

# Yate Academy Woodlands Primary School & Nursery



## Headteacher news

You would have received the news this week that for the following Year I will be moving to Tyndale along with Ms Parkhouse.

I will be leaving the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Dean and Mrs Tunnacliffe.

Mrs Dean has been working at the school for over 20 years and knows staff and families at the school extremely well. Mrs Dean is currently training to be a SENCo and will continue in this role along with her Headship. Mrs Tunnacliffe is currently leading the Team of Yr 2/3 and 4 and will be a hugely valuable asset to the school.

The vision for the schools is that we will be working alongside each other very closely. We will be sharing uniform policies, behaviour policies and curriculum topics.

Teachers and staff at Woodlands are very excited to have another local Primary School supported by Greenshaw Learning Trust.



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## Our school focus: New Curriculum

In September, Woodlands will be rolling out a brand new knowledge-led broad, balanced and challenging curriculum covering all foundation subjects. We have been working on this since January and are very excited. Each year group will study 3 main topics per year and the whole school will cover several mini topics. The main topics have been carefully developed and planned to motivate and engage children whilst covering the whole curriculum. With names like Scrumdidliumcious, I am Warrior and Paws, Claws and Whiskers the children are certain to be as enthralled as we are! Following research by leading educationalist, Shirley Clarke, teachers will be engaging the children in the planning of each topic ensuring the children take ownership and learn each topic in more depth. There will be strong links across the curriculum and clear progression through the year groups providing a robust curriculum to allow all children reach their full potential. Furthermore, each year group will take on a global issue, for example, plastics in the ocean, animal rights, disaster relief etc. We are so excited about our new curriculum that we have given it a name 'A Million Dreams' and a theme song (can you guess what it is?) We believe that dreams can come true and children can aspire to be a million different things. Everyone is important and everyone can make a contribution to the world in which we live; our new curriculum intends to provide the enthusiasm, knowledge and understanding to realise those dreams.

### Key Dates - June

**Mon 17th to Fri 21st  
(2pm every day) - Yr 4  
Mulberry Class and In-  
vite only selected num-  
ber of year 6 booster  
swimming lessons**

**Wed 19th June - New Re-  
ception class stay & play  
session 9:15 to 10am**

**Wed 19th & Thur 20th Yr  
6 Induction Day YA**

**Tues 25th - (arrive at  
1:10) 1:30 to 2:30pm -  
Dads in School day**

## Up and Coming Events

Please could each Year group bring in the following items for the School fair:

Nursery/Reception-confectionary

Year1/2-toiletries

Year 3/4-tins

Year5/6-bottles



## In the news at Woodlands

### Oak class STEM day.



Oak class had a fantastic STEM day learning to build and program robots to weave in and out of cones, carry a bucket and collect sweets. They loved meeting WALL E and a humanoid robot that could do push ups and handstands.

### Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain.



Ship Ahoy!

Year 2 enjoyed the most amazing day visiting 2 of brilliant Brunel's amazing creations. First, we all made sure we were ship-shape and Bristol fashion before we walked the gang-plank onto the SS Great Britain, where the children were transported back to Victorian England and experienced what life was like aboard this incredible ship. After dodging the rain, we were very lucky to have the Clifton Suspension Bridge all to ourselves. The children marvelled at the views across Bristol whilst appreciating what a feat of engineering the bridge is. What a fantastic day we all had!

### Food Bank vouchers

Please be aware that we hold food bank vouchers in School. If you are in need of some additional support please come in and ask and we will help in any way we can.



### Healthy snacks

Can I please remind you that the only snacks allowed for break time are fruit or bread. Break time is only an hour before lunch at 12:00/12.10 and we would like to ensure children are hungry for their balanced meal at lunch time.

Thanks for your cooperation.

