# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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#### **Diary Dates**

Antii-Bullying Week

Odd Sock Day

Monday 10th November

Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th November

Primary Maths Challenge 12th November

**Year 1 Music Festival** 14th November

Children in Need

Pudsey Day Friday 14th November

TTRS England Rocks
18 - 20th November

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#### **PSHE Themes**

In school we have been thinking about ...

Anti-Bullying Week





Remembrance Day takes place on Tuesday, the 11th of November. Remembrance Day is an annual event where we think about all the people who have lost their lives while serving our country. It is also called Poppy Day. Poppies have been on sale all week. The money raised goes to support veterans and their elderly families. Wearing a poppy shows you care. They will remain on sale on Monday and Tuesday. Woodcroft pupils and staff will then be observing a 2 minute silence on Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am. The 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th Month!



At Woodcroft we expect pupils to be **kind and polite.** We will be thinking about how the way Woodcroft pupils behave can be used as a **POWER FOR GOOD.** 

#### **Odd Socks Day - Monday 10th November**



We begin Antil-Bullying Week on Monday with Odd Socks Day! We would like all of our pupils to wear the brightest, craziest, most unusual socks that they have in their drawer at home - but make sure it is a different sock on each foot!



# Coming Soon at Woodcroft ...

November is always a busy month in school. Take a look at what's happening this half-term.

## **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**



Anti-Bullying Week this year takes place from **10th to 14th November 2025** with the theme of **Power For Good.** The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th** supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. Read more:

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025

## **Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) 2025**



The Primary Maths Challenge will be taking place on 12th November for selected Y5 and Y6 pupils. Some of our best Woodcroft mathematicians in Years 5 and 6 will be entering into competition against pupils from across England in a challenge designed to encourage mathematical thinking and problem-solving.

https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/

#### **Year 1 Barnet Music Festival**

Year 1 pupils will again be taking part in the **Barnet Infant Music Festival on 14th November**. This year Woodcroft has been selected to host the event so a number of other schools will be joining us here to perform a repertoire of songs that they are currently learning. The festival is organised by BEAT, Barnet's Music Hub. Our Year 1 pupils will then be performing their songs to parents the following week on **Friday 21st November**.

# BBC Children in Need - 'SPOTACULAR PUDSEY'



Pudsey Appeal Day will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9shOpct-1ZU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9shOpct-1ZU</a>

Our annual Pudsey Spotacular takes place on Friday 14th November with a non-uniform day in which we encourage pupils to dress in colourful clothes that they can accessorise with spots and dots.



Classes will also be challenging themselves to learn 25 dance steps by taking part in a fun Strictly Come Dancing Challenge! <a href="https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/strictly/">https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/strictly/</a>
Don't forget to donate at .. <a href="https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/">https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/</a>

#### **Year 5 Cake Sale**



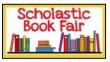
Come along to the main hall on Thursday 13th November and buy a sweet treat to support our Year 5 pupils' fundraising activity to support their chick project next term. 🐣

# **TTRS England Rocks 2025**



TTRS England Rocks takes place between 18th - 20th November and is the time for KS2 (Y3 to Y6) to test their multiplication knowledge against the rest of the country.

#### **Book Fair - 25th November to 1st December**



We welcome back our annual Book Fair on 25th November. You will have the opportunity to visit the fair at the end of the school day. Remember, every book you purchase enables the school to choose FREE books for the library.



## **Strings Concert**

Our string instrumentalists will be performing for parents and carers on **Thursday 27th November** at 2.30pm in the main hall.

### **Year 3 Ukulele Show**

Parents and carers are invited to the Year 3 Ukulele Show at 11.30am on **Monday 8th December**. Come along and find out what the pupils have been learning in music.

## **Year 5 Tower of London Trip**

On **Tuesday 2nd December** Year 5 will be heading off to the Tower of London. Let's hope they don't get locked up for treason!

## **Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day**

Christmas crackers, party hats, great food and bad jokes will be enjoyed on **Wednesday 10th December** when it is Christmas Lunch day for all that take a school meal. Every pupil, including those that bring a packed lunch, will receive a cracker. Pupils are also allowed to wear their own christmas jumpers, hats and accessories on this day as well to add to the festive fun!

#### **Year 2 Festive Show**

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the annual Year 2 Festive Show. There will be two performances for parents to attend:

- Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm
- Friday 12th December at 9.30am.

Please try to avoid bringing babies to the shows. Families can record the event for personal use, but please switch off phones during the performance. Thank you

# **Party Time**

On party days, pupils do not need to wear uniforms. We only ask that sensible shoes are worn and clothes are appropriate for the weather.

- Y1, Y3 & Y5 Party Day is on Monday 15th
- Y2 & Y4 Party Day is on Tuesday 16th
- Y6 Party Day is on Wednesday 17th

## EYFS 'Xmas Stay & Play' and Party Activity Day

EYFS Xmas Stay and Play party is on Wednesday 17th (Nursery & Reception)

- Nursery AM Stay and Play 8.45am 9.30am
- Nursery PM Stay and Play 2.30pm -3.15pm
- Reception 2.00pm -3.15pm

#### **Festival of Dance**

Our dancers take to the stage to showcase this term's routines. Friends and family are welcome to attend on **Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am** in the main hall.

# **Christmas Tree Display**

Christmas Tree Display on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th - 3.15pm to 3.45pm Main Hall We hope you take the opportunity to come and see our fabulous decorated Christmas trees in the main hall. Every year group will be creating their very own display. They will be available to view on the two days after school. Children will then bring their decorations home on the final day of term.



#### **Woodcroft Panto**

'Oh yes it is!' The Christmas Panto for pupils takes place on Thursday 18th December.



#### **End of Term**

The final day of term is Friday 19th December. We finish 1 hour earlier on the last day at 2.15pm.

## Spring Term 2026

Pupils return for the Spring Term on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

# **Information for Nursery Parents**



# **Applications for Reception Class starting September 2026**



Starting 'full time' school is an exciting time for both parents and children. Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next September. Generally, these will be

children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022. All pupils need to have applied by Thursday 15th January 2026 at <a href="https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/">https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/</a>

#### **Application Workshop on Wednesday 12th November**

Miss Khan and Mr Tallon will be hosting application workshops on Wednesday 12th November at 8.45am and 12:15pm when they will go through the application process and be on hand to answer any questions. Please join us in the Reception classroom (next door to Nursery) after you have dropped off at the door.

#### **Helpful information Links**

Full details of the application process can be found in the links below:

- https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/
- Letter to Parents about Reception Admissions for September 2026
- Applying for Primary School Leaflet For Parents

Barnet's **Primary School Admissions Website** includes:

- school admission arrangements and how to choose a school
- the application timetable

Barnet Admissions presentation for parents:

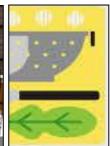
**Presentation to Parents - Applying For A School Place In 2026** 

Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes.









# Year 6 Pizza Making with an ISS Catering Chef



Yesterday, we went to the dining hall to make pizzas. The dough was already made for us and waiting on the tables. The people who were helping us (Monika and Aaron from ISS Catering) showed us how to roll the dough and we were ready to make pizza. They allowed us to make a cheesecrust if we wanted. Furthermore, I made the cheesiest pizza possible! When we finished, we put our pizzas on the baking tray next to our names. Finally, at the end of break time, we ate our pizzas. We all really enjoyed this workshop!

Report by Amed Y6







**READY** Woodcroft Year 6 pupils did so well with their pizza making that Aaron, the ISS Chef, has STEADY invited us to take part in an omelette making challenge! He will be returning to Woodcroft on the 18th November to see who can make the quickest omelette in Y6 and take home the 'Ready Steady Cook' award!



18th TO 20th NOVEMBER 7:30am TO 7:30pm DAILY



PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS





# Bookings open from 6.00pm on 7th November 2025

There are spaces available to children and families to secure holiday activities through the BACE Holiday voucher programme. Vouchers will be issued on Monday 3rd November to eligible families who qualify by being in receipt of benefit-related free school meals (not Mayor's funded KS1 and KS2 meals programme). Please check your emails. Families who were eligible on this date will be automatically sent the digital voucher. This is an automated distribution based on a family's registered status.

# https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays



Take a look at the new Winter 2025 edition of the **Barnet Youth brochure.** Here you can find family-friendly activities, advice, support and information about the BACE Holiday Camps available during the Festive Holidays starting on 22nd December 2025.

Download your copy of Barnet Youth winter 2025 edition here



Year 5 pupils will be hosting their very own cake sale on Thursday 13th November 2025 to raise money for their chick hatching project next term. You can support by donating a cake or by visiting their stall in the Main Hall at 3.15pm on Thursday 13th November.

Thank you from Year 5



# 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 Gracie (3R) age 8 and Bianca (5N) age 10



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

Tuesday 18th November from 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.

# Safe Dismissal Arrangements at 3.15pm

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.

# 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.

January 2026 start – born between 1st September 2022 to 31st December 2022 April 2026 start – born between 1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023

#### **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.

More information https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/nursery-admissions/



Whole School Attendance 94.5%

**Weekly Class Attendance Champions** 

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD 95.6

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3M 97.1% TOP CLASS Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6J 96.6%

# Flu Vaccinations for ALL children from Reception to Y6 At Woodcroft on Monday 10th November 2025

Woodcroft's next date of flu vaccinations for pupils from Reception Class to Year 6 is 10th November. Please complete the e-consent form using the link below.

Flu Vaccination consent form - <a href="https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet">https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet</a>

An E-consent needs to be filled out for your child even if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination.



Vaccination UK have delivered a free webinar that is now available to watch via this link <u>Flu FAQs</u> - Parent Webinar Sept 2025 - YouTube, which explains why the flu vaccination is offered to children.

Please complete the Flu Vaccination consent form

https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet

