



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Make a date

Year Group Information Meetings for parents -

Please go to the Main Hall starting at 3.30pm on the following dates:

Y3 Tuesday 17th

Y4 Wednesday 18th

Y5 Thursday 19th

Social Media



Follow us on X / Twitter:
@WPS_Success



Follow us on Instagram:
@woodcroft_primary

PSHE Themes

We are thinking about
how to give ...

Kind Greetings



Parents Invited To Attend

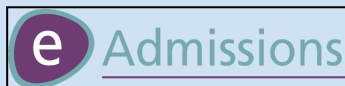
Year Group Curriculum Information Evenings

The remaining Year Group Information Evenings take place next week. Each meeting occurs on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. They are hosted in the **main hall**, directly after dismissal at **3.30pm**. Next week's meeting schedule is:

- Y3 Tuesday 17th
- Y4 Wednesday 18th
- Y5 Thursday 19th

Please make every effort to attend

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open



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

Healthy Snacks for Break Time in KS2 (Y3 to Y6)

We encourage pupils to lead healthy lifestyles. Children in EYFS & KS1 are provided with snacks in school every day. But a healthy snack for breaktime is a great choice for pupils in Y3,4,5 and 6. If you wish to send your child with a snack please make sure it is wrapped or boxed.

Suggested snacks:

- Sliced fruit
- Cheese sticks
- Cut veggies
- Raisins
- Cereal bar (check the sugar)
- Small sandwich or crackers



Note: we do **not allow** any chocolate or nut products in school. Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are given healthy snacks in school so are not required.

Dietary Safeguarding Procedures

Our catering provider, ISS, is dedicated to ensuring that pupils can enjoy nutritious lunches which are served safely in healthy environments. They have strict dietary safety procedures. These are outlined in the documents below (click on the links to download) or ask for a copy from the office.

- [Dietary Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Special Dietary Requirements Notification and Referral Form](#)

If your child has any dietary requirements due to medical reasons then the 'Notification and Referral form MUST be completed and supported by your doctor's or hospital paperwork. For more information visit our school website: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

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:

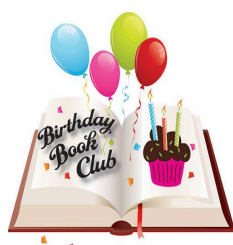
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit 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

Use this **FREE** site to check eligibility: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>



Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

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.



The Birthday Book Club

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



Happy Birthday to

Kaleb 1D age 6, Azlam 3R age 8. Rishi 6C age 11

**Whole School
Attendance
95.4%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2B 98.5% 🏆 **TOP CLASS**

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4T 95.4%

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6C 94.4%

UK Government says **NO** to Mobile Phones for Children

This week the Government has requested that ALL schools prohibit the use of phones in school. It has issued new guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools>



At Woodcroft we do not allow pupils to use phones on site. Our rule is simple. If we see or hear a phone it will be confiscated immediately and then only be returned to an adult. Our [policy on mobile devices](#) is available on our website.

However, the problem is much bigger than this and many parents are now realising that children accessing mobile phones is extremely damaging. A campaign is gaining momentum called Smartphone Free Childhood.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



A staggering 83% of 11 year-olds in Britain have a smartphone. This is despite increasing evidence that phones damage developing brains, raise the likelihood of childhood mental illness and open the door to inappropriate content.

Take a look at some international research by clicking the links:

- [SMARTPHONES ARE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE](#)
- [SMARTPHONE LINKS TO MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS](#)
- [SMARTPHONES EXPOSE CHILDREN TO HARMFUL CONTENT](#)
- [SMARTPHONES REDUCE ATTENTION IN SCHOOL](#)

If you want your child to be healthy, safe and successful at school then our advice would be to delay smartphone use until their teens at the earliest. Giving your child a smartphone might seem a kind thing to do, but as the evidence is now increasingly showing, you are potentially harming your child.

If your child absolutely needs a phone for safety and travel reasons then buy them a traditional 'brick' phone that allows calls and texts only. This may not be cool and trendy, but it could possibly be the best decision you make to protect your child and enhance their academic success.

Childhood is too short to waste on a smartphone

Diary Dates

September

Year Group Curriculum Info Evenings - All are in the Main Hall starting 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

October

School Photographer visits on Monday 7th October for individual portraits.

Parent Consultation Evenings Tuesday 8th (to 7.00pm) & Wednesday 9th October (to 6.00pm)

Harvest Festival Day - 18th October

- Food Collections from Monday 14th October
- Harvest Basket Assemblies & Coin Chest Collection - Friday 18th

International Colours Day - Monday 21st October. Dress in your national costume or the colours of your flag.

½ Term 28th October to 1st November

(Reminder: Not all schools and local authorities share the same ½ term)

November

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 - Monday 11th November : Choose Respect

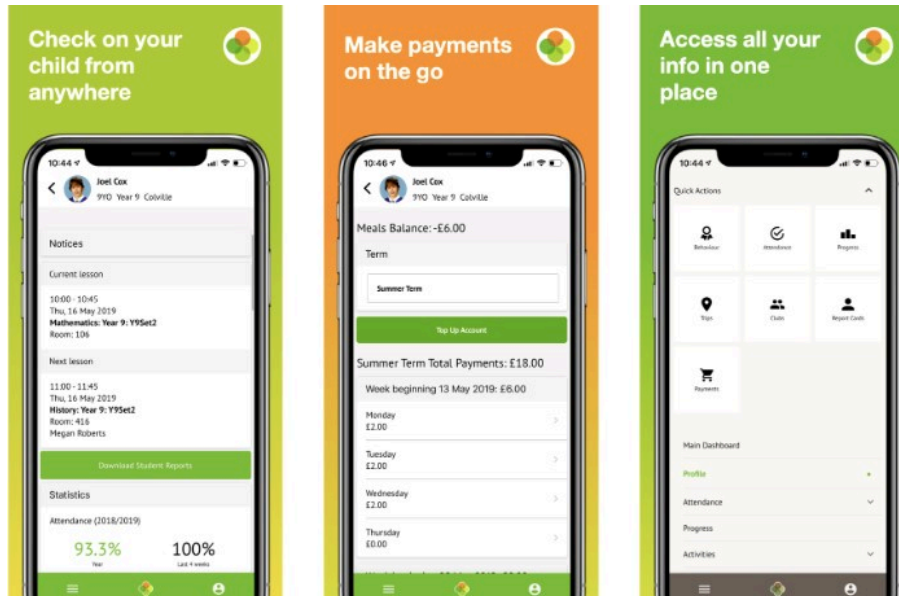
Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12th November

Year 6 visit the RAF Museum - Wednesday 13th November

BBC Children in Need - 'The Great SPOTacular' Friday 15th November. Dress in **Spots and Dots** - be as dotty as you can or come in yellow with your Pudsey merch!

Book Fair - 26th November - 2nd December from 3.15 - 3.45pm every day in the main hall

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!

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*****



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 Nursery

A warm welcome awaits you at Woodcroft
A safe, nurturing environment
An experienced team and excellent facilities



Up to 30 hours flexible provision available
Term time only

www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk

Woodcroft Primary School, Goldbeaters Grove, Edgware HA80QF

Email: office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net

Tel: 0208 959 3244





Local Children's Centre Information

Children's Centres

Fairway

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Fairway Children's Centre (based at Fairway School)

The Fairway, Mill Hill NW7 3HS

Tel: 020 8359 3730 • childrenscentre@fairwaycc.barnetmail.net

Silkstream

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Silkstream Children's Centre

Silkstream Road, Edgware HA8 0DA

Tel: 020 8905 7605 • silkstreamcc@barnet.gov.uk

Wingfield

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Wingfield and Stonegrove Children's Centre

C/O Barnet and Southgate College, Colindale, 7 Bristol Avenue

(formerly Lanacre Avenue) London NW9 4BR

Tel: 020 8359 3510 • childandfamilyhub-west@barnet.gov.uk

For more information about Children's Centre visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/childrenscentres



Find us on Facebook and Instagram
'Barnet Child and Family Early Help'

West Locality

ESOL – English Conversation for Beginners with Maths – Fairway: Fridays 9.15 – 11.15am, Booking Required

Starts 20.09.24 – ends 06/12/24

Chatty Children Workshop – Join us for practical advice and fun ways to encourage talking and understanding for your child –

Silkstream 12.09.24 or 28.11.24, 10 – 11am Booking required

Cooking on a Budget Workshop – An adult and child cooking workshop preparing meals on a budget –

2 – 3 years, Fairway 04.12.24, 1 – 2.30pm Booking required

Developmental Baby Massage – 3 week course for babies 8 – 18 weeks old – Fairway 07.11.24, 14.11.24, 21.11.24,

1.30 – 2.30pm Booking required

Messy Play Workshop- Enjoy a chance for you and your child to get messy and learn about the benefits of messy play – 2 – 5 years,

Silkstream 01.10.24 1.30 – 2.30pm Booking required

Fun with Science – Come and explore fun science activities with your child and learn how to experiment with your mini professor at

home – 2 – 5 Years Silkstream 05.11.24 1.30 – 2.30pm Booking required

Adjusting into Parenting- For new mums to learn how to manage the transition into motherhood – Silkstream 03.10.24 10 – 11am –

for parents of children up to 2 years Booking required, MUST be registered with a Barnet GP

Mindful Breastfeeding – A wellbeing workshop focused on breastfeeding for mums – Silkstream 10.10.24 10 – 11am – For parents

of children up to 2 years Booking required, MUST be registered with a Barnet GP

Health Promotion Workshops at Fairway

1.30 – 2.45pm Booking required

Introduction to Solids (Suitable from 5-6 months)	24.09.24 12.11.24
Toilet Training (Suitable for 18 months plus)	01.10.24
Sleep Management Routines (Suitable from 8 months plus)	08.10.24
Managing Mealtimes, Healthy Eating (Suitable from 8 months plus)	22.10.24

Baby Self-Weighing Services

Fairway Please call to book	Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 3pm
Silkstream Please call to book	Thursday and Friday 9am – 3pm

Parenting Course

Incredible Years Parenting Programme Call 020 8359 3510 for further information	Tuesday 24.09.24 – 10.12.24 9.30am – 12.30pm
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Caring for people, our places and the planet

Children's Centres

Autumn Term 02.09.24- 20.12.24

(Separate half term timetable for 28.10.24-01.11.24)

West Locality

Fairway

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Silkstream

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Wingfield

A Sure Start Children's Centre



Monday

Stay and Play

9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years

Starts 09.09.24

Baby Group

9.30 – 11am 0 – 18 months

Stay and Play

1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years

Stay and Play at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN

10 – 11.30am 0 – 5 years

Baby Group at OneStonegrove HA8 8BN

12 – 1pm 0 – 12 months

Tuesday

Baby group

10 – 11.30am 0 – 18 months

Starts 10.09.24

Health Promotion Workshops,

Please turn over

Stay and Play

9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years

Messy Play 01.10.24

Fun with Science 05.11.24

Stay and Play at Canada Villa NW7 2BU

10 – 11.30am 0 – 5 years

Baby Group at Canada Villa NW7 2BU

12 – 1pm 0 – 12 months

Groups start 17.09.24

Wednesday

Stay and Play at Broadfields School HA8 8JP

9.15 – 10.45am 0 – 5 years

Starts 25.09.24 – Ends 20.11.24

Cooking on a Budget Workshop 04.12.24

Stay and Play

1 – 2.30pm 0 – 5 years

Stay and Play at Greentop NW9 5WR

12.30 – 2pm 0 – 5 years

Thursday

Stay and Play

9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years Starts 26.09.24

Developmental Baby Massage 1.30 – 2.30pm,

8 weeks to 18 weeks, 7.11.24 – 21.11.24,

Booking required

Baby Group

1 – 2.30pm 0 – 18 months

Chatty Children 12.09.24 or 28.11.24

Adjusting to Parenting 10.10.24

Mindful Breastfeeding 24.10.24

No Sessions

Friday

Baby Group

1.30 – 3pm 0 – 18 months

Starts 27.09.24

Stay and Play

9.30 – 11am 0 – 5 years

Baby Group at Greentop NW9 5WR

12.30 – 1.30pm 0 – 12 months

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated



Childhood Immunisation

Pop-up clinic

Free vaccinations available.
Walk-in, no need to book.

For ages:

0-5Yrs

COME JOIN US

Silkstream Children's
Centre

On

Thursday 3rd of October
2024

Address: Silkstream Road
Burnt Oak

HA 8 9DA



Learn about Vaccinations and
how to protect your Child against serious illnesses.

Scan QR
to find
out more

