



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Make a date

Year Group Information Meetings for parents -

These are in the Main
Hall starting at 3.30pm
on the following dates:

Y6 Wednesday 10th
Y1 Thursday 11th
Y2 Monday 15th
Y3 Tuesday 16th
Y4 Wednesday 17th
Y5 Thursday 18th

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about
coming back to school!



Let's make 2025-26 another year of OUTSTANDING Successes for Woodcroft

Firstly, well done to all of the pupils and staff for making last year one of our most successful ever:

- SATs results were over 20% above the national average!
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check was above national average
- Excellent Early Years Foundation Stage Profiles and KS1 Phonics results

These results demonstrate the excellent academic education that pupils receive at Woodcroft.

And let's not forget that in 2025:

- Woodcroft won the UDOIT National Street Dance Championships
- Our choir performed at The Royal Albert Hall
- 22 pupils achieved the prestigious Arts Award from Trinity College
- Woodcroft had the top 'Times Tables Rock Stars' class in London

Also, at the end of term we also enjoyed summer fairs, talent shows, sports days, leavers shows, music concerts and our EYFS garden was even visited by judges from the Young Gardeners' Competition!

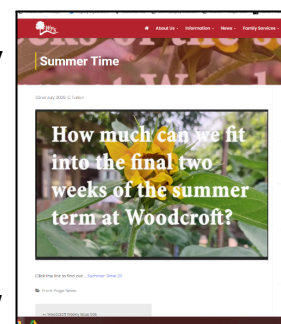
If you haven't seen our highlights reel then take a look by clicking the link below ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/summer-time/>

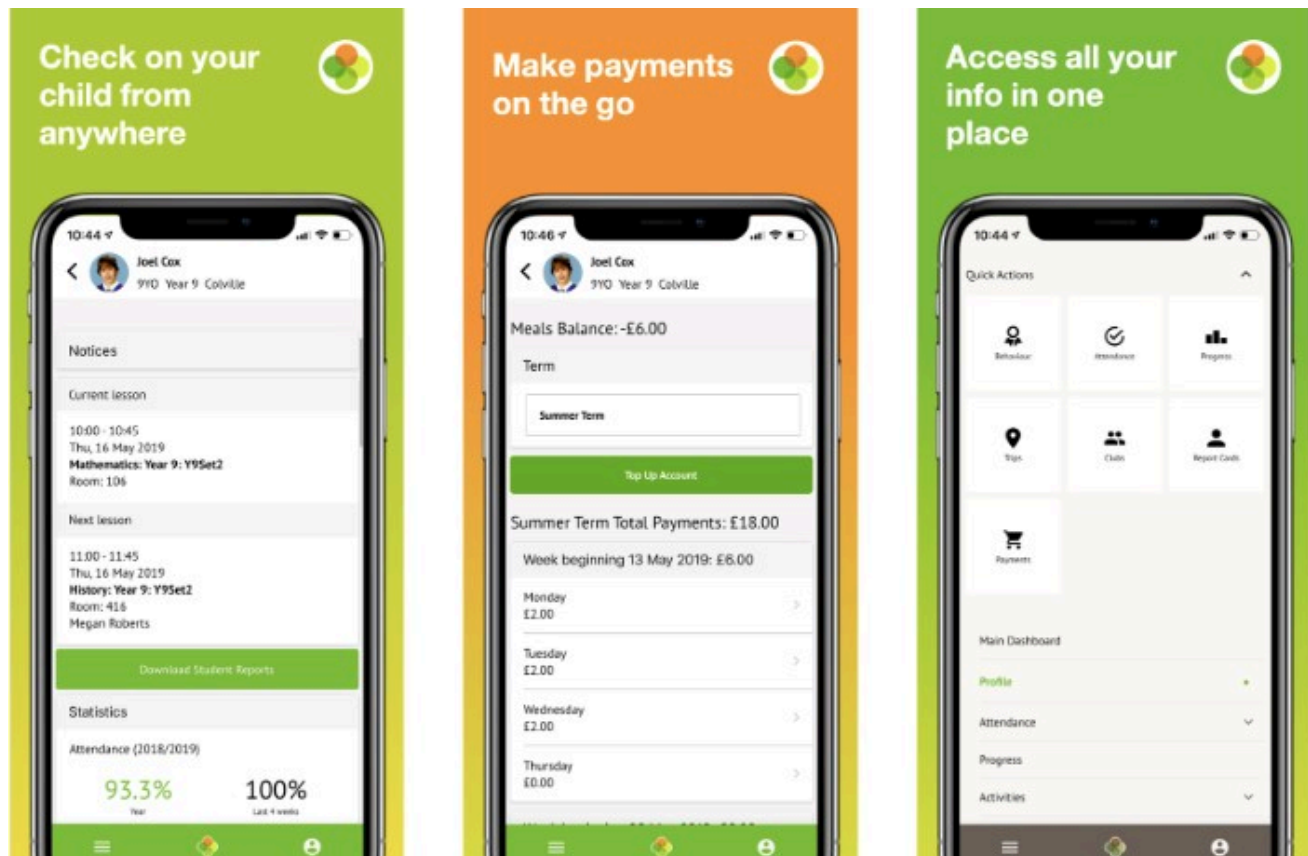
We hope that you have had a great summer and are now ready to make 2025 - 2026 even better than ever!

This only happens when everyone works ...

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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!

Remember - Woodcroft is a CASH FREE SCHOOL

Join Detective Woof and the Barnet Book Detectives to help track down the mysterious Book Crook.

Read books throughout the summer and receive rewards and clues to help solve the case.

Our PAwsome summer events programme will keep children entertained all summer long!

Visit your local library to join Starts Saturday 5 July

Woodcroft Primary

Barnet Libraries

Family Arts Standards

BARNET LONDON BOROUGH

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

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open

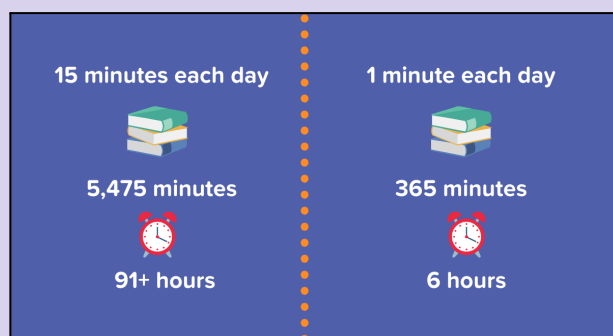


Year 6 families are now able to complete their applications to select their secondary school choices for transfer next September 2026.
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

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 Wednesday 10th inc: KS2 SATs, Bronze Arts Award, Residential & Secondary Transfer Arrangements
- Y1 Thursday 11th inc Phonics Briefing
- Y2 Monday 15th
- Y3 Tuesday 16th inc Transition to KS2
- Y4 Wednesday 17th inc Y4 MTC
- Y5 Thursday 18th 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 uniforms. 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. We do not permit prominent branding and simply state that 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 Extra 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**

Fridays during	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 (they dent, become unbalanced, and disturb learning when they frequently fall on the floor)

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 2025

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

School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Autumn #1

Pupils Return Wednesday 3 September 2025

Half-Term Holiday Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025

Autumn #2

Pupils return Monday 3 November

Final Day of Term Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas Holiday Monday 22 December – Monday 5 January 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

Spring #1 2026

Pupils Return Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half-Term Holiday Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Spring #2 2026

Pupils Return Monday 23 February

Final Day of Term Friday 27 March 2026

School Easter Holiday 30 March - 13 April 2026 (Easter Weekend 3 April - 6 April)

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer #1 2026

Pupils Return Tuesday 14 April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on Monday 4 May 2026

Half-Term Holiday Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026 (Bank Holiday 25 May 2026)

Summer #2 2026

Pupils Return Monday 1 June

Last day of Term Friday 17 July 2026



ACORNS CLUB

Open every evening during term time from 3:15pm - 6.00 pm

For pupils from Year R* to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Chromebooks** | **Homework** | **Games** |

After School Care Provision at Woodcroft

We are now offering places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents are able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either a ½ session at a cost £6.50 per child, or a full session at a cost of £10.00 per child.

A snack will be included in the price. Please note, the school does not make a profit from Acorns.

Collection is from the Oak Suite Gate by calling the Acorns After School Club number.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to the register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions then call the office and we will gladly give you any further information required.

Children are picked up from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities and learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

What next:

1. If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After-School Club please register by calling the school office.
2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance via the Arbor App.
3. The charges are as follows:
3:15 – 4:30pm = £6.50 ½ Session (1 hour 15 min) until 4.30pm
3:15 – 6.00pm = £10.00 Full session (2 hours 45 mins) until 6.00pm
4. If you arrive after the allocated time you will be charged a £2.00 late collection fee.
5. Light refreshments are included in the price.

Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft

**Reception pupils are only accepted once they are settled in to school*



Woodcroft promotes a Smartphone Free Childhood

We all want our children to be healthy, safe and successful at school. We believe that smartphones can do significant harm to young children.



Adults - please support our initiative

We are politely asking ALL adults; parents, carers and staff not to use their phones when on school premises. This means on the playground at pick up and drop off times. Please finish your calls at the gate and do not use a phone in school. We believe this sets a good example for all of our young people and keeps Woodcroft Smartphone Free.

However, we also understand that occasionally parents may be waiting for an appointment to call back or take an emergency call. Please inform staff if this is the case.



All pupil 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>

Please note: we first notified parents of this policy in September 2024.