WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

May

12/5 to 15/5
Year 6 SATs Week

22nd May - Bushcraft Meeting for Y6 families 5.00pm

26th -30th May
Half Term Week
SCHOOL CLOSED

Take a look at our Summer Term Diary

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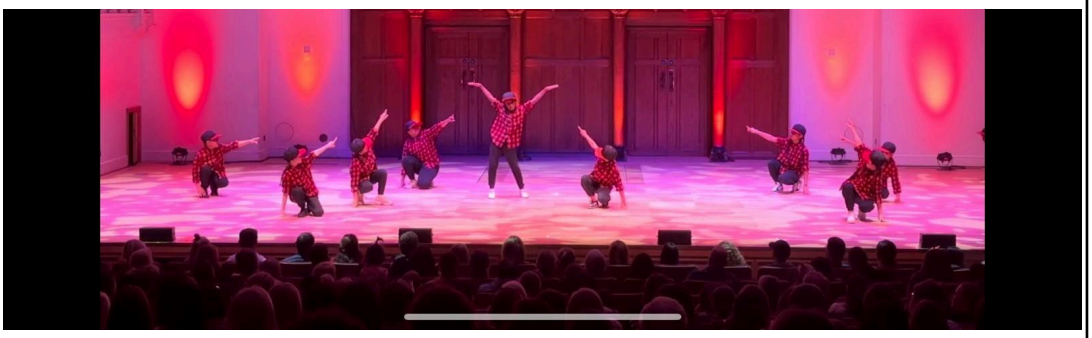
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PSHE Themes

This week we were thinking about:

VE Day

DOUBLE CHAMPIONS!!



Our amazing Dance Team has done it again! This time they beat schools from all across London to become the regional 'Great Big Dance Off' champions for 2025. Read a report from Ameera(Y6)

"*The Woodcroft Dance Team went on an exciting trip to the Cadogan Hall to perform at the Great Big Dance Off competition. We were the first school to arrive and had a rehearsal in front of other schools. After a few hours, we got up on stage in our costumes and everyone tried their absolute hardest at the competition (since there were twenty schools participating.) They then told us that if we won we would go to the grand final in Oxford. Later on they announced that the Woodcroft Dance Team had WON FIRST PLACE! We went onto the stage to collect our trophy; all of us were extremely happy at the results.*"

Ms Williams said, "*The dance team gave a breath-taking performance and represented the school in exemplary fashion. I am extremely proud of their achievements!*"

Their next event is now national 'Dance Off' finals taking place in Oxford in June. 'Go Woodcroft!' Let's make it 3 out of 3. Thank you to ex-staff members Mrs Clark and Ms Vanner, and to all of our travelling fans, for their support on the day.



Summer Fair

You may have noticed on the events diary that we are planning to host a Summer Fair on Friday 4th July. In preparation we are holding a non-uniform donation day on Friday 23rd May.

Non-Uniform Day Donations

The 23rd of May is a non-uniform day. We are not collecting cash, but we are collecting donations. We would like families to donate an item for the summer fair. Possible examples of donations could be:

Toiletries ☀ Perfume ☀ Chocolates ☀ Gifts ☀ Toys ☀ Drink
Candles ☀ Stationery Sets ☀ After Shave ☀ Bath Sets

We will then use the items for various stalls at the fair. The items can be large or small, expensive or economical, it doesn't matter - but they do have to be **NEW** and unopened! Take a look below …



Barnet Children & Families Autism Hub

The May newsletter has just been published by the Autism Hub in Barnet. Visit their website to download your own copy, access resources and click links to local courses and advice centres …

https://www.resourcesforautism.org.uk/barnet-cf-autism-hub/

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

Barnet Children And Families Autism HUB

Welcome

We're happy to announce that the Barnet Children and Families Autism Hub is now open! We look forward to seeing families, new and familiar, taking part in our range of activities and support through the coming term and beyond.

MEET THE TEAM

Manager - **Beth Adams**
Coordinator - **Corinna Cavaye**
Coordinator - **Mike Kingsbury**
Receptionist - **Nadia Ermilova**

HOW TO ACCESS

To access the services at the Barnet Children & Families Hub, you must complete a referral. The referral form can be found on our website or by scanning the QR code below. Families can self refer, or a professional can do so on their behalf.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE A REFERRAL



Children & Young People

Continue reading to find out more about what the Barnet Children & Families Autism Hub has on offer for children and young people through the Summer term.

All of our services are **free to access**, you just need to sign up - check the end of this newsletter for more information on how to register.

STAY & PLAY FOR 0-8 YEARS

Join us for a morning of activities and be supported by our expert team. Stay & Play is an opportunity for families to have fun alongside autism experts and peers.
When: Fridays 12:00-13:00
Where: 858 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB



CREATIVES CLUB FOR 8-12 YEARS

Unleash your creativity in this fun new group! Children will have the opportunity to meet peers, explore their creativity, and have fun with a variety of art based activities.
When: Wednesdays 16:00-17:00
Where: 858 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB



OUTINGS GROUP FOR 13-18 YEARS

Engage in the community & meet peers in this exciting new social group! Sessions will take place in-house as well as out and about across Barnet.
When: Fridays 16:00-17:00
Where: 858 Finchley Road, NW11 6AB

Families

We have a range of exciting events and workshops for parents, carers, and family members! Read below to see what's on this month:



AUTISM DROP INS

Meet our team for expert advice and support throughout the week. Autism Drop In sessions are an opportunity for families to ask questions, seek advice, and learn. See below for session days & times:
Wednesdays: 10am - 2pm (weekly)
Thursdays: 12pm - 2pm (weekly, virtual)

Book your slot now by following this link: Autism Drop Ins Booking

FILM NIGHT

Join us on on **May 16th at 6pm** for a family-friendly movie night at the hub! We'll be watching *Paddington*, in our cinema room, popcorn provided!



EARLY YEARS DROP INS

Join the team from Barnet Early Years service for advice and support on **Thursday 15th May, 10am - 1pm**

COFFEE MORNINGS

Join our community of parents and carers to ask for and share advice. A unique opportunity to meet other families and share lived experiences and gain support from our team. You can join in on:
Thursday 13th May: 12pm - 1pm (in person)
Wednesday 21st May: 10:30am - 12:30pm (virtual)

VE Mail Project







Woodcroft is taking part in a very exciting project called VE Mail. Shortly, we will receive a letter from a World War Two veteran who will tell us all about their experiences during the war. Their story will give us a first-hand insight what VE Day meant to them in 1945 and why it still matters today.

We will then be able to write back to our war veterans and express our gratitude for everything they did for us during the war. We are looking forward to receiving our VE Day letter.

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. To apply for a place contact our school office.

Earliest 3 Year Old Admission Dates for the 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

For children that have already had their 3rd or 4th birthday please contact the school office to discuss whether we have any vacancies.

Apply Now

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

30 hours FREE childcare

Childcare Choices

Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the new **30 hours free childcare** offer. Parents need to register in advance for these childcare offers, through the Government website**.**
https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

Full Time Places

Parents not eligible for the free 30 hours can pay for additional sessions and have their child cared for full time in our Nursery. Speak to our staff for more details.

More information

Vist our website for more information https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/

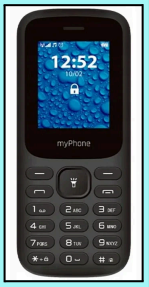






Woodcroft is NOW a Smartphone Free School

We believe that a smartphone has the potential to do significant harm to primary age children. As a result, the Governing Body of Woodcroft has decided to make our school smart phone free. This is also a Barnet-wide policy and means pupils are not allowed to bring a smartphone to school.



If a pupil has a smartphone in school then it will be confiscated immediately 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

Please support our initiative

We are also politely asking **ALL adults**; parents, carers and staff not to use their phones on school premises. We believe that this helps to send a clear message that phones are not good for young children.

Year 6 SATS Week 2025

National SATs tests will soon be taking place for Year 6.

Monday 12th: Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling
Tuesday 13th: Reading
Wednesday 14th : Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning A
Thursday 15th : Maths Reasoning B

A few reminders:

- Children should attend school to sit the tests even if feeling a little unwell
- Make sure pupils get a good night's sleep and arrive on time
- Don't forget your water bottle and healthy snacks (Breaktime bananas will be provided)

And finally…Year 6 have worked very hard and do not need to worry - they are all ready and well prepared and can only do their best.



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.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to

Corey (Nursery) age 4, Aila (1D) age 6 and Diya (1D) age 6

Passport Applications- Please request identity checks by Friday 23rd May



Parents often ask school staff to verify their identity and counter sign applications. This can be a time consuming activity but we are happy to provide it for free. It can take up to 10 weeks, especially during busy summer periods. So, to ensure sufficient time is allowed before the summer break we have a cut off date after which we cannot countersign passports.

This is what you need to do before you apply to the passport office:

1. Ask a member of senior staff to act as your witness.
2. Provide the full name and dates of birth of all adults making the application. We need to be familiar with all adults on the application.
3. Confirm we have your correct address
4. Provide evidence of the child's place of birth
5. Submit your digital application (we do not complete paper applications).

Staff aim to complete applications within 48 - 72 hours.

Please do not ask staff after Friday 23rd of May as you will be politely declined until September

Early Years have been learning about 'Healthy Bodies and Minds'



This term the children in Reception have been learning about healthy bodies and minds. As part of the learning this week, Mrs Hatch came to visit and tell us all about the ways she and Mrs Hurley help to keep us well at school. She was able to remind us all about making healthy safe choices such as washing our hands, drinking lots of water, eating healthy food and going to bed at a good time. She explained how she supports all kinds of needs across our school and asked us to help her keep everyone safe by making sure we do not run inside and that we look out for our friends. We even helped to solve problems together when we role played that the teachers needed help with cut knees or a hurting tummy. Thank you for helping us Mrs Hatch and Mrs Hurley.

Free Meal Kits from 'Bread n Butter'

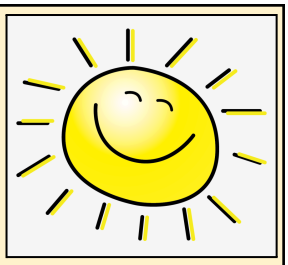


Bread n Butter nourishing skills

Thank you to the cooking charity 'Bread n Butter' for their delivery of 60 free recipe and meal kits this week. Each meal kit contained an easy to follow recipe and all the ingredients to make a healthy vegetarian meal for 4 people. They hope that these kits help parents and their children get cooking together, and show how easy it is to cook healthy meals from scratch.

'Bread n Butter' have been making and distributing these meal kits since 2020 to schools, food banks and community groups around Barnet, Enfield and Brent. www.breadnbutter.org.uk

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025



May

7/5 Y5 Secondary Transfer Evening for Y5 families 5.00pm
12/5 - 16/5 KS2 SATS Week
22/5 Bushcraft Meeting - Main Hall for Year 6 @ 5.00pm
23/5 Non-Uniform Day - bring a donation to support our Summer Fair

June

PUPILS RETURN Monday 2nd June
w/b 2/6 EYFS Caterpillar Project begins
w/b 9/6 to 13/6 Year 4 Multiplication Check

4/6 to 6/6 Bushcraft Y6 Residential Camp

w/b 9/6 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
10/6 Y3 Trip to the Natural History Museum
16/6 & 19/6 Year 5 River Project fieldwork week with Thames 21
w/b 16/6 Reception Visits for new families
20/6 New to Reception Family Meeting (September Intake) 9.15am
23/6 TfL Presentation to KS2
24/6 Woodcroft WOW Factor Finals
27/6 One Drum African Drumming with Y6

July

Sports Day - School Values Theme
1/7 AM 9.30 - 11.30 KS2 Sports Day at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre (BOLC)
1/7 PM 1.30 - 2.30 KS1 and Early Years Sports Day at BOLC

3/7 Meet the Teacher Day 9.00 - 10.00 children visit their new classes
3/7 Year 6 Secondary Transition Visits (not all schools)
4th July - Woodcroft Summer Fair 3.15pm - 4.45pm

7/7 Y2 Trip to Mill Hill Park
7/7 Y6 Bronze Arts Award Portfolios Completed
7/7 Year 3 Ukulele Concert
7/7 Pupil Annual Reports Distributed

8/7 Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm (Tuesday)
8/7 Y6 Leavers Dress Rehearsal
9/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Afternoon Wednesday Matinee to Parents
10/7 Leavers Show - Thursday Evening show

Final week

17/7 EYFS Family Picnic
18/7 Last Day of Term (2.15pm Finish)

Pupils Return Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Note: additional dates may be added in due course