



Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **97%**. Attendance will continue to be a focus as it is still below government expectations and poor attendance has a detrimental effect on children's learning.

Attendance at the end of Term 1:

Reception – **94.1%**

Year 1 – **94.4%**

Year 2 – **94.4%**

Year 3 – **92.4%**

Year 4 – **96.3%**

Year 5 – **96.1%**

Year 6 – **94.7%**

Whole School – **94.4%**



Please make sure you ring the school if your child is ill. If we don't hear from you your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised. If your child has 8 unauthorised absences you may receive a penalty notice and fine. Fines are issued by the Local Authority. The fines are £60 per child, per parent.

Reception Applications

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2019. This needs to be done through the Bristol City Council admissions website or by clicking the link below. The deadline for application is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

**School
Admissions
2019**

Christmas Plays

We would like to say a big well done to the children for how well they performed in their Christmas performances. They learnt their lines well and tried their hardest. We are very proud of them!



Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for all who attended the Christmas fair last Friday and for your donations. The fair was very busy and a great success!

Thank you to the PTA for organising the event and running stalls. Thank you also to the staff who were able to stay and help. We will let you know how much was raised once we have a final figure.

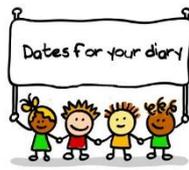
Smoking at the School Gate

In recent weeks I have had a number of complaints about adults smoking at the school gates and children having to walk through smoke while waiting to come to school or on their way into school. If you need to smoke when waiting for the gates to open please could you move slightly away from the gate. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner is in on Friday. The children will be eating together whether they are having a school dinner or packed lunch. The children (and staff) may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper rather than their school jumper on that day.





Dates for the Term

January

7th – Term starts

10th – Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime in school

15th – Y6 trip to Lifeskills Centre

February

1st – Y3 Learning Lunch 10.45am

8th – Y4 Class Assembly 9am

8th – Learning Exhibition 2.30pm

15th – Term 3 ends – INSET DAY

Please note, class assemblies and learning exhibitions are not suitable for younger children to attend.

Term Dates & INSET Day 2018/19

- **Term 2** Monday 5 November to Friday 21 December 2018
- **Term 3** Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019
- **Term 4** Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019
- **Term 5** Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019
closed on 6 May 2019 for the Early May Bank Holiday
- **Term 6** Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET DAYS

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

2018
2019

Free School Meal & Pupil Premium

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on the Bristol City Council's website.

<https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk>

If you are eligible for free school meals you will receive them until March 2023.

The school gets additional pupil premium funding for pupils who currently are entitled to free school meals or have been in the last 6 years.

If you need any help applying please contact the office.



We are looking forward to Christmas dinner on Friday and the Christmas parties in the afternoon. The children all deserve a well-earned rest, they have worked hard this term.

From everyone at Woodlands we wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you have a lovely few weeks off.

Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team

