



Together Towards Success

New on the website

Lots to look out for on our website:

- Nursery Places for September
- Bookface Challenge Gallery
- Back to School Updates

Twitter

Follow us on Twitter:
[@WPS_Success](https://twitter.com/WPS_Success)

NHS Advice



Wear face mask



PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking about ...

The Festival of Ramadan



Woodcroft AIM Values



At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atters in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the curriculum through our **AIM** Programmes (AIM Digital Technology, AIM PE & Sports and AIM Arts).

Covid currently restricts our capacity to provide extra-curricular activities at the moment and our focus is about ensuring classroom learning is as consistent, and disruption free as possible. As restrictions ease, and life returns to normal, we may begin to increase our extra activities. However, I am sure you will understand that events will be significantly curtailed during the summer term.



World Autism Awareness Week



You are amazing!

Thank you for taking part in World Autism Awareness Week 2021

Without you we wouldn't be able to transform lives, change attitudes and help create a society that works for the 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. **Thank you.**

Caz Rees
Senior Fundraising Campaigns Officer

Woodcroft joined in with World Autism Awareness Week and many of you attempted the **Super 7 Challenge!** Overall, the charity has raised £129,355 in the UK! Keep a lookout in the foyer trophy cabinet for a Super 7 Challenge Medal that has been awarded to Woodcroft!



Ramadan

Ramadan began on the evening of Monday 12th April and will end on Tuesday 11th May. Muslims fast between dawn and sunset and devote themselves to their faith. After the last day of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate its ending with Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast. At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils during this holiest of months.

Fasting

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting on certain days while at school. We require a letter from parents to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

Prayer

We offer a supervised separate space for girls and boys to pray at lunchtime. We expect all children when observing prayer to be responsible and impeccably behaved.

Lessons

*We expect all pupils to take part in **every** school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation. For example, pupils may help the teacher during PE instead of doing vigorous exercise, or they will only listen to a music lesson. Children cannot be withdrawn from National Curriculum lessons*

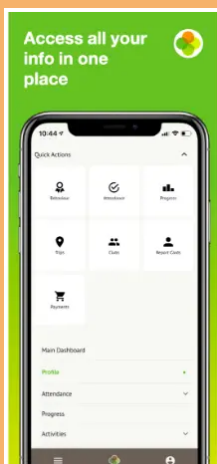
Events

If a specific event is taking place such as a school trip or sports match, although this will be very rare this year due to the pandemic, we may ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part.

Support

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns. Please ensure all notification letters are provided to school. We thank you for your support.

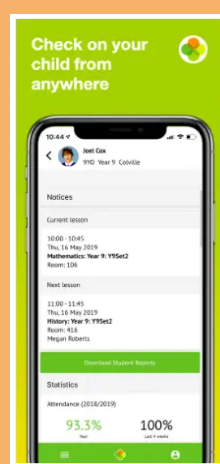
Welcome to the Parent Portal



Have you activated your **Arbor Parent Portal**? **225** pupil accounts have now been activated by their parents and carers!

Everyone has been sent an Arbor welcome email to enable you to access your child's information page.

After the Easter break we shall be contacting those families who are still to activate their account. It is important for our future communication services that everyone is signed up.



IMPORTANT NOTE: parents who have tried this out for us report that it is quick and easy. However, you may need to use a tablet or laptop the very first time you login as some phones do not allow you to press the 'accept terms' button because of their screen size. Once this is done they say that it is easy to login using your phone.



Follow us on Twitter!

Have you signed up to our Twitter feed? We post lots of updates about what's going on in school. It is easy to create a Twitter account. You can also lock the privacy settings so you only have to follow the school and others don't have access to your profile



Nursery Places For September

30 Hours FREE Childcare is available at Woodcroft Nursery

Now is the time to reserve your place in our Nursery ready for this September. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register. Children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 are eligible for a Nursery place at Woodcroft starting in September 2021.

*****Contact our school office to reserve your place*****

Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's **30 hours free childcare** offer through the Government website **www.childcarechoices.gov.uk**.

Summer Term Dates

SUMMER TERM 1 - Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May (29 days)

PUPILS RETURN - Monday 19 April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 3 May

Half Term School Holiday Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

(Spring Bank Holiday 31 May)

SUMMER TERM 2 - Monday 7 June - Friday 23 July (35 days)

PUPILS RETURN - Monday 7 June 2021

(This is a change to the original diary date due to the Government request to remain closed to pupils due to COVID19 on 18th December 2020)

Last Day of Term - Friday 23 July (Nursery Finishes Thursday 22 July)

PUPILS WILL THEN RETURN for the new school year on Monday 6 September 2021

All of our term dates can always be found on our website :

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Attendance



We have been very pleased with attendance since our return to school. We are currently averaging around **96.5%** attendance.

Remember, every day counts! Lessons are designed by teachers to be a sequence of learning, If a child misses a lesson they miss a step in their understanding and can easily fall behind.



The Birthday Book Club

WOW! We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays celebrated by donating books for their Class Library. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to ...



Daria in Y1 and Gabriel in Y1 who are now both age 6



ACORNS CLUB IS BACK FROM MONDAY 15th MARCH

Open every evening during term time from 3:30 - 5.30 pm

DUE TO COVID19 ACORNS WILL BE RUNNING A MODIFIED SERVICE

For pupils from Reception to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Film Nights** | **Multi Sports** | **Games** |

CALL THE OFFICE NOW - TO BE ADDED TO THE BOOKING PAGE

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey - we had a fantastic response. As a result we have now reopened Acorns!

Updated Pricing

We listened to your feedback and have revised our arrangements to make the services as cost effective as possible. However, to make it viable, and keep running, we will need at least 12 children per session to cover our costs. For one hour until 4.30pm it will cost £5.00 per child, or for two hours until 5.30pm it will be £8.00 per child.

Book Using School Money

Parents who have previously registered will be now able to book sessions. If you would like to register your child for the first time you will need to call the school office so that we can add you to the booking page.

To ensure space for social distancing the club moved away from the Oak Suite and into the dining room area.

Due to Early Years staffing ratios we will only be able to accept pupils of statutory school age from Reception to Year 6. Unfortunately, we cannot accept children from Nursery.

Collection will now be from the back entrance of the school in Wolsey Grove and at two specified allocated times of 4:30pm and 5:30pm.

Should the demand for spaces exceed this availability then priority provision will be allocated to the children of key workers.

What to do next

1. Pre registered pupils can now book sessions (call the office if you can't see Acorns on School Money listed under clubs)
2. New children must be added to the Acorns register by calling the school office first
3. All sessions must be booked in advance using School Money
4. The charges are as follows:
3:30 – 4:30pm = £5.00 (1 hour)
3:30 – 5:30pm = £8.00 (Full session)
5. If you collect after your allocated time you will be charged the additional £3.00 Full Session price
6. Light refreshments are included in the price (but this is not a meal)
7. Collection is via the back gate in Wolsey Grove (**Not the main front entrance**)

The BIG Ask

Woodcroft will be taking part in the largest ever survey in England of young people. It's being run by The Children's Commissioner whose role is to speak up for all children across the country and get their views heard. The survey will be asking children what their dreams and ambitions are. What they would change if they could. What they want for their future and what they feel may be holding them back. The Big Ask will be used to show the people who make important decisions what children really think.

Download the PDF version of the sheet below: <https://bit.ly/3dHWW93>



The Big Ask: Parent Information Sheet



This week your children will be given the opportunity to complete The Big Ask questionnaire. This is a national survey for young people that has been created by The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

She's keen to hear from young people about the things that make them happy, that worry them and that they would like to see in the future.

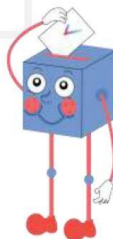
All of your child's answers will be confidential, and they don't have to answer any question if they do not want to. They will be used to inform the Government of the changes that children would like to see.



Your child will be asked to complete the questionnaire at school this week.

Find out more information

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