



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

TTRS England Rocks
18 - 20th November

Year 1 Music Festival
Parents invited
On 21st November
At 2.30pm

Flu Vaccinations catch-up
Monday 25th November

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about ...

Anti-Bullying Week



Children in Need



Two Parent Governors Needed for Woodcroft

The Governors have a vacancy for two parents to join our Governing Body. No prior experience or skills are necessary, just enthusiasm to help the school and a desire to get involved.

The Governing Body is responsible for overseeing the work of the school and, in partnership with the headteacher and staff, they are also involved with decisions about curriculum, school buildings, policies and finance.

Governors meet once per term (3 x per year) and are encouraged to visit during the school day at other times.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please complete this Google Form to express your interests by Friday 21st November.

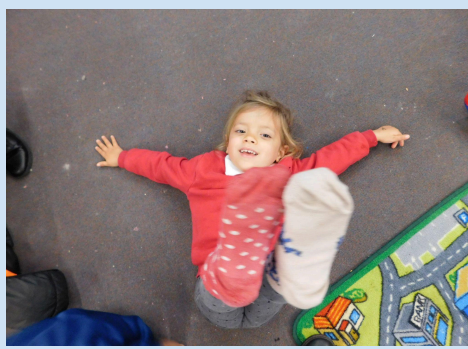
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Mr Tallon will then contact you to discuss the next steps and provide you with a nomination form. Alternatively, you can pick up a paper nomination form directly from the school office. A timetable for the parent governor election is available to view here: [Parent Governor Election Timetable Autumn 2025](#)

If you have any questions or require further information about the role do not hesitate to speak with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell.

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ODD SOCKS DAY



✨ Remembrance Day ✨



Woodcroft pupils and staff all came together to pay their respects, and wear our poppies, for a 2 minute silence on Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am.

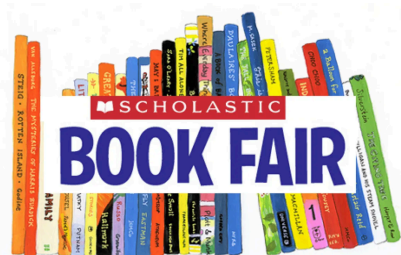
This was the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th Month!

Anti-Bullying Week 2025



This week at Woodcroft we have been talking about anti-bullying week. We always expect pupils to be **kind and polite**, so we have been thinking about the ways Woodcroft pupils behave kindly towards each other. We can then use this as our **POWER FOR GOOD!**

The Book Fair is coming! 25th November - 1st December



Our annual Christmas Book Fair is almost here! From Tuesday 25th November to Monday 1st December you will have the opportunity to visit the fair at the end of the school day in the Main Hall. There will be a wide range of books to choose from, covering ages 3 - 11 years. Remember, every book you purchase enables the school to choose FREE books for our own library.

Please note: we prefer to accept cash at the Book Fair but you can also pay by phone using the QR code available at the fair.

Year 1 Music Festival



Well done to our Year 1 pupils for their fantastic performance in this week's Barnet Infant Music Festival hosted at Woodcroft.



Parents are now invited to a special performance by Year 1 next week **Friday 21st November at 2.30pm** when our pupils will be performing their repertoire of songs.



The Big Bean Boost is a three-year schools' programme from Veg Power that forms part of a wider campaign to double the UK's bean consumption run in partnership with The Food Foundation.

Look out for the **mission packs and stickers** that pupils have brought home today. Take a look at the [Big Bean Boost Parent Guide](#) so you can make the most of these exciting resources that will help to get children eating more beans. Then find out more online, including tips for getting your child to eat more beans, celebrity bean recipes and fun and games at TheBigBeanBoost.com! @VegPowerUK



Today was Woodcroft's BIG Pudsey Spotacular



For Children in Need 2025 we enjoyed our annual Pudsey themed **Non Uniform Day!** Pupils dressed in yellow, Pudsey's favourite colour, covered themselves in dots, wore their Pudsey clothes, or just came in colourful clothes.

We do not collect money on the day but encourage families to donate at ...

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Photos of the day will be printed next week.



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.

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 to 9.30am
- Nursery PM Stay and Play 2.30pm to 3.15pm
- Reception 2.00pm to 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 Festival

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.

The Dance Team Christmas Tombola

Tickets to our Christmas Prize Tombola will go on sale in December. Join us in the hall on the 18th December at 3.30pm for this exciting climax to our Christmas Tree Festival.



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**.



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.

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

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.



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**

Yi Yi (1D) age 6



Mealtime Supervisor Vacancy

New Mealtime Supervisors (MTS) required to start during the Spring Term 2026

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our committed team. Experience of working with children in play settings is desirable, but not essential. A calm manner, and desire to help others, however is required. Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school website on the vacancy page (Information Section).

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/>

MTS Post Details

- Part Time
- Term time only
- Hours per week: 6 (with opportunities for additional hours)
- Pay Scale: Mealtime Supervisor Grade A
- Basic Annual Salary (Full Time Equivalent) £29,856
- Actual Annual Salary (Basic 6 hours per week) £4,264
- Start date: 5th January 2026 (pending vetting check confirmation)

Safeguarding

Woodcroft Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any successful applicant will be required to submit satisfactory references, undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and agree to social media vetting before they can be appointed.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website and should be returned to the school by 4.00pm on Thursday 27th. If you require a paper copy of any forms please enquire at the school office. Click here to access the forms online: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mealtime-supervisor-vacancies/>

- **Closing date for applications: Thursday 27th November 2025**
- **Interviews will take place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025**

Visits and More Information

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office (02089593244) and ask to speak with Mr Russell (Deputy Headteacher).

Be Punctual - Be On Time For Success



It is so important for children to be in school and at their desks ready for the start of the first lesson. **Doors open at 8.30am** and registration is 8.45am. If children arrive late:

- They miss vital explanations at the start of lessons
- Disturb the whole class' learning
- Take office staff away from their administrative duties

Establishing good habits of punctuality is a way of helping your child to become successful. Our school motto is **'together towards success'** so we will be reminding everyone to **'BE ON TIME FOR SUCCESS'**.

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.

Can we remind parents again that if you 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.

Office Assistant Vacancy

A new office assistant responsible for reception and clerical duties is required to start in January 2026. An ideal position to work around school and childcare commitments.

We are looking for an enthusiastic member of staff to join our committed office team working alongside our Office Manager. Experience of administrative work is desirable, but not essential. However, a calm manner and desire to help people is essential. Our job description and person specification gives more details about the post. These are available from the school office or can be downloaded using the links below.

Office Assistant Post Details

Part Time

Term time only 39 weeks per year

Hours per week: 20 hours, 8.30 - 12.30 (with flexible opportunities and additional hours available)

Pay scale: Grade B

Basic Salary Full Time Equivalent £30,717

Actual Salary £15,007 20 hours per week part time

Start date: 5th January 2026 (pending completion of employment and safeguarding checks)

Job description and person specification:

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2023/07/08005006/Office-Assistant-L2-JD-Person-Spec.pdf>

Visit our website for further information and to download an application form.

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/25994-2/>

All application forms should be returned to the school. Candidates who are shortlisted will be notified on Friday 28th November 2025

Closing date for applications: Thursday 27th November 2025 at 4.00pm

Interviews will take place on Thursday 4th December 2025

Start date: 5th January 2026 (pending completion of employment and safeguarding checks)

Visits to the school are welcomed. For further details please contact the school office, 02089593244, and speak with Mrs Langdon.



Does your Property suffer from Damp, mould and condensation?

Barnet Council have put information on line which could help you and offers further advice and signposting.

Please visit:-

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/housing/private-housing/private-tenants/damp-mould-and-condensation-advice>

Please speak with **Jill Smith (Woodcroft's Family Support Co-ordinator)** if you have any questions.



SMARTPHONE FREE SCHOOLS



Woodcroft is a Smartphone Free School

We believe that smartphones can 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.



All smartphones brought to school by pupils 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>

Parents - 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 your phone in school. We believe this sets a good example for all of our young people and keeps Woodcroft Smartphone Free.

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

95.1%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: **2LD 99%** 🏆 **TOP CLASS** 🏆

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: **3M 97.9%**

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: **5N 97.7%**

Our whole school attendance is the highest it has been for over a year - keep it up!

BACE bookings now open!



Children and families are now able to book activities through the BACE Holiday voucher programme. Vouchers were issued on Monday 3rd November to eligible families who qualify by being in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. Families who were eligible were 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](#)

ENGLAND ROCKS

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

Flu Vaccinations catch-up programme on Monday 25th November 2025

For pupils who missed out on receiving a vaccination last week Woodcroft will be hosting the NHS nurses again on 25th November as part of a catch-up programme.

Please complete an e-consent form using the link below to register your child.

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



Vaccination UK have delivered a free webinar that is now available to watch via this link [Flu FAQs - Parent Webinar Sept 2025 - YouTube](#), which explains why the flu vaccination is offered to children.

For children to receive the flu vaccination on 25th November, please complete the consent form using the link below. Thank you.

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



Free Child Car Seat Checks

Friday 21st November, 10am – 3pm

Asda Colindale car park
off Capitol Way, Edgware Rd, London NW9 0AS

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to ensure children are travelling safely. A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be available to **inspect seats, fix errors and provide advice**, no booking required.

A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, we can also check they are seated correctly and safely.

Last year, **92% of seats checked in Barnet had errors**, many serious enough to endanger children in the event of a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

Don't miss this opportunity to get peace of mind and help make Barnet's roads safer for everyone.

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