



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

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 ...

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Welcome To Our New Parent Governors



Two parents have been nominated for the two vacant governors roles so elected unopposed without the need for a ballot. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Shakira Pittal and Mathini Shanmugarajah to our Governing Body.

Shakira is a former pupil at Woodcroft and now a parent of two children who attend the school. With a broad academic background and years of experience teaching secondary students, she brings a strong understanding of the educational journey from early years, all the way through to KS5. Her work has involved extensive pastoral support, giving her insight into the social and emotional needs of young people and the importance of effective safeguarding and inclusion. She is now committed to contributing positively to the governing body and the wider school community.

Mathini is an analytical chemist and brings strong problem-solving skills, attention to detail, and the ability to analyse information objectively to the governing body. She values education deeply and believes her professional background provides a fresh and balanced perspective. As a governor she wants to continue our focus on promoting high standards, supporting inclusive practice, and ensuring that the wellbeing of children and staff remains a priority. She also hopes to represent the voices of families and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day Wednesday 10th December



On Wednesday next week we will be enjoying our Christmas lunch! Take a look at the menu later in this issue. Children can also wear a festive jumper, hat or accessories. 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>

INVITATIONS for Parents and Carers



To watch the
Year 3 Ukulele Concert
On Monday 8th
At 11.30am
in the Main Hall

To watch
The Three Wise Guys
Year 2's Festive Show
On Thursday 11th at 2.00pm
And Friday 12th at 9.30am
In the Main Hall



Book Fair Success!



Thank you to everyone who came along to last week's Book Fair. We sold an amazing **£856.39** worth of books, enabling us to claim **£425 worth of FREE books** for the school library. Special thanks go to Ms Mari and Ms Angel for running the Book Fair each evening, and also to our Year 6 helpers: Emelia, Daria, Rania, Maria and Salwa, supported by Joshua and Connor from Year 4. They did a great job encouraging people to buy books and stationery, as well as encouraging people to come along.

Year 5 Trip to the Tower of London - A report by Ella and Yahya



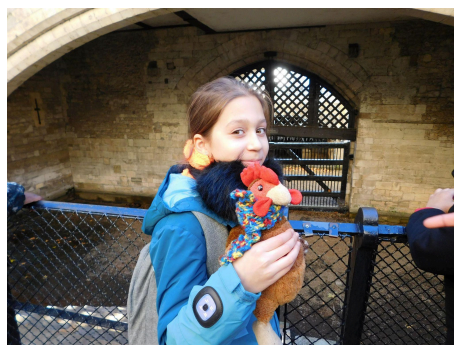
On Tuesday, we went on an adventure to the Tower of London. It was very exciting. First, we walked to Burnt Oak underground station in the glorious sunshine and took the train to London Bridge. Then, it took a long time to get to the tower but we loved taking in all the sights and sounds such as the HMS Belfast warship used in WW2.

We saw the moat that surrounded the Tower and it was huge. In the White Tower, we looked at fascinating old and royal weapons. We also all enjoyed the crown jewels which include the crowns, orb and sceptre amongst others. There was also a GOLDEN spoon (that was for King Chicken, the 5R class mascot). Then we went to the Bloody Tower to see where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned. Crazy, he was locked up three times!

We also saw amazing Scottish soldiers performing their guard duty. They looked smart in their uniform and had incredible discipline. There were two serious guards with real rifles. After that, we saw where Anne Boleyn, who was King Henry VIII's second wife, got beheaded. Did you know the legend says that if the ravens ever leave the Tower it will collapse? But, one of the best parts was spending our money in the gift shop. It was amazing!!

On the way back to school we got to open our toys and sweets!! We were extremely tired after all that walking but we had so much fun and we all wish to go there again.

By Ella (5N) and Yahya (5R)



Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Wednesday, Year 3 took a trip back in time to experience life as an Egyptian. During their Egyptian Day the classes took part in lots of different activities. They heard the story of how Horus lost his eye, they tried to crack some hieroglyphics codes, they went hunting for fish in the River Nile, and they even baked Ancient Egyptian-style flatbreads!



This is what Year 3 said about their day ...

Morire: *"I really liked making the flatbread, because when I tasted it it felt like I was in heaven."*

Lucas: *"I really liked the story because we heard about how Horus lost his eye and Seth, Osiris and Horus were brothers!"*

Ibrahim: *"I enjoyed cracking the hieroglyphics code because I finished it and I learned more knowledge."*

Safa: *"I really enjoyed Egyptian Day because we got to dress up. My favourite part of the day was when we hunted for fish in the River Nile."*

Zaid: *"I loved playing Senet because it was a challenging game. A fascinating fact about Senet is that Egyptian people would play it 5000 years ago."*

Aarushi: *"My favourite part of the day was eating the flatbread. I also really enjoyed rolling out the dough."*



Woodcroft fully supports ...



We believe that children should not have access to a smartphone! Take a look at this week's article in the Independent; *"A new study of more than 10,000 adolescents has found that kids who own a smartphone before the age of 12 are at an increased risk of depression, obesity and insufficient sleep"*

[Giving your kid a smartphone before the age of 12 can lead to massive health problems](#)

Class Party Information

Class parties are taking place during the week beginning 15th December - check out the Festive Diary (below) to see which day your child's year group will be having theirs.

Party Clothes

Children **do not** need to wear school uniform on their class party day. They can dress up for their party. However, please make sure your child wears sensible footwear and brings a warm coat because they will be playing outside at their regular break and lunch times.

Party Food

Class teachers will inform parents and carers of the arrangements for party food in your child's class. In school we have a number of important things to consider. These include allergies, or have religious or vegetarian diets.

All party food should follow the same guidance this is our **Party food safety checklist**:

- Only provide items that DO NOT contain nuts – Woodcroft is a **NUT FREE** school
- No chocolate or chocolate products e.g. chocolate cakes and spreads
- No fizzy drinks
- Please, only supply pre-packed cakes and biscuits that come with ingredient lists (*So that means **no home baked cakes even though they are the best!***)
- Avoid cakes or savoury items that require cutting in school - staff do not have time!

We want parties to be fun and safe for everyone, so we thank you for your understanding and support on these matters. Take a look at the detailed partyfood guidance later in this issue.

**Whole School
Attendance
95.2%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1T 93.8 %

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3R 93.7 %

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 6J 96.3 🏆 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 Denis (1T) age 6



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**.



PARTY FOOD GUIDANCE

At the end of term pupils will be celebrating with their annual Festive Class Parties. This is a time for some festive fun and games. Food is an important part of any celebration, and families traditionally send in a plate of food for sharing. **We would like this tradition to continue at Woodcroft.** However, in school we have a number of important things to consider. These include children with allergies, vegetarian and religious diets, safe food preparation, government healthy eating guidance and the school food policy. *If only life was simple!* We do have a number of pupils with **severe nut allergies** currently in school, so we have to take these considerations very seriously.

Please note: If you DO NOT wish your child to participate in the food aspect of a class party please let your class teacher know with a message in the Homelink Book. We recommend that parents who withdraw their child from sharing food at parties send in a separately labelled lunch box with party food items for their child. These individual party box items must still follow the checklist below:

Party food checklist:

- Only provide items that DO NOT contain nuts – Woodcroft is a NUT FREE school
- No chocolate sweets / bars
- No fizzy drinks
- Fruit juices should ideally not contain added sugar
- Only supply pre-packed cakes and biscuits that come with ingredient lists (*So that means no home baked cakes even though they are the best!*)
- Please avoid cakes or items that require cutting in school

Suggested party food:

- ❖ Sausage rolls or veggie sausage rolls
- ❖ Sausages / veggie sausages
- ❖ Samosas / spring rolls (*vegetable is best then everyone can share*)
- ❖ Pizza slices
- ❖ Sandwiches (various fillings) – *no nut or chocolate spreads please*
- ❖ Crisps and Popcorn
- ❖ Salad items - cherry tomatoes / mini cucumbers / carrot sticks
- ❖ Small fruit (satsumas, small bananas, washed cut grapes, etc)
- ❖ Non chocolate biscuits or individual cakes (in packaging with an ingredients label)

We understand the difficulties; however schools have got to consider the well-being of every individual. Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.

Reminder about Birthday Bags and Treats: Please **do not** send in cakes & sweets for birthdays

Because of severe food allergies and individual dietary requirements we need to closely monitor all food in school. Unfortunately, this poses a problem when birthday treats are brought in – often late in the day! We therefore **DO NOT accept sweets and cakes as birthday treats**. We realise that this can be frustrating, however please understand that teachers are responsible for the health of all of the 30 children in their class!

For this reason we promote our **Birthday Book Club** scheme and suggest a book instead of sweets.



<p>Reminder: Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party. A suitable coat and footwear for break time and lunch are essential!</p>
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU 2025

Roast Turkey

**With Christmas Sausage, Roast Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy**

Roasted Root Vegetable Wellington

**With Christmas Sausage, Roast Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Gravy**

**Roast Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts, Sliced Carrots,
Peas**

Festive Gingerbread Cookie

or

Vanilla Ice Cream

Or

Fresh Fruit Platter



A man with grey hair, wearing a green jacket, is smiling and holding out several red apples with both hands. He is standing in front of a green van. The van has the word 'Felix' written on its side in large white letters. On the side of the van, there is also text that reads 'FELIX PROJECT' and 'FOR CAUSES'.

FREE FOOD
Just bring bags!

FELIX FRESH

The Felix Project, in partnership with BETTER, will be distributing free fresh fruit and vegetables.

WHEN

Thursday 11th
December
12-2pm

WHERE

Burnt Oak Leisure Centre,
Watling Ave, Edgware
HA8 0NP
[W3W ///fever.palm.ages](http://www.fever.palm.ages)

BRING YOUR BAGS, BOXES, TROLLEYS AND STRONG ARMS, AND TAKE HOME WITH YOU A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS, FRESH FOOD!

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