



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

January

22nd EYFS Phonics
Workshop

27th Y5 Chick Project

27th Reception & Y6
Height and Weight

29th Lunar New Year

29th Cheerleaders cake
Sale

29th EYFS Stay and Play

Social Media



Follow us on Instagram:
[@woodcroft_primary](https://www.instagram.com/woodcroft_primary)

PSHE Themes

We have been thinking
about making good
choices



Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Wednesday, Year 3 took part in their Egyptian Day experience. Here is what some pupils from Year 3 thought about their day:

"My favourite fact was that a slave was covered in honey and sent down to the River Nile so the bugs got him instead of the royal family." **Paramita 3R**

"I enjoyed the mini quiz because I love learning. I also enjoyed the game where we were hunting with javelins and 3M won! Finally, I enjoyed learning about the story of Cleopatra." **Kidane 3M**

"I loved it when Professor Stewart threw brain parts everywhere!" **Lucas 3R**

"I loved Egyptian day because we got to learn more about ancient Egyptians. I really liked playing the snakes and ladders board game and it was fun." **Maya 3M**

"My favourite part was when I got to be the evil god Seth!" **Daniel 3R**

"I liked playing the games and the parts where people were different characters at the front! I loved learning more about the mummification process on Egyptian Day!" **Adelina 3M**



Woodcroft is going Smartphone Free!

You will already be aware that Woodcroft is going smartphone free from Easter this year. After this time NO pupil smartphones will be allowed on site. You can find out more about the issues surrounding smartphone use and social media on children at this interesting session to be held at Saracens School on Thursday 23rd January at 7.00pm.



PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents and schools in **BARNET** navigating smartphones and social media with children

A talk with Children's Mental Health Advocate
and SFC North London Regional Leader
Nova Eden and tech expert **Kevin Tibble**



Thursday 23rd January 2025, 19.00-20.30
Saracens School, Corner Mead, NW9 4AS

Nursery admissions from age 3 years old

Woodcroft Nursery accepts applications for children to start from the age of 3 years old.

We enrol children at the start of each term after they are three:

- For a **September** start date a child must turn 3 before 31st August.
- For a **January** start date a child must turn 3 between 1st September and 31st December.
- For an **April** start date a child must turn 3 before 31st March

Children can then apply to start our Reception class from the September of the year they will become 4 years old.

Apply Now

Applications for Woodcroft Nursery are made directly to the school. You can register your child for our waiting list at any age. Please contact the Main Office to register or book a visit.

For the current 2024 – 2025 academic year the key admissions dates are:

September 2024 start – born between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021.

January 2024 start – born between 1st September 2021 to 31st December 2021

April 2024 start – born between 1st January 2022 and 31st March 2022

2025 - 2026 academic year

September 2025 start – born between 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

January 2026 start – born between 1st September 2022 to 31st December 2022

April 2026 start – born between 1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023

Nursery and Reception Parents



The Nursery and Reception Team are holding a series of Parent Workshops and Stay & Play sessions over the next few months. All parents in Reception and Nursery are invited to come along and find out about how to support your child at school.

‘Parent Workshops’ take place in school on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 am. A crèche will be available for younger siblings if required.

‘Stay & Play’ sessions occur on alternate Wednesdays and give parents the opportunity to spend some time in class with their child and observe lessons being taught. *Check out the 2025 timetable below:*

Subject of Parent Workshop	Date of Parent Workshop	Date of ‘Stay & Play’ session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Phonics	22.01.2025	29.01.2025	Ms Khan	Mr Russell
Half term (12.02.2024 - 18.02.2024)				
Mathematics	05.02.2025	12.02.2025	Ms Richards & Mrs Patel	Mr Russell

Our first session is about ‘Sounds Write’ phonics. This is the approach we use to teach children the letter sounds within words. They then practice ‘blending’ these together to help them begin to read and write. Come along on Wednesday 22nd January and find out how you can help your child get off to the best start in their reading journey.

What's your child's attendance?

Is it above the expected 96%?

Or is it below 90% and a serious concern?!

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you are categorised as a Persistent Absentee. You could be required to meet with the attendance team at school or the Education Welfare Officer from Barnet.

Check the Arbor App and confirm your child's attendance.



Steps for accessing Arbor to check pupil's attendance:

1. From the menu select **Attendance**
2. **Statistics for the Academic Year 2024/2025** are divided into several sections:
 - **Possible sessions** - total sessions for the year
 - **Present sessions** - the actual sessions as a percentage
 - **Lates** - shown as a percentage
 - **Authorised absence** - number of sessions and percentage
 - **Unauthorised absence** - number of sessions and percentage



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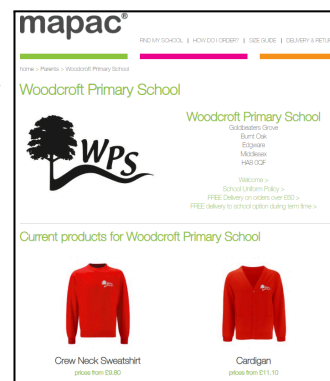


Mapac Uniform - Online Shop

Mapac, our uniform supplier, hosts the online Woodcroft uniform shop. Check out the dedicated Mapac webpage here:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf>

Orders can be placed online and delivered free of charge to school. Alternatively, you can select express home delivery and pay an additional charge.



Winter Arrangements For Snow



We have updated our extreme weather procedures on our website in case we have to close the school early, or restrict access, due to snow or other extreme weather.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/snow-and-extreme-weather-procedures/>

Alternatively, look out for this 'snow' warning symbol on our website home page.

Football Report



Woodcroft played out an enthralling local derby match against The Orion on Thursday afternoon. The game was part of our Martin Cup campaign, which ended with a 0-1 defeat, but only after extra time and a penalty against us!

The team was excellent in their application of effort and positive attitudes, demonstrating Woodcroft's values throughout. The game was highly competitive and remained 0-0 for the full duration of the 40-minute match. This forced the game into extra time. With only 2 minutes to go before the final whistle a tough call was made to award Orion a penalty. The penalty was converted which ultimately sealed the fate of the tie.

Thank you to those who came to support the team. Congratulations to Ionatan, Modasir, David O, George B, Stefan, Gabby, Rishi and Theo for yet another outstanding performance. Our next fixture is away in the Bailey Cup against Whittings Hill.

Mr Taylor

Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checks



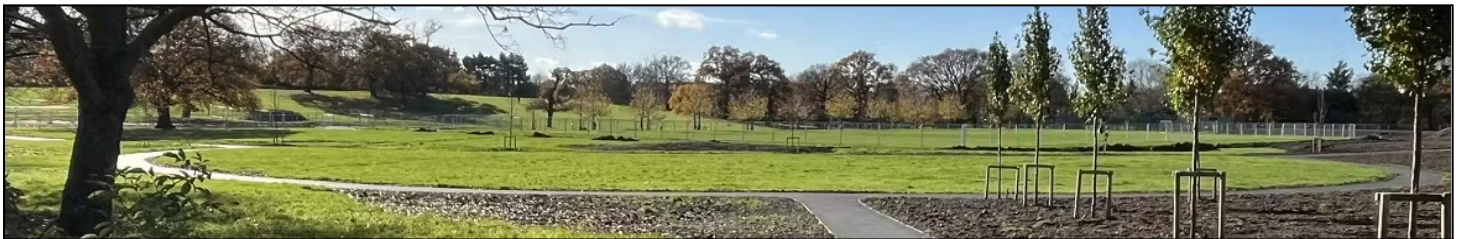
Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's class will take part in this year's measurement programme in January.

The measurements will be carried out by Barnet School Nursing Team at school in a private space away from other pupils. Children will be measured fully clothed except for their coats and shoes.

You will need to register your child to take part. Please visit

<https://parent.schoolscreener.com/BW333/134677>

Watling Park Playground Consultation



Barnet have allocated funding to improve play facilities across the borough and are now keen to hear your views on the new playground proposed for Watling Park. Follow this link to view the plans and complete an online questionnaire to share your views.

<https://www.engage.barnet.gov.uk/watling-park-burnt-oak-playground-consultation>



Exciting Events for the Spring Term

Take a look at just some of the highlights coming up this term...

Year 5 Happy Chick Project - 27th January

We get to see chicks hatching in our school

NSPCC Rocks TTRS - Spring Competition - 7th February

Can Y4 stay on top?

Safer Internet Day #SID2018 - 11th February

Create, Connect and Share Respect - A better internet starts with you

Book Week 2025 - 3rd March

Competitions, art projects, challenges, extreme reading, storytelling and lots more...

M&M Theatre perform The Hobbit - 3rd March

A classic story brought to life at school!

The Dance Team perform on the stage this year at

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 12th March

then

Great Big Dance Off 2026 - 6th May

And

UDOIT Dance National Finals - 26th March

Comic Relief Day - 21st March

Dress-up to make people laugh

The Choir Perform at the Royal Albert Hall - 1st April

Our Senior Choir take to the stage in a gala show

ESFA Schools Football Week 31st - 4th April

Wear your favourite sports kit to School on 4th April

Lots of opportunities to live our Woodcroft values...

