

Woodchester Endowed Church of England (VA) Primary School News

Our church school community seeks to inspire children and adults to love, learn and flourish together so we may become everything God has created us to be.

Christian Value—THANKFULNESS

Friday 17th November 2023

'Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many' (1 Corinthians 12; 14-16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new half term has started very well so thank you for your support ensuring children arrive for school promptly and ready for learning. Although early in the term, we have been incredibly busy as you will see!

At the beginning of term, Parents' Evening was very well attended and we hope you found your meetings useful.

Last week, we received a poster from the Foodbank following delivery of your generous Harvest donations. It would seem, once weighed, they amounted to an amazing 75kg! Lynn and the team at Stroud Foodbank were very grateful for your support which will help families in our area.

Here at Woodchester, we strive to keep our curriculum broad and balanced for all. There has been a long tradition of fine music at our school and this is something we value enormously. Once again, Woodchester has been recognised for the quality of its music provision and we were recently notified that we continue to be a Music Mark School for 2023/24. A huge thank you to Mrs Latham, our Music Subject Leader, for being an enthusiastic champion of music at our school.

We would also like to thank Mrs Banks, our History Subject Leader, for organising a beautiful and reflective display to commemorate Remembrance this month. The children enjoyed decorating their glass jars and were also respectful when observing the two-minute silence.

The Little Princess Trust is a very important charity that supports children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. Over half term, Layla decided that she wanted to cut off her long hair and donate it to the trust so it could be turned in to a real hair wig for a child who has lost their own hair. Not only did she donate 14 inches of her own hair, Layla also raised a whopping £349 for the charity. Well done, Layla—what a lovely gesture!

Thank you to everyone who supported recent events including both the Stay and Play Cake Bar and today's Children In Need. We had wonderful donations of cakes and sweet treats that were clearly enjoyed by all who attended and it was lovely to see the different ages playing together within the church. Today's Children In Need fundraising has raised a great total of £161.23 which we will be forwarding shortly. Thank you for your generosity.

Finally, Reverend Francis warmly invites our families and their pets to a special pet service at 11am at St. Mary's, Woodchester this forthcoming Sunday. There will be thanks given for our pets and a prayer of blessing individually on each of the pets that are brought.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and please do have a look at the forthcoming dates for the Christmas FOWES events.

Mrs Loomes, Mrs Pennington and Peggy



KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

The Sports Hall Athletic event is a fast and furious mixture of track and field events. This year, sixteen children travelled to Stratford Park Leisure Centre to represent our school. With twelve schools competing, the hall was packed and the sound of children, cheering on their peers as they competed in a variety of events, bounced off the walls! The various relay running races and obstacle races were hotly contested and all of our children raced with determination and courage. The field events tested children's jumping, throwing and balancing skills and they all tried hard to achieve their best score.

All of our children need to be congratulated for their superb efforts and, in particular, for the way in which they listened to and acted upon adult instructions within a rather noisy environment and quickly moving programme of events. They were a great team, hugely supportive of each other, and everyone of them should be enormously proud of their sixth place—an excellent achievement!

Thank you and very well done to: Toby K, Xavier, Toby M, Fred, Thackerey, Billy F, Frankie, Max, Ellie, Daenerys, Clara C, Layla P, Poppy W, Daisy K, Bo, Giorgia



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

FOWES UPDATE

As a school, we are always hugely grateful for the support parents give our school through supporting FOWES events with volunteering, baking, buying tickets etc. Our very active FOWES committee are always on the look out for more help so please do contact them if you think you can help with either a particular skillset or to run an event. Please have a look below at the upcoming events to support our school! On Saturday 25th November, there will be a FOWES Forest School working party. This has been arranged to improve the Forest School area and we need lots of help, please! If you are able to come and lend a hand, we would be very grateful!



Christmas Coat Hanger Competition

Decorate a clothes hanger to win a great prize

The Coat Hanger Competition is back! Entries welcome from Friday 1st Dec. There will be prizes for KS1 & 2 winners. The winners will be announced at the end of term.

£1 entry



FRIENDS OF WOODCHESTER ENDOWED PRIMARY PRESENTS
JINGLE & BELL BUS

HOTDOGS & MULLED WINE

17 MERRY XMAS SANTA SPECIAL

UNDER 2'S ON LAPS GO FREE

ALL ABOARD THE JINGLE BELL BUS!
A SING-ALONG BUS RIDE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

17 DECEMBER 2023
KING'S STANLEY VILLAGE HALL
PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS

3-6PM TIME SLOTS
TICKETS £3.25 PP PRE-BOOK ONLY



Stroud Goodwill Eve

FREE Lantern Making Workshop

Friday 24th November 3.15pm @ Woodchester Endowed School

Learn how to make a simple lantern at this free workshop (thanks to FOWES) and then join us on the Stroud Goodwill Evening Parade on Friday 1st Dec.

Scan the QR code to book a place

WOODCHESTER'S VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to Mrs Jordan for arranging our virtual book fair, starting 22nd November. Books are available from <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/> for £2.99 each and for every 5 books purchased overall, school will receive a free book. There is a fantastic list of books available so a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support school at the same time.



Messy Church Christingle



Wednesday November 29th from 3.20pm

St Mary's Church Woodchester

We warmly welcome you all to our **Messy Church Christingle** where we will make our Christingles with oranges and sweets. Come and find out what it is all about and also have a great time making Christmas crafts. At the end of our time together we will light our Christingle candles. What a wonderful sight to see the church full of glowing candles!

All our donations on the day will be for 'The Children's Society', who help young people in this country, who are in desperate need of help. If you have time, please look online to see all the wonderful ways they help these young people. (<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do>)

All young people need to be accompanied by an adult please. We look forward to seeing you all.

Liz Hale and Messy Church team.

WILLOW CLASS—K'NEX CHALLENGE

Careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) are just some of the great choices our pupils can make as they move further through education. Whilst this may seem like too early to make career choices, our Year 6 children were able to use their technology and engineering skills at last week's workshop looking at sustainability.

The children were asked to design and build recycling vehicles of the future that were planet-friendly, could improve recycling rates and possibly fit down pedestrian only streets whilst sorting recycling at the same time. Quite a lot of design features to consider in the course of a morning and all to be built using K'nex. Well done to our two winning designs and builds (Tom and Charlotte) who will be representing our school at the county finals in the summer!



DATES FOR THIS TERM

20.11.23—Flu Vaccines

24.11.23—Lantern making for Stroud Goodwill 3:15pm School Hall

25.11.23—Forest School working party—families welcome

29.11.23—Messy Church

01.12.23— Christmas Coat Hanger Competition opens

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05.12.23—Infant Nativity 1:45pm

06.12.23—Infant Nativity 5:30pm

08.12.23—Lunch with Friends (church)

14.12.23—Whole School Pantomime Trip

17.12.23—The Carol Bus Rides 3pm—6pm Kings Stanley Village Hall

18.12.23—KS2 Carol Service 6pm

20.12.23—Last day of Term 2 (3:15pm finish)

21.12.23—STAFF INSET

22.12.23—STAFF INSET

08.01.24 Term 3 begins

THANK YOU SO MUCH! - T4U SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your super shoe boxes which will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe. The boxes were collected from Woodchester Church last Thursday and are now in the T4U warehouse in Evesham, being packed up into large boxes, ready for their long journey.

These gifts will most probably be the only Christmas present a lot of the children will receive this year.

Thank you
Liz Hale

