WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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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:

Y2 Monday 15th Y3 Tuesday 16th Y4 Wednesday 17th Y5 Thursday 18th

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PSHE Themes

We are thinking about how to give ...

Kind Greetings



Parents Invited To Attend Year Group Curriculum Evenings

Our Year Group Curriculum Evenings continue to take place next week. Each year group meeting occurs on a different day to enable all parents the opportunity to attend. We shall host them in the main hall, directly after dismissal starting at 3.30pm.

- Y2 Monday 15th
- Y3 Tuesday 16th inc Transition to KS2
- Y4 Wednesday 17th inc Y4 MTC
- Y5 Thursday 18th inc Secondary Transfer Updates

Please make every effort to attend

KS1 Skipping Success for Woodcroft

Woodcroft's sporting success continues! Well done to last year's KS1 (current Y2 and Y3) who finished in an excellent second place at the Borough Skipping Challenge! Schools from across Barnet took part in the KS1 Skipping Challenge at the end of the summer term.

1st Courtland
2nd Woodcroft
3rd Livingstone

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.

KS1 & Foundation Stage

Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are all given healthy snacks in school so are not required. Please DO NOT send in food items to school.



Healthy Snacks



Congratulations Mr Rees Congratulations Mrs Abas

We are pleased to inform everyone that two of our members of staff have recently welcomed new babies into their families! Mr Rees became a father again over the summer after the birth of his second child, baby Oona. Mrs Abas gave birth to her second child, baby Jerrico.





Baby Oona

Baby Jerrico

I am sure you will join us in wishing both Mr Rees' and Mrs Abas' families all our very best wishes.

Arts Award Success at Woodcroft



Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre. Pupils in Year 6 are given the opportunity to submit an art portfolio of their work to Trinity College London for Bronze Arts Award accreditation.



We are pleased to announce that 23 pupils in Year 6 achieved their Bronze Arts Award this summer - an amazing achievement! We shall be inviting them back to a special Arts Award Presentation Evening on **Tuesday 23rd September at 5.00pm.**





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Arts Award Presentation Evening (Y6 leavers return) – Tuesday 23rd September at 5.00pm

School Photographer visits on Monday 29th September for individual portraits.



October 2025

Parent Consultation Evenings Tuesday 7th (to 7.00pm) & Wednesday 9th October (to 6.00pm)

Harvest Festival Day - 17th October

- Food Collections from Monday 14th October
- Harvest Basket Assemblies & Coin Chest Collection Friday 17th



Year 6 visit the RAF Museum on 21st October

International Colours Day - Friday 24th October Dress in your national costume or the colours of your flag.

1/2 Term 27th to 31st October

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

November 2025

Monday 10th November Anti-Bullying Week 2025 Theme: Power For Good



Tuesday 11th November - Odd Socks Day be different, be unique

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November a 2 minute silence will be observed

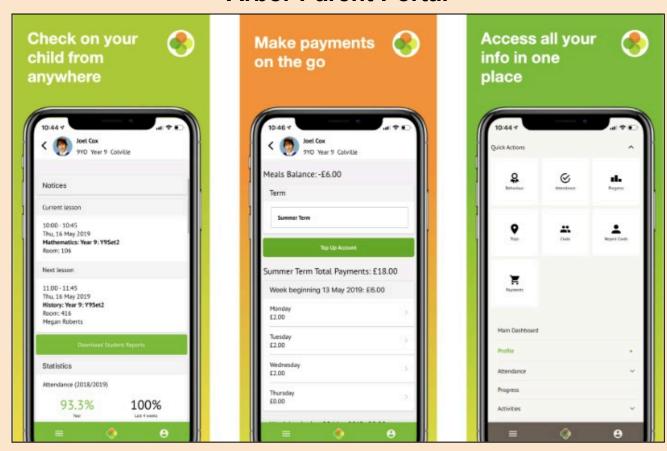
TTRS England Rocks - 12th - 14th November time for KS2 to test their multiplication knowledge

BBC Children in Need - Friday 14th November. Dress in Spots and Dots - be as dotty as you can or come in yellow with your Pudsey merch!

Book Fair - 25th November - 1st December from 3.15 - 3.45pm every day in the main hall

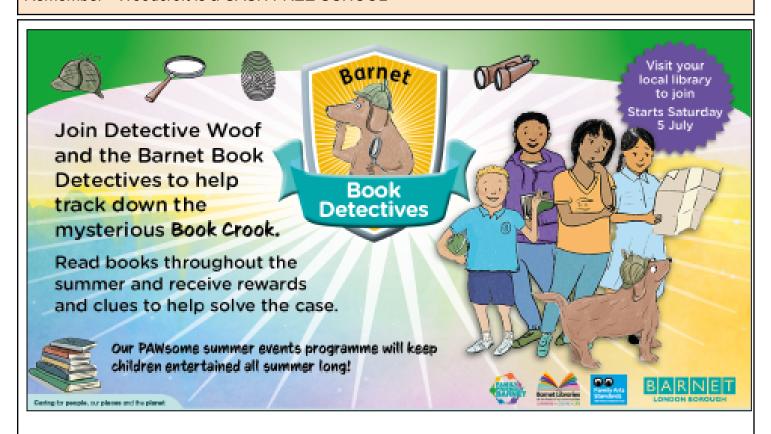


Arbor Parent Portal



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!

Remember - Woodcroft is a CASH FREE SCHOOL



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!

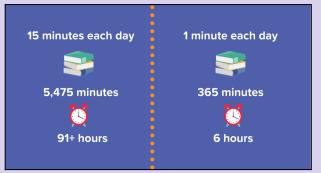
Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications Now Open



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 <u>the</u> 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 <u>NOT</u> 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/



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.

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.





School Office Hours



The school office is available to receive calls between 8.30am and 4.00pm. However, please note, all staff are on door duty between 8.30 and 9.00am and 3.15pm and 3.45pm so are not able to answer calls. Voicemail messages can be left at anytime outside of the school day.

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. Here is how it works:



- 1. Children give a book to their class library.
- 2. They visit the office for a birthday sticker
- Their names are then included in the following week's newsletter.



Whole School Attendance 93.0%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1T 96.3%

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4S 98.3%

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5N 96.5%

