

WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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25th April 2025



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

May

7th May @ 5.00pm
Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting
about secondary
applications

5th May SCHOOL CLOSED
Bank Holiday

12/5 to 15/5
Year 6 SATs Week

24th May - Bushcraft
Meeting for Y6 families

26th May
Half Term Week
SCHOOL CLOSED

Look out next week for our
Summer Term Events Diary!

Social Media



Follow us on Instagram:
@woodcroft_primary

PSHE Themes

This week we were
thinking about:
St Georges Day



Welcome back to the start of the summer term. Look out in next week's Woodcroft Weekly News for our summer term diary!

New Lunch Menu

Our tasty lunch menus have been updated! You can print out the page at the end of this newsletter., or download a separate PDF here ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

All of our meals are cooked fresh, onsite, every day. Children also have access to a daily salad bar. Our meals rotate on a three week cycle and there are always halal and veggie options. Jacket potatoes with various fillings are also available every day. Pupils select their meal with their teacher at morning registration and this is then passed onto the kitchen. If you want to advise your child on their choices please check the date and select the menu week.

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	Sweetcorn & Apple Slaw Chocolate Ice Cream	Broccoli & Cucumber Raita Salad Lemon & Courgette Muffin	Carrots & Peas Pear & Vanilla Sponge	Roasted Mediterranean Veggies & Sweetcorn Apple Crumble and Custard	Peas & Baked Beans St Clements Sponge
	Plant Based Wholemeal	Vegetarian Plants Supercharged	1 of your 5 a day 2 of your 5 a day	= HALAL meat option available Look out for Chef's Special Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings on selected days	Available Daily Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

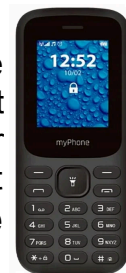


Woodcroft is NOW a Smartphone Free School



We want your child to be healthy, safe and successful at school. We believe that for primary age children a smartphone has the potential to do significant harm. As a result, the Governing Body of Woodcroft has decided to make our school smart phone free. This is a Barnet wide policy and means pupils are not

allowed to bring a smartphone to school. **All smartphones found in school will be confiscated and only returned to an adult**



If older children absolutely need a phone when travelling independently to and from school then they will be allowed to bring a traditional feature phone that allows calls and texts only. Click here for a list of alternative phones approved for school use:

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

Smartphone Free School

We are also asking ALL adults - parents and staff to put away their phones when around children in school. This means on the playground at pick up and drop off. Please finish your calls at the gate and put your phones away. Staff will politely remind parents and carers of our policy if you are using a phone while on school property. We believe this sets a good example for all of our young people.

Barnet Food Waste Policy

Barnet has implemented a new food waste policy. We must now separate ALL food waste from our general rubbish and recycling. Take a look at the poster to see examples of what can and can not be included.

The following practices are to be introduced into school in order to deal with food waste.

Packed Lunches

In the dining room we will ONLY accept food waste from packed lunches. All general rubbish must be brought home in lunch boxes. The following can be disposed of in school.

- Uneaten food
- Yogurt pots
- Juice cartons

Snacks

There will be separate bins on the playground and each year group will be issued a food waste bin. Pupils will be taught to use the correct bin for their waste.

✓ Fruit & Veg	✗ Black Bin Bags
✓ Meat & Dairy	✗ Glass
✓ Bread & Pastry	✗ Loose Packaging
✓ Packaged Food	✗ Metal
✓ Tea & Coffee	✗ Chemicals
✓ Wet Blue Roll	✗ Crockery
✓ Cooled Ashes	

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Local Children's Centres

Take a look at our local children's centre timetables for the summer term below. You can also download a PDF copy here ... <https://bit.ly/42V48la>

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 Centres visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/childrenscentres



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

West Locality

Messy Makers – Join us for a fun filled messy play session, ages 2-5 years Silkstream: 20.05.25, 1.30-2.30pm, Booking required
Kids Kitchen – A fun and healthy cooking class for you and your child, ages 2 – 5 years Silkstream: 17.06.25, 1 – 2.30pm, Booking required
Wacky Water – An outdoor water play sessions, ages 2-5 years Silkstream: 01.07.2025 and 15.07.2025, 1.30-2.30pm, Booking required
Chatty Children Workshop – Practical advice and fun ways to encourage your child's talking and understanding. age 2- 5 years Silkstream: 14.05.25 and 09.07.25, 10 – 11am, Booking required Fairway: 13.06.25, 10 - 11am, Booking required
Developmental Baby Massage Workshop – 4-week course for babies 8 – 18 weeks old Fairway: 05.06.25 to 26.06.25, 1.30 - 2.30pm, Booking required
Incredible Years Parenting Programme – for parents/carers with children under 8 years Learn new parenting survival techniques, build positive relationships within the family, develop communication with your child 06.05.25 to 08.07.25. For more information, please call 020 8359 3510

Health Promotions at Fairway	
1.30-2.45pm Booking required	
Introduction to Solids (suitable for 4 to 6 months)	06.05.25
Toilet Training (suitable from 18 months plus)	20.05.25
Baby to Toddler, Watch Me Grow Ages and Stages (suitable for 10 to 18 months)	03.06.25
Toddler to School Readiness, Watch Me Grow Ages and Stages (suitable for over 18 months)	17.06.25
Sleep and Routines (suitable for 8 months plus)	01.07.25
Baby Self-weighing Silkstream - Monday 9am – 3pm <i>Please call to book</i>	



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All Children's Centres are closed on Bank Holidays
Monday 21.04.25, 05.05.25 and 26.05.25

Children's Centres

Summer Term Tuesday 22.04.25 – Friday 18.07.25

(Separate Half Term Timetable for Tuesday – Friday 27.05.25 - 30.05.25)

West Locality

Fairway

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Silkstream

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Wingfield

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Day	Fairway	Silkstream	Wingfield
Monday	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	Baby Group 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 18 months	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 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 18 months Health Promotions Workshops 1.30 – 2.45pm Booking required – see next page	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years Messy Makers 20.05.25 Kids Kitchen 17.06.25 Wacky Water 01.07.25 and 15.07.25 Booking required – see next page	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
Wednesday	Stay and Play at Broadfields School Roseberry Drive, Edgware, HA8 8JP 9.15 – 10.45am, 0 – 5 years Starts 23.04.25 - Ends 02.07.25	Stay and Play 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 5 years Chatty Children Workshop 14.05.25 and 09.07.25 Booking required – see next page	Stay and Play at Greentop NW9 5WR 12.30 – 2pm, 0 – 5 years
Thursday	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years Developmental Baby Massage 05.06.25 – 26.06.25 Booking required – see next page	Baby Group 1 – 2.30pm, 0 – 18 months	No Sessions
Friday	Baby Group 1.30 – 3pm, 0 – 18 months No session 23.05.25 - Ends 11.07.25 Chatty Children Workshop 13.06.25 Booking required – see next page	Stay and Play 9.30 – 11am, 0 – 5 years	Baby Group at Greentop NW9 5WR 12.30 – 2pm, 0 – 12 months

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Activities offered weekly unless otherwise stated

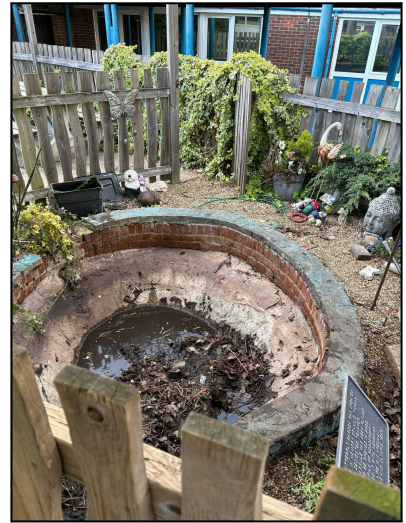


Premises Projects

You may have noticed some improvement works to our school garden area. Over the Easter break the decking was replaced and access was improved. We have also drained the pond. This work is part of a school improvement project that will:

1. Move the library back inside the main building
2. Convert the library building into an outside SEND classroom
3. Renew the garden area and replace the pond with a protected flower and nature area

We have also been busy inside converting two rooms into a new library space by building the shelving in preparation for the next stage.



This is phase 1 of the project. During the coming term we shall move the library to its new home and convert the outside building into an inclusive classroom space. We also hope to renovate the garden area; apologies for the unsightly pond area for the time being.

We would like to thank Mr Russell, who coordinated the building works over the Easter break. This project has also been made possible due to kind donations of shelving and a parent volunteer who is working with us on the garden area.

Eggcellent Easter Raffle



A huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated eggs for our Dance Team Easter Raffle. **We raised an amazing £655!** This will go towards transportation and costume for our dance events this year. Special thanks to Mrs Ditchman, Mrs Hatch, Mrs Hurley, Mrs Smith and Miss Finnegan for selling raffle tickets.

Miss Williams



Spring Term Attendance Awards

Every week we announce the best classes for attendance across the school. We believe that all pupils should be in school and learning every single day! Today we announce the next classes for attendance for the whole of last term. As you can see, it was very close at the top! Congratulations to 3R, the spring term attendance champions.

3R - 1st Place 94.1%

6C - 2nd Place 94.0%

2B - 3rd Place 93.8%



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Barnet's Local Area SEND and AP Partnership Annual Survey for Parents and Carers

Aims of the survey:

- To hear from parents and carers of young people in Barnet with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or in alternative provision (AP).
- To help services in your local area understand what is working well and how we can improve support for children and young people.
- Redistributing this survey on an annual basis will help to identify whether responses to your suggestions for improvement have been effective.

***The survey will be open until Friday 25th of April
Thank you for taking the time to share your valuable feedback***

[Click here for a link to the survey.](#)

Or scan the QR code



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BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH





MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK COMMENCING 21st April 12th May 2nd June 23rd June 14th July 15th September 06th October 2025

WEEK 1

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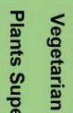
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Plant Based
Wholemeal



Vegetarian
Plants Supercharged

1 of your 5 a day
2 of your 5 a day

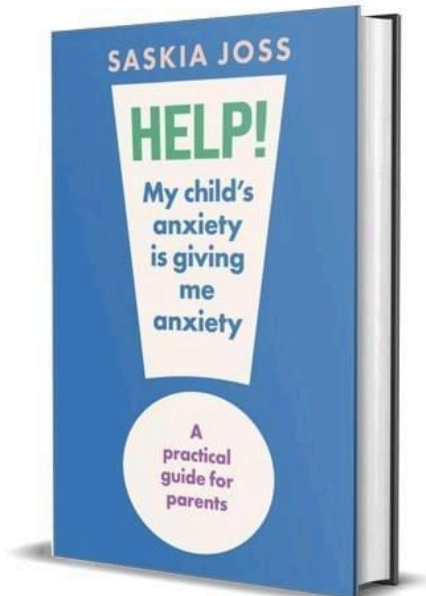
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Available Daily

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Help! My Child's Anxiety is Giving Me Anxiety

by Saskia Joss

Saskia Joss is a child therapist specialising in anxiety, practising at the Mill Hill Therapy Hub.

Anxiety in children has reached epidemic proportions since the Covid-19 lockdowns. Every day parents request referrals to help them cope with and steer their children through anxieties including school refusal, food, social, death and separation anxiety.

Saskia has worked with hundreds of families to establish strategies, action plans and tools to help them navigate and overcome their children's anxiety.

Saskia is celebrating the publication of her eagerly awaited book "Help! My Child's Anxiety is Giving Me Anxiety" by giving a talk offering practical advice to parents on how to support their anxious children.

Barnfield School Talk

Monday April 28

14:30

**Places are limited. Please book early to avoid
disappointment.**

**Two ticket options: scan the
correct QR code to pay:**



**1. Signed book and
ticket: £20.50**



@SaskiaJossTherapy



2. Ticket only: £5.50

BELS Autism Parent/Carer programme (0-6yrs)



BELS Autism Parent Carer Programme.

Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed to increase your knowledge and skills with understanding Autism and using practical strategies to support your child.

The criteria for accessing the programme:

- Barnet Resident
- Child has a diagnosis of Autism
- Child is 0-6 years old

To register [Click here](#) or scan QR code:



Zoom links to be sent once registered.

In-person sessions will be at:

**Barnet Autism Hub
Resources for Autism**

858 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB



Programme Content

1. Introduction to Autism

- What is autism?
- Autism and early education.
- Autistic voice.
- Strategies for support.

Professionals: BEAM

Wednesday 7th May 2025

In-person session 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



2. Emotional Regulation and Promoting Predictability

- Use of visuals and other strategies for setting up routines in the home, managing changes and transitions.
- Enhancing predictability as a way to support emotional regulation.

Professionals: BEAM + parent

Wednesday 14th May 2025

In-person session 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



3. Understanding Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

- What is an EHCP?
- How can an EHCP help my child?
- How long this process takes?
- Who can help?

Professionals: SENDIASS

Wednesday 21st May 2025

In-person session 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



4. Understanding Sensory Processing

- Understanding of our 5 senses and 3 hidden senses.
- Practical strategies to promote alertness and calm.

Professionals: Occupational Therapist

Wednesday 4th June 2025

Meet the Occupational Therapist for Q&A and coffee 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



5. Promoting Communication

- Development of speech, language, and communication.
- Strategies for promoting this in the home.

Professionals: Speech Therapist

Wednesday 11th June 2025

Meet the Speech Therapist for Q&A and coffee 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



6. Toileting

- Understanding of development of toileting skills.
- Strategies for promoting using the toilet at home.

Professionals: BEAM & parent

Wednesday 18th June 2025

In-person session 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



7. Sleep

- Understanding how to improve sleep.
- Practical strategies to promote good bedtime routines.

Professionals: BEAM + parent

Wednesday 25th June 2025

In-person session 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm



8. Eating and Drinking Difficulties

- Understanding of development of eating and drinking skills.
- Practical strategies to use at home.

Professionals: Occupational Therapist

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Meet the Occupational Therapist for Q&A and coffee 10:00am- 11:30am

Live ZOOM session – 1:00pm- 2:30pm

