

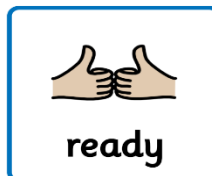
CAM WOODFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

GROW – EXPLORE – DISCOVER

September 2024

Welcome

We hope you enjoyed the summer and wish you all a warm welcome to the new school year! We are pleased that the children are settling happily into their new classes and are full of energy and enthusiasm! We have spent time reminding the children of our routines and expectations and revisiting our school rules:



We were delighted to welcome our Reception children on Friday for their first day of school.

I am enjoying my role as head teacher and I would like to thank you for all your kind words as I start on my new and exciting journey.

Communication

Each class has sent out a letter last week informing you of the new class routines and expectations, PE and library days. If you have not received one please ask your child's class teacher.

We aim to ensure good communication and value being able to have face to face contact with you so we can work together to best support the children. Staff will always greet the children at the doors in the morning and are available for brief interactions with parents/carers if you need to give a message or to arrange a time to talk later on. Staff are more available at the end of the day to meet with you. If you have something you need to discuss or would like an update about what/ how your child is doing please arrange a convenient time with the class teacher. We value our partnerships with you as parents so please come and speak with us if you have any worries or concerns so that we can work together to provide the best education for all our children. Please make sure that you have access to ParentMail and Tapestry as we use these as ways to communicate with you all.

We have two new members of the team who will be working directly with you as parents. If you would like to book an appointment to see them please email them or contact the school office: 01453 543545

SENDCo

(Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator)

Ms Charlotte Black

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PSA

(Parent Support Advisor)

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The School Day

The Infant school site opens for children at 8:45am and the school day officially starts at 8:55am. Classroom doors will open at 8.45am so that children can come into school early rather than waiting in the playground. There is a 10 minute window where children can come into school, giving time for staff to welcome and support the children and still be ready for the register at 8.55am. If you arrive later than 8.55am you will need to take your child to the school office.

Please be aware that, before 8.55am, it is your responsibility as a parent/ carer to supervise your child. Please do not leave your child at the school gate or unsupervised in the playground. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site for safety reasons. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

The school day finishes at 3:25pm. Staff will let one child out at a time, so please be patient and wait for your child to be at the front of the line. To ensure your child's safety, staff will not let your child go until they have had eye contact / a wave from you. Please let us, and your child, know if someone else will be collecting them from school. They will need to know the password.

Attendance

New DfE statutory attendance guidance - 'Attendance Counts'

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. In response, the Department for Education introduced new statutory guidance, effective from August 2024, aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and supporting families whose children are struggling to attend. This is to ensure that children do not miss out on their education. Every lesson is a crucial part of your child's learning journey, and frequent absences can significantly hinder their progress.

As the DfE notes, 'Improving attendance is everyone's business', it is important that we work together in partnership with you, your family, your child, and the wider community. We regularly monitor attendance and aim to support families to help with attendance issues. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, then please contact us as soon as possible so that barriers to attendance can be understood, and appropriate support can be put in place with the aim of preventing further absences and ensuring your child gets the most out of their school life.

Gloucestershire Local Authority and Education, Performance and Inclusion Team advise schools to use the following attendance descriptors and bandings for an academic year. Attendance of less than 95% can have a negative impact on progress due to the learning hours lost.

Descriptor	Attendance Rate	Equivalent days attended	Days absence	Learning hours lost	School Actions
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	
Good	95% - 99%	180 - 189	1 - 10	5 - 50	
Cause for concern	90% - 94.9%	171 - 179	11 - 19	55 - 95	Parents to be made aware
Unsatisfactory	85% - 89.9%	161 - 170	20 - 29	100 - 145	Parents invited to discuss attendance
Serious cause for concern	80% - 84.9%	152 - 160	30 - 38	150 - 190	Education Welfare Officer becomes involved
Critical	Below 84.9%	Below 152 days	Greater than 38 days	Greater than 190 days	

Our Hall Revamp

Last year we set the children a challenge to design our new school woodland mosaics. During the summer term the children busily helped to lay the tiles. The mosaics are now finished and make a fine addition to our newly painted hall.



My Happymind

We are proud to announce that we achieved a myHappymind Bronze Accreditation this summer. This means that as a school we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self esteem. The Accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappymind to life all around our school! To Learn more about the myHappymind for Schools programme visit their website here - <https://myhappymind.org/>



Term 1 dates

Tuesday 10 th September	Pre-loved uniform sale in Hall.	3:15pm
Friday 13 th September	Phonics Meeting (Reception Parents invited)	9:00am or 3:00pm
Tuesday 8 th October	Y2 Trip to WWT	
Wednesday 9 th October	Open Morning for Reception 2025 intake	9:30am or 11am
Monday 14 th October	Y1 Parents invited in to share children's work	3:00pm
Tuesday 15 th October	YR Parents invited in to share children's work	3:00pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Y2 Parents invited in to share children's work	3:00pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Y1 Trip to WWT	
Wednesday 23 rd October	KS1 Harvest (Parents invited)	9:15am
Wednesday 23 rd October	Reception Harvest Festival (Parents invited)	2:55pm
Friday 25 th October	End of term	3:25pm
Monday 4 th November	New Term	8:55am
Friday 8 th November	Family/ Individual Photos	am
Wednesday 13 th November	YR Trip to WWT	
Thursday 14 th November	Open Morning for Reception 2025 intake.	9:30am or 11am
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	
Wednesday 4 th December	Open Morning for Reception 2025 intake	9:30am or 11am
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception Nativity	9:30am
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 Christmas Show	2:15pm
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Show	9:30am
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Parties	
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Pantomime End of Term	2:00pm

