- Apple to continue to be paid in advance via the School Gateway app. Deadline to pay Apple money for Spring term is Friday 19th January 2024. Apple for the Summer term is also available to pay via School Gateway.
- Before and after-school provision is delivered directly by Aspire. To book a place, please follow this link [Log In - Aspire Kids Club \(magicbooking.co.uk\)](#) For further information, please contact Aspire direct on 0121 553 1979.

Attendance

School starts promptly at 8:40am. Infant staff will open doors to the building at this time and Junior staff will greet children on the playground. Any child who arrives after 8:50am must report to the main school office with a parent / carer. A late mark will be entered on the register, along with the reason for lateness.

I appreciate that at this time of year, in particular, colds and tummy bugs etc. are present in the school community. Be that as it may, I ask that all parents continue to encourage excellent attendance at school to ensure your child is gaining the greatest benefit from their time with us. Further guidance on 'Should I keep my child off school?' is available on our school website: [Attendance | Wodensfield Primary](#)



To report absence or for attendance enquiries, please contact the main office on 01902 556350 or email attendance@wodensfield.org We are here to help any parent, who needs to talk about concerns or support.

School Gateway

Thank you to the many parents who have downloaded and registered for our payment and communication app. Feedback about this system has been extremely positive, noting the ease and user-friendliness of the app when registering, communicating and purchasing items for school.

All communication via the school office is being sent by School Gateway via an in-app message or direct email, which results in, MarvellousMe being used by Class Teachers only.

**** Important reminder:** the texting service will cease to operate by February half-term. Therefore, it is vital parents allow push notifications on their mobile device. This can be accessed via your device settings. It is also important to note that parents do not need to log out of the app.

Website

In addition to School Gateway, our website is being updated regularly to reflect up-to-date news, events and letters. The home page features a 'Key Info' section, that serves as a reminder of dates and deadlines. There is also new information under the parents tab including School Nursing and Useful Links to Support.

- For whole school letters, please see [School Letters | Wodensfield Primary](#)
- For class letters, please see [Class News | Wodensfield Primary](#) and choose the corresponding Year Group.

Please note, that you can access several useful links via your School Gateway app, which will take you directly to the most frequently used websites.

There is a Spring term key dates diary, included with this letter. We hope this information enables you to plan and save the dates for parent meetings, INSET days and key events. A copy will also be available on the school website, under the school letters page.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school and I look forward to writing to you, to share the amazing news from Spring 1 half term.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Walker
Headteacher



SPRING TERM KEY DATES DIARY 2024

Week Beginning	Events
8th January 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Children return to school at 8:40am for start of the Spring Term • 8th ASPIRE Before and After School Club opens • 8th ASPIRE lessons to begin • Milk – Paid direct to Cool Milk https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/ All under 5s are free • 9th Nursery children to return
15th January 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Apple Deadline – Pay via School Gateway app
22nd January 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd School After School Clubs begin (school staff led) • 26th Year 6 Group at Writing Workshop – letter to follow
29th January 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th and 30th Reception Height and Weight check (School Nurses) • 29th Year 4 Puberty Session (School Nurses) • 31st Year 5 Puberty Session (School Nurses)
5th February 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Year 3 and Year 6 Planetarium visit (in school experience) – letter to follow • 7th Year 6 Parent Meeting 9-9:30am in Junior Hall – SATs programme and Whitemoor Lakes Residential
12th February 2024	HALF TERM BREAK
19th February 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Week • 19th Children return to school at 8:40am • 20th Year 1 Reading Phonics Session for parents 8:40-10am in Infant Hall • 20th Reception and Year 1 Dental Survey – information to follow • 21st Year 2 Reading Phonics Session for parents 8:40-10am in Infant Hall • 22nd Year 6 Vaping session (School Nurses)
26th February 2024	
4th March 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Year 2 Parent Meeting 3:30-4pm in Classroom 2H – Kingswood Residential
11th March 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
18th March 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st Parent Consultation Evening 3:30-7pm – letter to follow • 22nd INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
25th March 2024	END OF TERM
8th April 2024	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Children return to school at 8:40am for start of the Summer Term

