

# Woolton Primary School Newsletter

Learning Together...Achieving Together! September 2024 Edition

Welcome to the September edition of the Newsletter, make sure to check the back page for all the forthcoming dates and activities.

## Welcome back to school

Welcome back to school - we hope you have all enjoyed a great Summer Break.

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school, looking so smart and ready to learn from our new start time of 8.45.

Please remember WPS newsletters are emailed to you at the start of every month and they are published on our website.

Make sure you are on our mailing list by emailing [admin@wooltonprimary.com](mailto:admin@wooltonprimary.com).

Each month you also receive a copy of our Online Safety Newsletter, we email this directly to you.

We will be updating you about our use of X (Twitter), as we will be moving away from that this year and towards a more school friendly app called Chatter - look out for updates soon.



## Flu Immunisations

Flu Immunisations will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November for children in Nursery to Year 6.

Please follow the link below and complete your child's Flu form by **13/09/24** to provide consent to or to decline the offer

<https://econsent.merseyscare.nhs.uk/>



## The World in One School Project

We are taking part in a whole school project this year, this is called the world in one school project and will be a celebration of diversity at WPS.

Children will be working on different themes and focus areas each month.

The project will culminate in a whole school exhibition in May 2025 with the opportunity for families to attend and see the work completed across the year. Please save the date which is listed in the dates below.

## Contact forms, allergy and medical information

You will shortly receive your contacts and medical information forms for the 2024-25 year. These will be distributed on Wednesday 11th September.

Please return these to school as soon as possible and by Monday 16th September at the latest.

It is very important that we have the most up to date information about our children so that we can safeguard their needs at all times. Please read the guidance information before completing the forms. Thank you.



## John Cole Award



We are very proud to have achieved the Local Authority award for equality and inclusion for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The award is presented to one Liverpool School each year for their contribution and work towards supporting equality, diversity and inclusion.

WPS has been selected to receive the award this year.

The award will be presented on Friday 13th September during a special assembly with Y6 children.



## Attendance

Thanks to your support we achieved 96% school attendance last year, this is lower than our usual outcome which has been 97% for the past two years.

Our target for this year is trying to get back to 97%. Our focus area is on PA, this means Persistent Absenteeism. When a child's attendance falls below 90% then they will be in PA. This is a real concern as they will be missing a lot of education time and this can really affect their progress and achievement.

Last year we particularly noticed an increase in the number of families taking holidays during term time.

Holidays are not permitted during term time and we will be following the local authority protocol of applying fines for holidays taken.

We will keep you updated with our whole school attendance figures in newsletters, please look out for our attendance awards too.

Thank you for your support with school attendance.



## Priorities for this Year



Our School Development Goals are our priorities for the school year. This year we are focusing on redeveloping our approach to teaching grammar, spelling and punctuation as well as the way we assess children's achievement in the foundation subjects, these are the subjects other than maths, english and science.

Please follow the link to our Development Goals on our website

<https://www.wooltonprimary.com/wps-development-goals-2024-25/>



## Liverpool Maths Party



The Liverpool Maths Party is an annual event coordinated by Liverpool Learning Partnership that runs in schools across the city. The purpose is to take a day to celebrate the important role that maths plays in our everyday lives and promote positive messages around maths. We will be holding the 2024 Maths Party Day on Friday 27th September. The theme this year is Liverpool and Maths. Children will be taking part in related activities on the day.

## Asda App

We've signed up for Asda's Cashpot for Schools scheme.

If you're not already attached to a primary school, we would really appreciate you downloading the Asda rewards App and nominate our school to receive funding.

Download the Asda Rewards App - sign up to Cashpot for Schools & choose Woolton Primary School, our post code is L25 5NN.



## Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Please note that **children are not permitted to bring mobile phones or smart watches to WPS**. Children should not bring any expensive items to school and items with cameras are not permitted.

Occasionally, **for safety reasons only**, a Y5 or Y6 child may need to bring a mobile phone if they travel to and from school alone. Parents should write/email to their child's class teacher to inform school that this will be necessary. Mobile phones brought into school, for this purpose, will be stored securely in the school office throughout the school day and returned to the child at the end of the day.

Staff Training We have taken part in the following staff training during our recent training days, updated First Aid training, embedding basic skills in maths, grammar spelling and punctuation work and safeguarding. We will keep you updated with staff training as the year progresses.





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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Activity
Tuesday 10th September	Y3 Magician Performance
Friday 13th September	John Cole Award presented to school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y6 Colomendy parent meeting – 3:30pm
Friday 27th September	Liverpool Maths Party
Tuesday 1st October	Black History Month starts
Thursday 3rd October	National Poetry Day
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School finishes for the half term Break at 3:15pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day 3
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school at 8:45am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening 1
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
19th -23rd May 2025	World in One School Exhibition

