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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Half Term

27th - 31st October

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

Monday 10th November

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11th November

Primary Maths Challenge

12th November

TTRS England Rocks

12 - 14th November

Children in Need

Pudsey Day

Friday 14th November

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about ...

International Day

When Woodcroft pupils celebrate our diversity



Woodcroft International Day 2025



We created a carnival of colour for our International Day 2025. Pupils dressed in traditional costume or the colours of their flag.



Autumn Half Term Break

A reminder that school will be closed for one week for the half term from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October. Pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Year 6 Trip to the RAF Museum



On Tuesday 21st October Year 6 walked to the R.A.F. museum. The walk took quite long as it was far away. At first we were given a ticking sheet to find different planes but sadly the Curtis Kittyhawk has unfortunately been decommissioned to another museum. After this we went to the workshop and saw the Battle of Britain movie. We finished off by going to the interactive game area and my favorite part of the RAF trip was the small yellow helicopter that you can pretend to pilot it, but I was doing this on other planes such as the Red Arrows plane and the small Spitfire. Overall the trip was fun that it was the best day ever.

Report by Erdi Haziri (6J)

Safe Dismissal Arrangements



At Woodcroft we need to coordinate the safe dismissal of over 400 children every day. To ensure this is carried out correctly we follow the same principles across the school.

1. Staff only dismiss to adults that are known to them.
2. If parents need to make changes to regular arrangements they need to inform the school office as early in the day as possible. Calling the office at 3.00pm does not give school enough time to communicate changes with classteachers. Please call before 2.00pm.
3. Staff cannot talk with parents at 3.15pm until all pupils have been dismissed. Please do not approach teachers, even for a quick message, as they are focused on dismissing children safely. Please wait until the majority of pupils have left before having a conversation.
4. Teachers dismiss pupils one at a time.
 - a. In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 this is from the door.
 - b. In Y2 to Y6 this takes place on the playground.
5. In Y2 to Y6 children need to raise their hand when they see their adult. Only when the teacher checks if the adult is known to them, will they dismiss that pupil. Children are not allowed to leave their class area until the teacher indicates that they can go.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications - Deadline 31st October

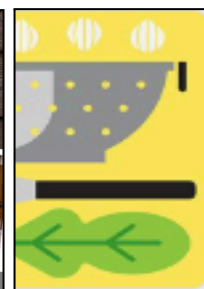


Year 6 families should now complete their applications to select their secondary school choices for transfer next September 2026.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

You can compare Barnet secondary school results here:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=302&geographic=la&for=secondary>



New Lunch Menu - Starts After Half Term

Take a look at the new lunch menu which will begin after the October half term and run through to Easter 2026. A PDF copy has been emailed to parents but it is also available on our website <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

ISS, our Barnet approved caterer, is the first primary lunch provider in the UK to introduce 'Cool Food'. Don't worry, this is NOT about the temperature we serve the meals, but that they are low-carbon 'hot meals' that produce at least 38% fewer emissions than the average school lunch. We are doing our bit to help reduce global warming!. You can find more information at www.eatcoolfood.org.

This term we are also introducing "mirror menus," where the vegetarian and meat options are designed to look similar.

Take a look at the images below, or download the full menu PDF ... [Autumn / Spring Menu 2025/26](#)

WEEK 1 MENU		PLATES FOR OUR PLANET	
3 rd November 24 th November 15 th December 5 th January 26 th January 9 th March	MONDAY		TUESDAY
	Margherita Pizza with Cajun Wedges		Rainbow Chilli with Rice
	Cheesy Bean Puff served with Cajun Wedges		Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice
	Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings
	Sweetcorn & Roasted Courgettes		Pear & Berry Sponge
FROZEN STRAWBERRY YOGHURT			
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
Quorn Burger with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy		Super Stir Fry with Egg Noodles	
Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy		Singapore Chicken Noodles	
Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings	
Green Beans & Carrots		Sweetcorn & Spiced Broccoli	
Yoghurt Bar with Delicious Toppings		Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	
		FRIDAY	
		Delicious Dippers with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
		Salmon or White Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
		Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings	
		Peas & Baked Beans	
		Chocolate Rice Crispie Cake	

 WEEK 2 MENU 10th November 1st December 12th January 2nd February 23rd February 16th March		
MONDAY Chilli Fajita with Garlic & Herb Wedges 🌱🌱 Sweetcorn Pizza with Garlic & Herb Wedges 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Broccoli & Coleslaw 🌱 Yoghurt Bar with Delicious Toppings 🌱		
TUESDAY Planet Friendly Sausage with Mash & Gravy 🌱 Chicken Sausage with Mash & Gravy 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Roasted Mediterranean Veggies & Sweetcorn 🌱 Pineapple Upside Down Cake 🌱🌱		
WEDNESDAY Smoky BBQ Strips with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱 Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Peas & Carrots 🌱 Chocolate Shortbread 🌱		
THURSDAY Roasted Veggie Lasagne with Tomato Focaccia 🌱🌱🌱 Beef Lasagne with Tomato Focaccia 🌱🌱🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Green Beans & Roast Root Vegetables 🌱 Orange Jelly with Mandarins 🌱🌱		
FRIDAY Sweet Potato, Pepper & Coconut Curry with Rice 🌱🌱🌱🌱 Battered Fish or Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Peas & Baked Beans 🌱 Oaty Apple & Berry Crumble with Custard 🌱		

 WEEK 3 MENU 17th November 8th December 19th January 9th February 2nd March 23rd March		
MONDAY Thai-Style Red Curry & Wholegrain Rice 🌱🌱🌱🌱 Roast Pepper Pizza with Paprika Wedges 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Sweetcorn & Red Cabbage Slaw 🌱 Carrot Cake 🌱		
TUESDAY Chinese Rainbow Fried Rice 🌱🌱🌱 Chicken Tarka Dhal with Rice 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Broccoli & Peas 🌱 Oat Dream Cookie 🌱		
WEDNESDAY Golden Mac & Cheese with Roasted Squash & Garlic Bread 🌱 Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Carrots & Herby Green Beans 🌱 Strawberry Jelly with Peaches 🌱🌱		
THURSDAY Plant Power Bolognese with Penne Pasta and Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱🌱🌱 Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta and Garlic & Herb Bread 🌱 Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Mediterranean Vegetables & Sweetcorn 🌱 Eve's Pudding with Custard 🌱🌱		
FRIDAY Cheese and Onion Flan with Chips 🌱 Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Jacket Potato with a Variety of Fillings Peas & Baked Beans 🌱 Lemon & Courgette Muffin 🌱		

Visit our website for more information ... <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

Barnet Sports Partnership Newsletter

Included with this week's Woodcroft Weekly Newsletter email is a copy of the BPSS Community Newsletter from our local school sports partnership. This edition is packed with information about ½ term holiday activities and local sports opportunities.

You can also click the link below to download your copy ... [BPSS Community Newsletter Autumn 1 2025](#)

BPSS Community Newsletter Autumn 1 2025



WELCOME...

to the Autumn Term 1 BPSS Community Newsletter. We hope you enjoy seeing what local opportunities are available for your children and young people during the upcoming holidays.



WASP SEN Group Coffee Morning Woodcroft's Advice and Support for Parents

Tuesday 18th November from 9.00am

This term's Parent Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday 18th November at 9.00am.

We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Julie O'Dwyer, to the session.

Julie is an Autism Advisory Teacher in Barnet and supports many of our families with autistic children. She will deliver a bespoke session based on the feedback from the Summer Term Coffee Morning. Topics to be covered include:

- Predictability and routine in the home
- Managing routines around sleeping, eating, toileting & device use
- Coping with dysregulation
- Meeting sensory needs

We look forward to seeing you there. Please speak to Miss Maynard or Jill Smith for further information.

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

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



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

Visit our website for more information

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/>



HALF TERM IN BARNET LIBRARIES

The half term holidays are just around the corner and Barnet Libraries have some great activities lined up



At Barnet Libraries, they have a very full [programme of events for children](#) taking place during half term.



On Monday 27 October, we are hosting an interactive theatre group performance at Edgware library called [Lose the Path, Find Your Way](#). It starts at 10.30am and it is suitable for children aged 8 to 11.

There are many tickets left for this lovely show, and so we are reaching out to local schools in case they can alert their families.

Here is the info and booking link, which is also inserted in the tile above :

<https://barnet-libraries.played.co/venues/f76571b9-683e-44ba-800c-6aee6e67548e/sessions/20e5b8be-271f-4af4-817f-1454f8325074>

Full programme of events

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/events/all?f%5B0%5D=type%3ASchool%20holiday%20event>

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**

Ruhana (4S) age 9



**Whole School
Attendance
94.5%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: **2LD 100%** 🏆 **TOP CLASS** 🏆

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: **3R 97.5%**

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: **5N 98.0%**