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With our AIM Values



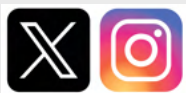
Diary Dates

Flu Vaccinations catch-up
Tuesday 25th November

Strings Players
Instrumental Performance
Thursday 27th November

Year 5
Tower of London Trip
Tuesday 2nd December

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reels on Insta ★

PSHE Themes

In school we have been
thinking about ...

Our first TTRS comp of
the year!



Stunning 1st Place for Woodcroft!



What a finale! In the last 30 minutes of this week's 3 day TTRS tournament, Woodcroft, who were sitting comfortably in 2nd place but a distance behind the leading school in London, went on a crazy final surge and took 1st place by just 71 points! What an amazing effort by everyone who logged on at home to use their final allocated minutes to pull off an amazing result which went down to the wire!



Top 50 results out of 480 schools		School Total Score
1	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Greater London	493,896
2	Star Primary School Greater London	493,825
3	Chatsworth Primary School, Hounslow Greater London	451,650

KS2 have been battling it out with schools across the country in the first TTRS tournament of the year. Last year we did very well placing 69th in England and 13th in London. But this year we have knocked it out of the park! Woodcroft were not only 1st in London, but also finished in an amazing 11th place across the whole of England against 4,107 competing primary schools.

10	Yorkshire and the Humber	457,550
11	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Greater London	493,896
	Star Primary School	

Well done to the top three pupils, who will receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold TTRS badges in assembly on Monday!

Year 5 & 6	Year 3 & 4
1. Maxim 5R	1. Olivia L 4S
2. Ella 5N	2. Elyas 4S
3. Muhannad 5R	3. Daniel 4S

Well done 6J! Who held off a gripping late challenge from 5R to take the top spot within Woodcroft. They were also 3rd and 4th placed classes in London!

1	Class 6J Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	104,060
2	Class 5R Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	98,874
3	Class 6C Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	74,645

Year 1 Music Festival



Year 1 families were invited to a special performance of our pupils' repertoire of songs from last week's fantastic Music Festival held here at Woodcroft. This is what the Year 1 pupils said about the Music Festival:

Matilda (1T) "I liked that we all sang together."

Trevaun (1T) "I liked the dancing parts."

Ilias (1D) "I had fun wearing my pudsey clothes and singing."

Kiarah (1D) "I enjoyed making and wearing the giraffe hats."

Santiago (1D) "I had lots of fun."

Chloe (1D) "I liked singing Simama Kaa."

Jenna (1D) "I liked listening to the other schools sing."



The Book Fair is coming next week! 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.

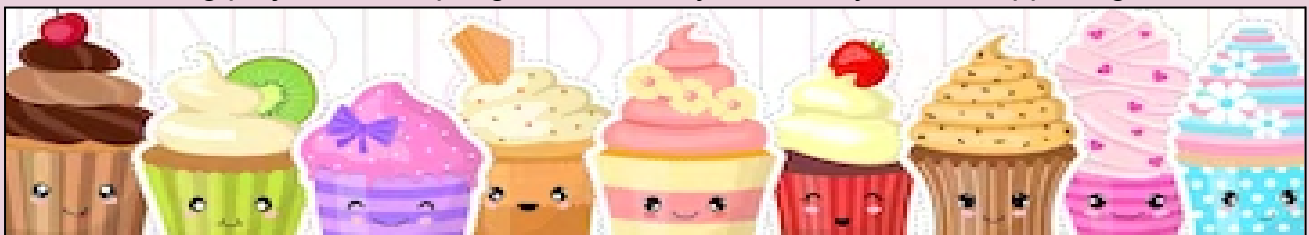
Please note: we prefer to accept cash at the Book Fair but you can also pay by phone using the QR code available at the fair.



Year 5 Cake Sale Success - THANK YOU!



Year 5 raised a fantastic **£539** from their cake sale last week - this money will be used to help fund their chick hatching project in the spring term. Thank you to everyone for supporting their efforts.



The BIG  **BBC Children in Need**

SPOTACULAR



Thank you for supporting Children in Need

We do not collect money in school but we encourage families to donate at ...

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

Y5 Bikeability



Well done to our Year 5 Bikeability group who took part in their Level 2 training this week. After completing some refresher training on the playground, groups then headed out of school to learn how to ride safely on the roads. Pupils were able to demonstrate confident bike control using well timed signals, as well as an increased awareness of other road users and recognising potential risks when cycling on the road.

Salaam in 5R said 'I really enjoyed Bikeability training because I was able to improve my cycling skills and the Instructors made it a really fun activity.'

Rosie in 5N said 'The best part for me was how grown up I felt cycling on the road and being able to use hand signals.'

Our Instructors commented that the Year 5 Bikeability group should be very proud of their progress and enthusiasm and congratulated them on how well they coped with the difficult weather conditions.



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.



Happy Birthday to Medina (2S) who will be age 7



Year 6 Omelette Challenge



This week, Year 6 took up their second cooking experience of this term - this time it was the 'Omelette Challenge'. Read a report by Maria in 6C:

On Tuesday 18th November, Y6 took part in the "Omelette Making Challenge." Everyone got to make their very own omelette with the help of one of the three chefs. They used stopwatches to keep track of time. Firstly, we had to break two eggs and whisk them. Then we poured the mixture into a pan and cooked it. Finally, we put it onto a plate.

In 6C, Salma was the fastest; in 6J it was Jonathan. At the end of the session, everyone got to eat their tasty, nutritious omelette. We all had fun and enjoyed our mid-morning snack! Thank you to Monika and Anna, from ISS Catering, for organising our cooking experiences this term.



Packed Lunches at Woodcroft

All children at Woodcroft are provided with a FREE school lunch. However, for a variety of reasons, a small number of parents choose to send children to school with a packed lunch from home.

The Food Standards Agency survey of packed lunchboxes showed that many children's lunchboxes contained too much sugar, salt and fat and little fruit and vegetables. The school is committed to encouraging parents to provide healthier lunchboxes for children at Woodcroft Primary School.

The school actively discourages some packed lunch foods. A list of foods considered to be in this category includes the following: Sweets & Confectionary, Chocolate Bars, and Added-Sugar and/or Sweetened Drinks. Fizzy Drinks are not allowed in school, on grounds of health and safety.



The school recognises that parents provide packed lunches for a variety of reasons, including dietary requirements or intolerance, and religious observance. For this reason, no food may be swapped or shared from packed lunches. Food swapped or shared may be confiscated.

Woodcroft is a nut free school. Food provided in packed lunches should not contain nut products as this can seriously affect the health of other pupils. Grapes should be cut up lengthways for younger pupils.

Food not eaten in a packed lunch will be taken home by the child to ensure that parents know what their child has or has not eaten. We will encourage parents to include in lunchboxes those foods which are known to have a positive impact on the child's physical development and ability to concentrate and thus learn effectively.

Lunchtime staff will engage with children and chat to them about what they are eating.

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.

Children should only bring **1 small snack**, ideally from the suggestion list below:

- Sliced fruit & cut veggies
- Cheese sticks
- Plain rice cakes
- One small sandwich
- Crackers/Breadsticks

Important Notes: We avoid chocolate (high sugar) and crisps (high fat and high salt) so please do not include them as snacks for breaks. Also, we do not allow any nut products in school due to allergies.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are given healthy snacks in school so are not required to bring any from home.

Dietary Safeguarding Procedures

Our catering provider, ISS, is dedicated to ensuring that pupils can enjoy nutritious lunches which are served safely in healthy environments. They have strict dietary safety procedures. These are outlined in the documents below (click on the links to download) or ask for a copy from the office.

- [Dietary Safeguarding Policy](#)
- [Special Dietary Requirements Notification and Referral Form](#)

If your child has any dietary requirements due to medical reasons then the 'Notification and Referral form MUST be completed and supported by your doctor's or hospital paperwork. For more information visit our school website: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>



SEND Coffee Morning

WASP- Woodcroft's Advice and Support for Parents



We were delighted to welcome a guest speaker, Julie O'Dwyer, to this week's SEND coffee morning. Julie is an autism advisory specialist working for Barnet, and who supports many of our families with autistic children. She spoke about supporting neurodiverse children through routines in the home, meeting their sensory needs and coping with dysregulation. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

Miss Maynard and Mrs Smith host a supportive coffee morning every term for parents with children who have a range of additional needs. Look out for future events.



BELS Advisory Team for Autistic Children and Young People

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers. An Online Parent/Carer Training Course

A comprehensive training and support programme for parents/carers of children **aged 6-19**, with a **diagnosis of Autism**.

This course is available free of charge to **families living in Barnet**.

A **5 or 6-session online training course**, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together and share experiences online.

Please only sign up for **one** of these courses and please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers. Spring Term 2026 One, A 6-session evening course.

Dates and times:

Wednesday 7th January 6.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 14th January 6.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 21st January 6.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 28th January 6.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 4th February 6.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 11th February 6.00-7.30pm

Sign up form here: [BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers, Jan. & Feb. 2026. Sign-up form.](#) – Fill in form

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers. Spring Term 2026 Two, A 5-session morning course.

Dates and times:

Monday 23rd February 10-11.30am
Monday 2nd March 10-11.30am
Monday 9th March 10-11.30am
Monday 16th March 10-11.30am
Monday 23rd March 10-11.30am

Sign up form here: [BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers, Feb. & March 2026. Sign-up form.](#) – Fill in form

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the subject, thanks.

BACPAC

Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers

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This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet.

This multi-session online training covers topics including:

- What it means for your child to be Autistic
- Communication
- Sensory needs
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'
- This course also gives parents/carers an opportunity to learn together online and share experiences.

Please download the flyer for further details and a link to sign-up:

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a22e01ee12a53/uploads/2025/11/19104120/05-BACPAC-flyer-Spring-26-1.pdf>



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 & Cake Sale

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, and there will be cakes!

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

<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.

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'**.



**Keeping your
home healthy**

**Condensation, mould
and damp advice**

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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>

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

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.



Whole School Attendance

□□ **95.2%** □□

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD 98.3%

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4M 99.0% 🏆 TOP CLASS 🏆

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R 98.6%

Our whole school attendance has improved again this week - keep it up!

Flu Vaccinations catch-up programme on Tuesday 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>

One Voice Choirs



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Academy Choir (Years 3-5) 4.30-5.15

One Voice Choir (Years 6-13) 5.20-6.50

at Dollis Primary School, Pursley Road, NW7 2BU

contact sophie.boden@beatrust.org.uk

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Take a look at this local inclusive football organisation. We are pleased to note that ex-Woodcroft pupils are involved in running the group. Check it out ... <https://www.liftcic.co.uk/>





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Winter Wonderland

Festive Fun Awaits!

Santa's grotto, winter treats, raffle prizes,
live family friendly Pantomime and more!

Dick Whittington panto starts 2pm (see overleaf
for ticket information)

All are welcome, don't miss the magic!

Saturday
06
December

11:30AM
-
1:45PM
(11am for SEND families)

76 Montrose Avenue
Edgware HA8 0DT

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76 MONTROSE AVENUE, EDGWARE HA8 0DT

**GET ACTIVE,
GIVE IT
A GO!**

Join us to Celebrate International Day for Disabled People at Unitas Youth Zone

DATE: **Sunday 7 December**
TIME: **10:00am to 2:00pm**
LOCATION: **76 Montrose Avenue, HA8 0DT**
The building is fully accessible.

Enjoy performances, dance workshops, a disco,
games, fun activities, music and more.

There is something for everyone
of all ages to GIVE IT A GO!

Hot meal and drink:
£1 for Unitas members £3 for visitors.
You can also bring a packed lunch.

Unitas
An OnSide Youth Zone

**UNITAS are pleased to share information
about some up-and-coming events.**

Unitas warmly invites families to their Winter
Wonderland and Pantomime Show being held on
Saturday 6 December 2025. Further information
can be found on the flyers.

FAB (Fit and Active Barnet) team, in
collaboration with some local sport organisations,
is celebrating the International Week for Disabled
People 2025. Running from the 1st to the 9th
December, every day there are one or more
inclusive sessions for people to attend free of
charge. There are sessions for different ages and
for different needs.

All sessions need to be booked in advance.

Please see the programme by clicking the link
below:

[International Week for the Disabled](#)

You can also find all the above info clicking on this
weblink:: [News and Events | FAB | Better](#)

Woodcroft was the highest scoring school across London (and also 11th out of 4,107 schools in England)!



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