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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

19th January - Reception
Height & Weight Check

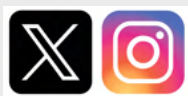
Y5 Junior Citizen
22nd Jan - RAF Museum

Y5 Chick Project
Begins 26th January

4th and 5th February
Reception Phonics
Workshops

Parents Evenings
Tuesday 10th & Thursday
12th February

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been
thinking about ...

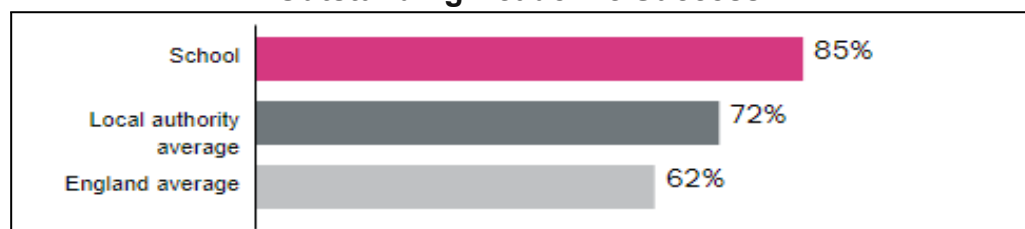


• HAPPY NEW YEAR •

2026

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. Let's make 2026 as successful as last year. Check out our amazing highlights when compared to schools nationally:

Outstanding Academic Success!



85% percent of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in the KS2 SATs tests. This placed Woodcroft in the top 10% of schools and 23% above the national average!

Top Times Tables Success!

1st	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Greater London	493,896
2nd	Star Primary School Greater London	493,825
3rd	Chatsworth Primary School, Hounslow Greater London	451,650

Woodcroft was #1 in London (and 11th nationally) in November's Times Tables Rock Stars all England tournament.

Exceptional Arts Success!



Woodcroft was again named as a prestigious [Trinity Champion Centre](#) for 2025-2026; one of only 47 institutions nationally that include only a handful of primary schools. This recognition is for our successful delivery of the Bronze and Silver Arts Award.

Double Dance National Championship Success!


The Woodcroft Dance Team are the reigning UDOIT Foundation 'National Primary Street Dance Champions' and the regional Great Big Dance Off winners in 2025.



Together Towards Success!

We are proud of what has been achieved. We look forward to continuing our success, by all working together, in 2026.

Happy New Year!

Autumn Term Attendance Awards	
1st 	Class 5N 96.2%
2nd	Class 3M 96.0%
3rd	Class 2LD 95.5%



When we added up attendance across the whole term class 5N narrowly came out on top. Will they retain first place at the end of the spring term?

What's your child's attendance?

Is it the expected 96%?

Or is it below 90% and a serious concern?!

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you are categorised as a Persistent Absentee. You could be required to meet with the attendance team at school or the Education Welfare Officer from Barnet.

Check the Arbor App and confirm your child's attendance.



Steps for accessing Arbor to check pupil's attendance:

1. From the menu select **Attendance**
2. **Statistics for the Academic Year 2025/26** are divided into several sections:
 - **Possible sessions** - total sessions for the year
 - **Present sessions** - the actual sessions as a percentage
 - **Lates** - shown as a percentage
 - **Authorised absence** - number of sessions and percentage
 - **Unauthorised absence** - number of sessions and percentage




Winter Arrangements For Snow



We have updated our extreme weather procedures on our website in case we have to close the school early, or restrict access, due to snow or other extreme weather.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/snow-and-extreme-weather-procedures/>

Alternatively, click the 'weather warning' symbol on our website home page 

Swimming Lessons For Year 3 and Year 4



Year 3 and 4 will each be taking part in an intensive week long swimming course this half term. The one hour lessons take place every day at the Copthall Pool. Pupils will be travelling by coach. This is a compulsory unit of the national curriculum.

Pupils will need:

- a suitable kit bag (not their school bag as it will get wet)
- a one piece swimming costume or trunks
- a swimming hat (compulsory for both girls and boys)
- a towel
- goggles are optional



Pupils are **not** allowed to wear two piece bikinis or long swimming shorts. It is also important to bring a warm jacket/coat for the journey. Snacks can be brought to eat back in school.

Year 4 Swim Week - 19th to 23rd January:

- Class 4S leave at 9:15am, swim at 10.00am and arrive back around 11.30am
- Class 4M leave at 10:15am, swim at 10:45am and arrive back around 12:15pm

Year 3 Swim Week - 26th to 30th January:

- Class 3R leave at 9:15am, swim at 10.00am and arrive back around 11.30am
- Class 3M leave at 10:15am, swim at 10:45am and arrive back around 12:15pm

If you would like to purchase a swimming hat from the school please complete this order form by Wednesday 14th January. <https://forms.gle/Fmb6RArAYpRMBS6C7> (all pupils **MUST** have a swimming cap to take part)

Thank you from Miss Williams

A huge thank you once again to everyone who helped with the Dance Team Tombola and Cake Sale by donating prizes/ cakes/ crochet ornaments or helping on a stall.

Special thanks to Ms Gignac for the amazing prize donations! We raised an amazing **£622**, which will go towards transportation costs and costumes. As you will see from the events page in this newsletter, we have a lot of big competitions this term!



Application Deadline for Reception Class

REGISTER NOW!

Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for September. Generally, these will be children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

Online applications need to be completed by Thursday 15th January 2026.

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

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/>

Applications can be started at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>



School Performance Results for 2025



You may be interested to check out the latest primary school performance tables that were published by the Government yesterday. Woodcroft has yet again scored very highly with 85% of pupils passing ALL of their SATS exams. This places Woodcroft as one of the top 20 (out of 129) schools in Barnet and 23% above the national average score.

Visit the "Compare School Performance" government website...

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools®ion=302&geographic=la&for=primary>



These are some initial dates for your diaries. Please also see the school events page later in this issue:

- 19th to 23rd January - Year 4 Swimming Week at Copthall Pool
- 19th January - Reception Class Height and Weight Checks
- 26th to 30th January - Year 3 Swimming Week at Copthall Pool
- 4th and 5th February - Reception Class Phonics Parent/Carer Workshops
- 11th & 12th February - Reception and Nursery Parent/Carer Maths Workshop
- 10th & 12th February - Parent/Carers Evenings (Not 3R - Mr Rees is unavailable that week. Alternative dates will be distributed)
- ½ Term Break - 16th - 20th February (School Closed)



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.



***A 'belated' Happy Birthday to pupils who celebrated before the holiday
Noa (2LD) age 7, Safa (3M) age 8 and Leo (6C) age 11***

Exciting Events for the Spring Term

Take a look at just some of the highlights coming up this term...

Year 5 Happy Chick Project - 26th January

We get to see chicks hatching in our school

NSPCC Rocks TTRS - Spring Competition - 6th February

Can Woodcroft retain their #1 times tables title

Safer Internet Day #SID2026 - 10th February

Create, Connect and Share Respect - A better internet starts with you

Book Week 2026 - 2nd - 6th March

Competitions, art projects, challenges, storytelling and lots more, all based around this year's classic text ... Alice In Wonderland

M&M Theatre perform Alice in Wonderland - 3rd March

This classic story is brought to life at school!

World Book Day will be Woodcroft's 'Mad Hatter' Day - 5th March

Wear a mad hat to school on World Book Day

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 12th March

This year's dance team perform on the stage for the first time

The Dance Team compete at

Great Big Dance Off - 17th March

and

UDOIT Dance National Finals - 23rd April

ESFA Schools Football Week 23rd - 27th March

Wear your favourite sports kit to School on Friday 27th

Lots of opportunities to live our Woodcroft values...





ACORNS

AFTER SCHOOL

CLUB



Open every evening during term time from 3:15pm - 6.00 pm

For pupils from Year R* to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Chromebooks** | **Homework** | **Games** |

After School Care Provision at Woodcroft

We are now offering places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents are able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either a ½ session at a cost £6.50 per child, or a full session at a cost of £10.00 per child.

A snack will be included in the price. Please note, the school does not make a profit from Acorns.

Collection is from the Oak Suite Gate by calling the Acorns After School Club number.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to the register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions then call the office and we will gladly give you any further information required.

Children are picked up from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities and learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

What next:

1. If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After-School Club please register by calling the school office.
2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance via the Arbor App.
3. The charges are as follows:
3:15 – 4:30pm = £6.50 ½ Session (1 hour 15 min) until 4.30pm
3:15 – 6.00pm = £10.00 Full session (2 hours 45 mins) until 6.00pm
4. If you arrive after the allocated time you will be charged a £2.00 late collection fee.
5. Light refreshments are included in the price.

Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft

**Reception pupils are only accepted once they are settled in to school*