

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— Compassion

Friday 12th January 2024

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully, Christmas was a chance to catch up with friends and family and you had an opportunity to relax.

We have had a good start to the new term and, as I write, a large choir of Key Stage 2 pupils have just arrived at Birmingham Arena and are rehearsing for the concert this evening. I am sure they are all very excited!

Our Eco Committee are also buzzing and busily organising an Eco-Day on **Friday 26th January 2024**. The children want to fundraise so they can buy things like seed, bird feeders and plants to encourage more birds and other wildlife to our school grounds. For a small monetary or plant donation, children can wear something green or something recycled. They have created a poster to advertise their day. Friday 26th January coincides with the Big Garden Birdwatch and you can find out more information about that here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening>

Finally, please ensure that children are adhering to our rule about jewellery—no necklaces or bracelets should be worn. Stud earrings are allowed but no hoops or dangly earrings and these will need to be removed for PE and swimming. With the recent colder weather, children should bring a suitable coat everyday to keep them warm at playtimes.

Thank you very much,

Mrs Loomes, Mrs Pennington and Peggy

MESSY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024 3:20PM—4:45PM



Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our next Messy Church on **Wednesday 17th January**.

Our theme will be Noah's Ark. We thought, with all the rain we have been having, it was an appropriate story!

We have lots of crafts planned to suit all ages, including rainsticks for older children involving hammer and nails as well as dolly peg welly boot holders, animal masks and lots of other crafts.

Open the Book will be telling the story and I am sure they will need some helpers. As usual, we will have lots of yummy cakes and biscuits for refreshment time.

Young people must be accompanied by an adult, please. Come when you can, we look forward to seeing you all. Liz Hale and Messy Church team.



DATES

- 12.01.24—Young Voices Trip to Birmingham
- 15.01.24—Willow Class attend Christingle Service at Gloucester Cathedral
- 17.01.24—Messy Church 3:30pm
- 22.01.23—Y5 Parents' Meeting re Viney Hill Residential 5pm
- 26.01.24—Eco-Committee's 'Eco Day' (details to follow)
- 06.02.24—Internet Safety Day
- 09.02.24—Term 3 Ends (3:15pm finish) and Mid-Year reports out

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th January 2024 (inclusive)

- 19.02.24—Term 4 Begins
- 19.02.24—Parents' Evening
- 20.02.24—Parents' Evening
- 21.02.24—Cross Country Competition
- 21.02.24—Messy Church
- 28.02.24—Final Juniper Swimming Session
- 06.03.24—Swimming (Hawthorn Class)
- 07.03.24—Whole School Workshops and Assembly—Thames Water Workshop
- 07.03.24—Country Dancing Festival 6pm
- 20.03.24—Easter Service (whole school—St Mary's Church, Woodchester) 9:30am
- 20.03.24—World Maths Day
- 21.03.24—PCSO Visit—Year 6
- 22.03.24—Final Day of Easter Term (3:15pm)

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 25th March 2024—Friday 5th April 2024 (inclusive)

- 08.04.24—First Day of Summer Term
- 06.05.24—May Day
- 13.05.24—Key Stage 2 SATS Week begins
- 15.05.24—Messy Church 3:20pm
- 24.05.24—Final Day of Half Term (3:15pm)



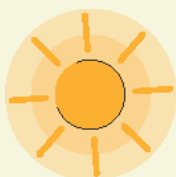
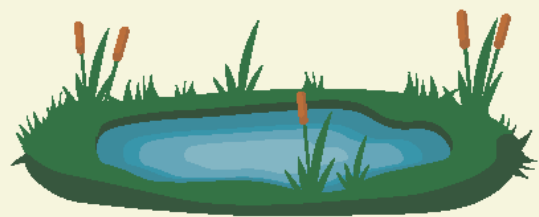
ECO DAY



FRIDAY 26TH
JANUARY 2024

The Eco Committee invite you to wear something green or recycled clothes on Friday 26th January, in exchange for a small monetary donation or a plant donation.

We would like to use any funds raised to support biodiversity in our school grounds. We have plans to increase the number of bird feeders and bat boxes and would love to purchase a night camera so that we can survey the wildlife.



Each class will also be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on this day!