

Headteacher Message

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Wootey Infants this week. We have been so impressed with how well they have settled into their new classes and routines. The children have shown Happiness, Respect and Creativity throughout the week, and it has been lovely to see them learning, playing and making new friendships with such enthusiasm.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to have such a positive start to the new school year. We are looking forward to all that the year ahead will bring!

The Summer has been very busy at Wooteys! New play equipment has been installed, our Art Room is ready to go and our Music Room is very nearly ready! Staff have been busy sorting, tidying and ensuring our classroom environment is calm, ordered and organised. The children have enjoyed using the new play equipment in the front play area in their 'Discovery Time' throughout the day and at Lunchtime. We have risk assessments in place for all play equipment and the children have been taught the 'play equipment rules'.

To keep everyone safe, please do not let children / siblings use the equipment before and after school.

Mrs McKee



Attendance

This year's Attendance target: 96%

- 96% school attendance equates to approximately 9 days of absence over a school year
- This is often seen as missing about 2 weeks of school
- 'Late after the register is closed' is recorded as an absence for the morning session, so it is important to be in school for 8.55am, when the register is taken.

Patterns:

Lateness on Monday mornings, absences on Fridays and before a school holiday are common trends. Let's work together to try and avoid these trends.

Attendance Success – Thank You!

We are currently ranked 2nd out of 21 comparable schools for attendance. This reflects the fantastic support from our families in ensuring children come to school regularly and on time.

Good attendance is vital for children's learning, friendships and wellbeing, and these results show the positive impact of our partnership with parents and carers. Thank you for helping your child make the most of every school day. Together, we are ensuring our children have the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.



PAWS and Volunteers

PAWS, who - through running discos, cake sales and the Christmas Fayre - provide Wootey children with memorable extra-curricular activities while raising vital funds for the school. Please do offer to help next year, even for a little while, to ensure these activities can continue. Please look out for our Wootey BBQ in September - details to follow.



We love to read!

At Wootey, our mission is that every child leaves our school a reader! We are thrilled that some of our Wootey children signed up for the Alton Library Summer Reading challenge. We will celebrate them in Assembly and display certificates in our Library.

Dates For Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

14th - Individual Photos – Younger Siblings from 8am

18th - PAWS BBQ [more details to follow]

OCTOBER

1st - CENSUS Day

3rd - Open Day for YR September 2027 intake

6th - Open Day for YR September 2027 intake

9th - Harvest Assembly

14th - Open Day for YR September 2027 intake

20th - Parent Consultations

21st - Parent Consultations

26th - 30th Half Term

NOVEMBER

2nd - INSET Day [school closed]

23rd - Flu Immunisations

Link to school website calendar [here](#)

