

IMPORTANT DATES

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
School will be closed
Tuesday 12 – Friday 16
February 2024 inclusive.

School will be closed on:
Monday 18 March 2024

EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024
Half Day closing P1-3 @
11.45 and P4-7 @ 12 noon
on Friday 22 March and re-
opening Monday 8 April
2024

**For any parents who are
forward planning: -**

Tues 27 & Wed 28 Aug
Induction sessions for new
P1 pupils
Wed 28 Aug - P7 & P1
Thurs 29 & Frid 30 Aug – All
pupils in school - Half Day
(no kitchen)

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK - PAID ON SCHOOLMONEY APP

Feb £4.80
March £4.20
April £5.10

PLEASE NOTE:

If your child is not taking a
school healthy snack
please remember that you
must send in a healthy
snack from home e.g. fruit,
bread, crackers and
cheese etc.

NOT CHOCOLATE BARS OR CRISPS.

Thank you for your
support as we encourage
healthy eating.

- 19 Feb School re-opens. Early Bird Club on. EA Flute Music lessons on a Monday for a few weeks.
- 19 Feb Mary Poppins Ticket competition closes – All entries to be in today by 12 noon.
- 23 & 26 Feb Bring items to school for the ECO Toy and Book Sale
- 27 Feb ECO - Toy and Book Sale in school
- 27 Feb School Nurse in for P1 Health Checks (Tue - Frid)
- 29 Feb Hockey friendly in Meadowbank with Magherafelt P S (P6&7)
- 1 March Feel Good Friday Activity in school
- 4 March P7 Shared Educ Trip to Seamus Heaney Centre, Bellaghy
- 6 March World Book Day Assembly by P3
- 7 March Dress up for World Book Day celebrations
- 13 March Crown Jesus Ministries in for a School Assembly
- 13 March Mary Poppins Show @ 7pm Doors open at 6.15pm. More details to follow.
- 20 March McCloy Cup Hockey Tournament in Cookstown – Girls
- 18 March School Closed St Patrick's Day
- 21 March P1-7 EASTER FUN DAY
- 22 March Break the Rules Event. School closing P1-3 11.45am, P4-7 12 noon.
- 8 April Back to school - Term 3 commences

Please keep visiting our school website for all our latest news and to check our school calendar for dates as sometimes things may change.

Early to bed..... Happy children; happy parents; happy teachers!

An increasing number of children appear tired in school. We are aware that life can be very busy both inside and outside of school. However, children need to have a good night's sleep to be alert and be able to concentrate for their day at school. We would ask all parents to please make a big effort to have children in bed at a suitable time (e.g., around 9pm for P6/7) and please ensure that children are off electronic devices an hour before bed, to allow them to wind down for a good night's sleep. It is beneficial to build in reading time before bed to help your child to settle for a good night's sleep. Thank you for your support as we try to maximise our children's learning in school.



Parent Interviews were held in November 2023. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child, you may make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher by phoning the school office. Thank you.

HEADLICE

Please check your child's head for head lice. Early detection and treatment are key to reducing the spread.

Regular checking is important.
Thank you for your assistance.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Excellent attendance is so important to children's progress at school. Missed days at school results in gaps in learning and understanding. If your child is absent from school, you must inform the school of the reason for their absence on the first day of absence. Parents should phone or email the school to state the reason for their child's absence. **This should be confirmed with a written note or email, which provides a clear reason for absence.** An absence notification form is available on the school website. If the absence is likely to be prolonged, this information should be provided to enable the school to assist with homework or any other necessary arrangements which may be required.

Email:
info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk
or Telephone: 02879418415
The Full Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

P7 Parents - It is that time when you must apply for your child's place in a post primary school of your choice. The application is online via EA connect: www.eani.org.uk

You have until 12.00noon on 22 February 2024 to apply online for post primary admissions.

Please phone to speak to Mrs White if you need any help with the online application or school choices.

After School Clubs Term 2 - 2nd half

19 Feb - 21 Mar 24

(5-week block)

Monday	19 Feb -11 March	P6 & P7 Hockey (4 weeks)	£1.00
Tuesday	20 Feb-19 March	P5-7 Netball with Lisa	£7.50
Wednesday	21 Feb- 20 March	P4-7 Easter Art & Craft	£5.00
		FOOTBALL (TBC)	

Parents should book online on the SchoolMoney App ASAP to secure a place at the club.

ECO NEWS



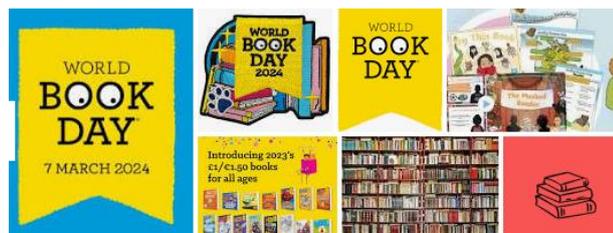
Toy and Book Sale - Tuesday 27 February 2024

Children are invited to bring in unwanted, new or used toys and books to donate to the ECO sale on Friday 23 & Monday 26 Feb. The ECO Committee will then arrange stalls in school on Tuesday 27 Feb 2024. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the sale. Money raised will be going towards our school funds to help us to organize an end of term fun day for all pupils. When sending money to school please ensure that it is in a named purse and do not send in more than £7 per child as items will be reasonably priced. Thank you in advance for your donations and support as we recycle and re-use unwanted items.

World Book Day - Thursday 7 March

World Book Day is approaching quickly, and we are getting prepared to celebrate it in style at Woods P.S. This is an important date in our school calendar because reading is such an integral part of what we do in school. We want to encourage every child to read as much as possible, and be read to, to develop a love of books and reading. We want to show children that reading opportunities are everywhere, not just in books, but in magazines, on cereal boxes, on signs and even in video games! Using audio books during car journeys can also inspire children and develop their imagination.

On World Book Day we are asking children to **dress up as a character from a book/story they have read and come to school in costume.** Please do not go to any expense. Handmade costumes are sometimes the best! The teachers will be organising fun book related activities for the children to enjoy, so remember to ask your child what they got up to and look out for any photographs added to the website.



Keep up-to-date with what is happening by visiting our website
www.woodsprimaryschool.com

School Holidays for 2024/25 is now on the school website in the Parents Section. These are provisional and may be subject to change.