WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success
*With our **AIM Values***

Diary Dates

Make a date

Year Group Information Meetings for parents - Theses are in the Main Hall starting at 3.30pm on the following dates:

Y6 Tuesday 10th
Y1 Wednesday 11th
Y2 Thursday 12th
Y3 Tuesday 17th
Y4 Wednesday 18th
Y5 Thursday 19th

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about coming back to school!





An OUTSTANDING Year for Woodcroft

Congratulations to all of the pupils and staff for what was another very successful set of academic results at Woodcroft last year.

- Early Years Foundation Stage Profile increased by 4%
- Year 1 Phonics results were up by 25% to a fantastic 76.5% pass
- Year 2 Phonics increased to achieve a commendable 77% pass
- Year 4 secured an excellent average of 21 out of 25 in the national Multiplication Tables Check
- Year 6 exceeded national levels in every subject (see below)

SATS Test Subject	Woodcroft	National
Reading	**84%**	74%
Writing	**89%**	71%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	**87%**	72%
Maths	**87%**	73%
Combined (Reading, Writing & Maths)	**80%**	61%

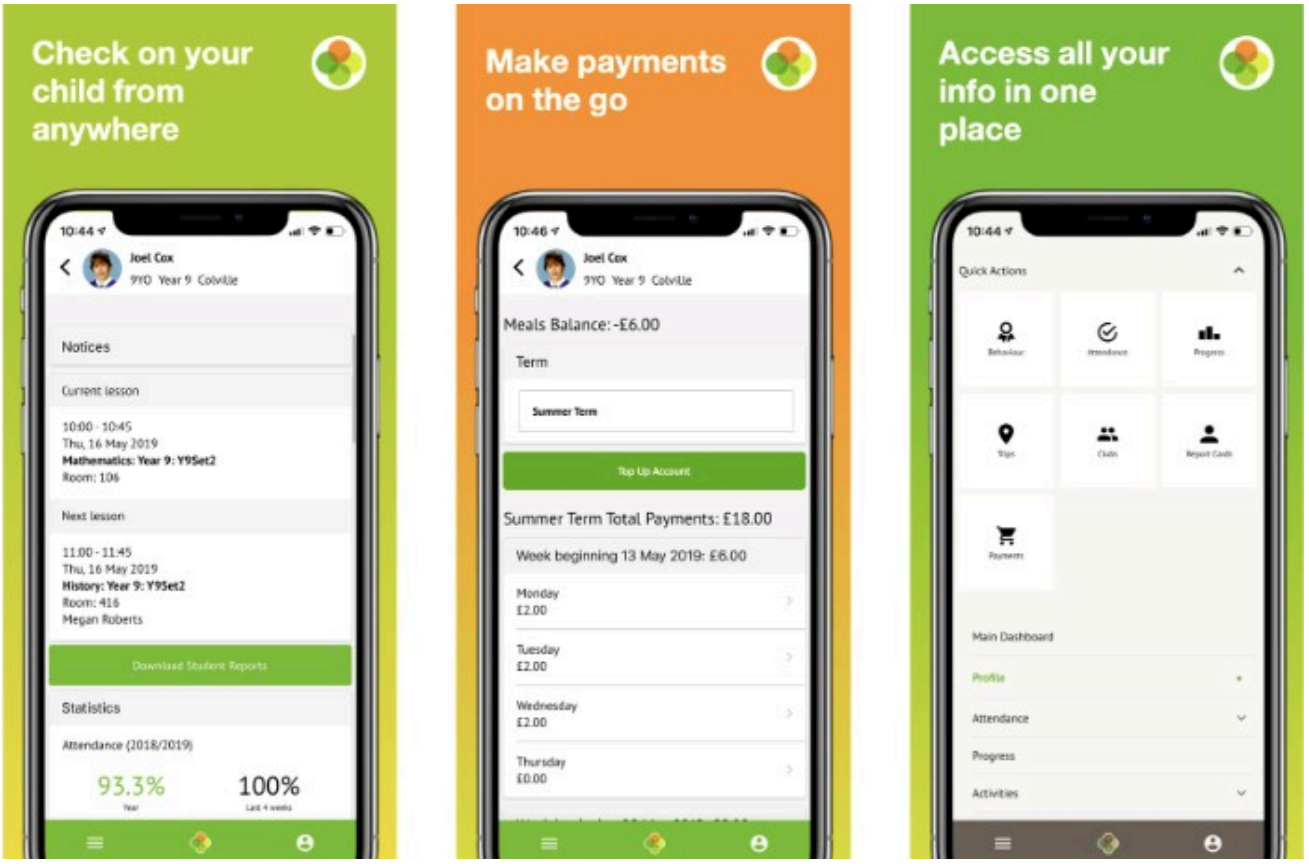
These results demonstrate the excellent education that pupils receive at Woodcroft

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open

eAdmissions

Year 6 families are now able to complete their applications to select their secondary school choices for transfer next September 2025.

Arbor Parent Portal



Make sure you can access your school Arbor account. Download the app in order to access all of your school details and make payments when necessary!

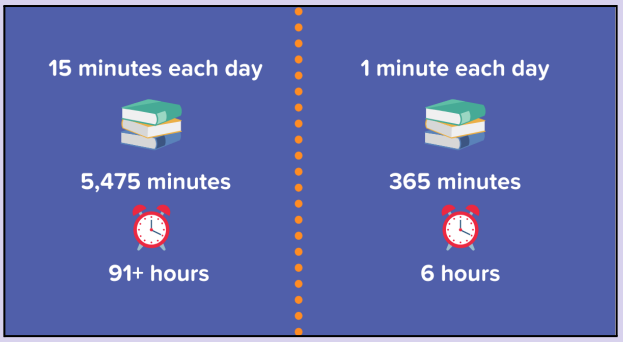


Well done to every pupil that has completed the Barnet Libraries Summer Reading Challenge - **'Marvellous makers'** We would like to see lots of medals and certificates in school to celebrate in assembly. Remember, regular reading is the best thing you can do to guarantee success in school!

The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

Whatever the age of your child, Nursery to Year 6, reading aloud together improves accuracy and fluency

Why read aloud? Research shows that reading aloud with your child is **the** number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, ***read aloud 'together for success'*** !



Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1345** for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are NOT told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

You are eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

In these times of drastic cuts to school budgets it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.

Year Group Curriculum Evenings - Parents Invited To Attend

Our Year Group Curriculum Evenings take place over the next two weeks. Each year group meeting will occur on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. We shall host them in the main hall, directly after dismissal at 3.30pm.

- Y6 Tuesday 10th inc: KS2 SATs, Bronze Arts Award, Residential & Secondary Transfer
- Y1 Wednesday 11th inc Phonics Briefing
- Y2 Thursday 12th
- Y3 Tuesday 17th inc Transition to KS2
- Y4 Wednesday 18th inc Y4 MTC
- Y5 Thursday 19th inc Secondary Transfer Updates

Government uniform guidance: What parents need to know

The government has published statutory guidance aimed at making school uniforms more "affordable". The Education Secretary said *"school uniform provides a sense of identity and community for children and young people, and should be a real source of pride, but it* must be affordable for families."



Parents at Woodcroft will be reassured to know that we currently meet all of the criteria set by the Government regarding school uniform. We do this by:

- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy
- Keeping branded items 'to a minimum'
- Selling items at the cheapest price to parents.

Uniform Reminder about School Footwear

Pupils are dressing very smartly for school at Woodcroft, however we need to remind parents and carers about our footwear. If the footwear is made from fabric or has a prominent logo then it is not appropriate for school.



School footwear must be **plain black.**

Uniform Ordering

Please visit our uniform page **https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/uniform/**

You can order both uniform and PE kit directly from our supplier, Mapac at …
https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf

PE Uniform Days

Pupils must wear their blue PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days.



Year Group Games Day

Full plain **navy blue kit** comprises a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers. Your child will be doing outside games sessions on the following days:

Year 1: Wednesday
Year 2: Tuesday
Year 3: Thursday
Year 4: Wednesday
Year 5: Tuesday
Year 6: Thursday

Year Group Friday PE Day

Classes do an extra unit of PE for part of each term. This enables teachers to cover the gymnastics and dance elements of the curriculum. Parents and carers will be notified when their child's class is taking part in one of the extra units. The extra units are only for half of the term with the rest of the term focusing on Spanish in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) and additional reading in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

Please check below to see when your child requires their blue PE uniform on Friday						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
September to October	PE	Reading	PE (Monday)	Spanish	PE	Spanish
November to December	Reading	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish	PE

Note: Year 3 will be receiving their additional session on a Monday (and NOT Friday) this term. Their PE will be taught by our resident choreographer, Miss Williams.

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School in KS2 (Y3 - Y6)

Classroom Kit for Year 3 to Year 6

We recommend children in KS2 have their own pencil case with essential equipment. This should be a simple, one pocket zipper case (nothing complicated!). It should only contain school essentials.



Pencil case essentials

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pens/pencils
- Handwriting Pen (blue) (not biro)

Optional extras for KS2

- Glue Stick
- Protractor (angle measure)
- Highlighter (single)



Pupils in KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and EYFS do not require any additional equipment and should not bring pencil cases to school.

Refillable Water Bottles Only: Always remember your refillable **PLASTIC** water bottle. We do not allow disposable single use bottles in school. Metal bottles are also discouraged.

Year 6

Year 6 pupils should only bring a **clear plastic pencil case** to school. This is to ensure that all pupils are fully compliant with the testing arrangements for their KS2 SATs.

Nursery admissions for Autumn Term 2024

30 Hours provision is available at Woodcroft Nursery

We still have a few places left in our Nursery this term. Contact the school office to discuss enrolling your child on our register.

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

30 hours free childcare

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.**



Woodcroft Primary School - Pupil Academic Year 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024	Dates
First half term	Wednesday 4 September - Friday 25 October Pupils return to school Wednesday 4 September 2024
Half term break	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November - School Closed
Second half term	Monday 4 November - Friday 20 December
School holiday	Monday 23 December - Monday 6 January

Spring Term 2025	Dates
First half term	Tuesday 7 January - Friday 14 February Pupils Return to school Tuesday 7 January
Half term break	Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February
Second half term	Monday 24 February - Friday 4 April
School holiday	Monday 7 April - Monday 21 April (Easter weekend 18 - 21 April)

Summer Term 2025	Dates
First half term	Tuesday 22 April - Friday 23 May Pupils return to school Tuesday 22 April May Day Bank Holiday on 5 May - School Closed
Half term break	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May
Second half term	Monday 2 June - Friday 18 July