



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

Year 5

Tower of London Trip

Tuesday 2nd December

Year 3

Ukulele Show

11.30am Monday 8th

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 10th

Year 2 Shows

Thursday 11th 2.00pm

Friday 12th 9.30am

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about ...

Woodcroft is #1 at



Christmas Cards

If you want to send Christmas cards to your friends and teachers we would like pupils to follow these simple steps.

Sending Cards

1. Our red Christmas card postbox is located in the main front entrance.
2. On envelopes, please put both the person's name and their class clearly on the front.
3. Cards will be delivered to classes every day by our team of year 6 elves.
4. Teachers will give out cards at the end of the day for you to take home.
5. Please open cards at home (not in school).
6. Recycle your envelopes at home, and NEVER drop envelopes as litter. If we find empty envelopes we will then ask that child to report to Mr Russell at breaktime to explain the reason for the littering.



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day



Wednesday 10th December is a very special day as we will be celebrating with a delicious Christmas lunch! Children can also wear a festive jumper and hat and enjoy lots of festive activities. It is also the **Save the Children** charity Christmas Jumper week; this an annual event which raises money to help children everywhere:

If you would like to donate £2 go to

<https://jumpers.savethechildren.org.uk/pay>

AN INVITATION

**For Year 3 Parents and Carers
To watch the Year 3 Ukulele Concert
On Monday 8th December 2025
At 11.30am in the Main Hall**



The Book Fair Final Day - 1st December



Our annual Christmas Book Fair is almost over. The final day will be Monday 1st December. There is 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.

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy for Barnet 2025 – 2035 consultation



Barnet have been working hard to improve the quality and provision of Barnet's parks since they launched the last [Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2016 - 2026](#). A future challenge is to protect, maintain and improve these valuable assets to ensure they meet the current and future needs of our residents. They would like to know what you think about the [six strategic aims in the draft strategy](#) and the [actions for year 1 associated with the six aims](#).

How to have your say

Please complete the online questionnaire using the link below.

Submit Questionnaire

To request a questionnaire in an alternative format, please email parks@barnet.gov.uk External link or telephone 020 8359 7404.

Alternatively, you can write to us at: parks@barnet.gov.uk or Greenspaces, London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London, NW9 4EW.

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 as they will be removed and saved for home. 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.

Bookstart Treasure Packs for 3 and 4 year olds



The BookTrust has delivered free high-quality book packs for every child in England aged 3 and 4 years. The Bookstart Treasure packs contain:

- An envelope, with activities and cut-outs on the inside
- A fun, age-appropriate picture book chosen by an independent panel of early years experts
- A clear and simple parental guidance booklet - Reading with Your Child: 3-4 years



We hope that you enjoy these materials at home.

Year 6 Rowing Challenge



Y6 Rowing Report by Maria H



On Wednesday 26th November, year 6 students participated in a rowing challenge. Five other schools from the local area also joined in this competition. There were four rowing machines and everyone was split into groups of just girls and just boys. There was a screen which showed who was the first, second, third or fourth from each group. I found it really fun. In the last group of girls, from 6J, there were only three girls so Ms Nelson joined in. The highest scorer in 6J was Jaedan, and Alessia was the highest scorer in 6C. I think that everyone who participated found it fun. 😊





Early Years Letters To Santa



Nursery and Reception pupils have been writing letters to Santa. This week they went on a journey and took their letters to the post box. We are excited to see if we get a reply!



Strings Performance



We had a selection of our strings players take to the stage on Thursday. They performed as a small ensemble to both school and family. Well done to all of our musicians and special thanks to Mrs McLean our violin tutor for an excellent showcase.

If you are interested in your child learning an instrument, take a look at the information on the next page in this newsletter or visit our website page: <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/music-tuition/>

Woodcroft is one of many ...



We believe that children should not have access to a smartphone!

VIOLIN LESSONS



Are you interested in your child learning to play an instrument? Parents and Carers register for lessons directly with the Music Service, BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust). Bookings and payment for the Spring term 2026 is now open. Please go to:

<https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>

Applying for music tuition is simple:

1. All parents need to click '**Apply as a new student**'
2. Select '**Tuition Provided at Schools**'
3. Complete the online form

Please note: we currently only offer **Violin** through the BEAT music service at Woodcroft. If you have any further queries, or would like to speak to the school regarding music tuition, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Langdon in the school office or BEAT directly.

GUITAR & PIANO LESSONS WITH ROSS HUGHES



Your child can now sign up to begin or continue to learn piano, guitar or ukulele with Ross Hughes in school during the Spring term. Bookings are done directly through Mr Hughes, with payments sent before lessons begin for the term. If you wish to enquire, please send a message to:

therosshughes@hotmail.com

The lessons will take place during the school day. If your child is learning guitar or ukulele and already has an instrument please make sure that they bring it to school, with their name clearly labelled on the day of their lesson. If they do not have an instrument the school may be able to lend your child an instrument.

- Lessons are charged at £22.00 per 30 minute session or £11.00 per session for a shorter 15 minute session
- There is also limited availability for ½ price paired 30 minute sessions.

The total cost will vary term to term depending on how many weeks are in the term. In the Spring term there will be 11 sessions so the cost will be £242.00 for individual sessions or £121 for short / paired sessions. If pupils forget their musical instrument they will take part in musical theory and aural skills during the lessons

We look forward to your child beginning/continuing their musical journey! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hughes or speak with Mrs Langdon in the school office. Thank you

**Whole School
Attendance
95.2%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD 98.0%

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3R 95.7%

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



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 Maariya (2LD) age 7 & Ifza (3M) age 8



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!

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 will be spending the day as Egyptians on Wednesday 3rd - looking forward to seeing your Egyptian outfits

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.

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. 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

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 2.00pm to 3.00pm
- Reception 2.00pm to 3.00pm



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.

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**.



Unitas
An OnSide Youth Zone

UNITAS INVITES YOU TO

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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HOLDERS ARE
"CASH ONLY"

SUPPORTED BY
BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Pantos presents

Dick Whittington

The Children's Pantomime!

A cast of fabulous performers!

"Absolutely Brilliant!"

SATURDAY 6 DEC
2PM - 3.30PM

PRICE £2.50

PURCHASE TICKETS AT UNITAS RECEPTION (MON - FRI BETWEEN 10AM - 2PM)

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
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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](#)