



Together Towards Success  
With our AIM Values



## Diary Dates

### Half-Term Break

13th - 17th February

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

We will reopen on  
Monday 20th February

## Twitter

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## PSHE Themes

We are growing our  
knowledge about ...

Children's Mental  
Health Week  
and  
Safer Internet Day



## Safer Internet Day



It was national 'Safer Internet Day' in association with the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) on Tuesday. At Woodcroft, pupils have been contributing to a Youth Charter. Every class drafted their own ideas about improving online safety. These have now been collected together so that they can be submitted to the [National Youth Charter](#).

### Updated Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers

We have also updated the [online safety parent information pages](#) on our school website. We know that navigating the online world with your child is a difficult task, and hope that the resources listed help support and inform you. These include:



Parent Zone has been providing information and support to parents for over a decade. The website includes parent guides to a full range of online

services your child may wish to use. It also supports some fantastic research and resources such as the [Be Internet Legends](#) curriculum (studied by Year Six) in partnership with Google. Meet [Ollee](#), a virtual friend for children aged 8 to 11 – with a free app to support child mental health and wellbeing, and [Digiland](#), an online game to support discussions of online safety with your child.



[Internet Matters](#) is a not-for-profit organisation formed by some of the biggest companies providing UK internet services; Sky, TalkTalk, BT and Virgin Media. Their aim is to provide advice and support for parents. Working with a wide coalition of industry partners, including the BBC, Google, Samsung and Facebook, they also collaborate with sector experts, government and schools to reach UK families with tools, tips and [resources](#).



[Vodafone Digital Parenting](#) is a website with lots of articles to support parents. We distributed a [physical copy](#) of their annual magazine in school on Tuesday, but you can also [download copies from the website](#). Why not try their [Family Pledge](#) to open discussions about safe online behaviour in your household?



[Common Sense Media](#) offers reviews of a range of media, offering age ratings and a breakdown of the content to help you decide what's appropriate for your child.



Now visit Woodcroft's new [Online Safety Page](#) for parents and carers. Click the link or look out for this icon on the school website.



# ESFA English Schools' Football Week at Woodcroft



We have been practising using our 'Take 5' steps approach for positive well-being as part of [English Schools' Football Week](#). Pupils formed teams to play against each other in games lessons during the week - then on Friday it was the grand final!

Mr Tallon refereed a series of play off matches to find the year group champions. We then pitched Y3 vs Y4 and Y5 vs Y6 to find the ultimate KS2 Milestone Champions. By taking part in these tournaments pupils were being **active**, **connecting** with others, **taking notice** and respecting both our teammates and opponents, **learning** to both win and lose gracefully, and **giving** our congratulations to the victors. Most importantly they had fun! There were also some very exciting matches! The staff even had their own game after school. Take a look at winning teams lifting the champions trophy.





## Early Years Foundation Stage - Parents Stay and Play

Over thirty parents from Reception & Nursery stayed on Wednesday morning in the Reception classrooms to see demonstration lessons of 'Sounds-Write' Phonics being taught by Mrs Khan & Mrs Patel. This followed on from the very well attended Phonics Workshop last week.

We will be continuing the workshops and 'stay & play' sessions after the half term. Please take a look at the next dates below.



YOU'RE INVITED *to* A  
**WORKSHOP**

Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of 'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Writing	22.02.2023	01.03.2023	Mrs Baldwyn	Mr Russell & Miss Lloyd
Mathematics	08.03.2023	15.03.2023	Mrs Patel	Mr Russell & Miss Maynard



## Year 3 Trip to The Annunciation Church

On Tuesday 7th February, Year 3 walked over to the Annunciation Catholic Church in Burnt Oak. The pupils had the opportunity to explore and experience a place of worship up close, which was a great way to further our study of Christianity, our current R.E. curriculum unit. The pupils completed an interactive session with our excellent host, Father David. We even had time to sketch the altar (known as 'The Sanctuary') and some of the beautiful stained glass windows.



## Year 4 Bikeability

Year 4 enjoyed their FREE Bikeability lessons this week. The 'Cycle Confident' instructor was so impressed with some of our young riders they were immediately moved up to the Level 2 Programme!



## The Birthday Book Club

We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and celebrate by donating a book for their Class Library.

**Happy Birthday to Paramita (Year 1) age 6, Ella (Year 2) age 7 and Jessica (Year 6) age 11**



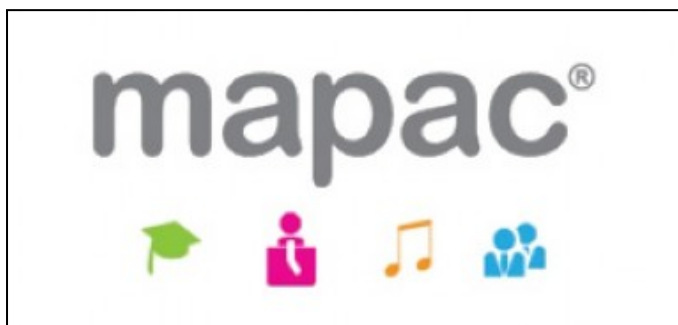


## Uniform Supplier Update

We were notified on 3rd February 2023 that our uniform supplier, Essential Schoolwear, had ceased trading with immediate effect. This news was a surprise to everyone as we had not received any prior notifications. This meant that parents and carers were temporarily unable to purchase branded items with the school logo.

### New Supplier - Mapac

We acted immediately to secure a new supplier that could offer the same level of service and value. I am pleased to announce that we shall be transferring our business to [Mapac](#).



Mapac is a local, family run, company based in Watford. They will be offering Woodcroft families the full range of uniform supplies including free delivery to school and also a click and collect service from their store. Orders can be made online or over the phone.

We hope to be up and running with a new uniform website by **25th February** selling competitively priced items. For example, Woodcroft embroidered sweatshirts will start at £9.40. More information will be provided in due course. In the meantime check out their general website: <https://www.mapac.com/>



### Reception Class PE

Reception will be starting P.E sessions in the main hall after the February half term holiday. Your child's first P.E session will be on Friday 24th February and then every Friday thereafter.

To prepare children for Year 1 we are also going to begin wearing the school PE Kit Uniform.

For Reception this would be **navy blue jogging bottoms** and a white t-shirt underneath their school jumper, or a Woodcroft 'Blue' PE jumper. Your child will also be removing their shoes and socks in the hall. To assist, it is always helpful if they are wearing shoes with no laces.

Our new uniform supplier, Mapac, should be up and running with Woodcroft PE kit within the next few weeks. However, plain blue joggers and white t-shirts can be purchased relatively cheaply in most retailers.

Many thanks for your continued support,

*The Reception Team*

**Have a good half-term break. We will see you all again when school reopens on Monday 20th February.**