



Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

19th January - Reception
Height & Weight Check

Year 4 Swim Week-
19th to 23rd January

Y5 Junior Citizen

22nd Jan - RAF Museum

Year 3 Swim Week
26th to 30th January

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
DEMOCRACY and our
pupil elections for the ...



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Woodcroft is a Smartphone Free School



We want your child to be healthy, safe and successful at school. We believe that for primary age children a smartphone has the potential to do significant harm. As a result, the Governing Body of Woodcroft has decided to make our school smartphone free. This means pupils will not be allowed to bring a smartphone or smart watch into school.

If older children absolutely need a phone for safety 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>

Reminder: we ask that adults DO NOT use a smartphone on school premises. Staff will politely ask you to put phones away.

Nursery and Reception Parents



The Nursery and Reception Team are holding Parent Workshops and Stay & Play sessions this half term. All parents in Reception and Nursery are invited to come along and find out about how to support your child at school.

'Parent Workshops' take place in school on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

Check out the 2026 timetable below:

Workshop Title	Date	'Stay & Play' session	Workshop leader	Supporting staff
Phonics	4.2.26	4.2.26	Ms Khan	Mr Russell
Mathematics	11.2.26	11.2.26	Ms Khan	Mr Russell

Our first session is about 'Sounds Write' phonics. This is the approach we use to teach children the letter sounds within words. They then practice 'blending' these together to help them begin to read and write. Come along and find out how you can help your child get off to the best start in their reading journey.

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

Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

For Information

Overview of the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Annual Review Process

Save the Date – Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

We are pleased to announce, Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person information session for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disability on:

- Thursday 12 March 2026
- 10am to 12:30pm
- Autism Hub Finchley, NW11
- Presenters: Barnet Sendiass

Registration details will be available soon.



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

Aram (2LD) age 7, Stiliyan (3R) age 8, Jad (3R) age 8



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S
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Certificate of Appreciation awarded to

Woodcroft Primary School

Amount raised

£178.02

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,
past and present.

EVERY POPPY COUNTS



SPACES AVAILABLE - APPLY NOW

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 after they are three:

- For a **September** start date a child must turn 3 before 31st August.
- For a **January** start date a child must turn 3 between 1st September and 31st December.
- For an **April** start date a child must turn 3 before 31st March

Children can then apply to start our Reception class from the September of the year they will become 4 years old.

Apply Now

Applications for Woodcroft Nursery are made directly to the school. You can register your child for our waiting list at any age. Please contact the Main Office 02089593244 to register or book a visit.

2025 - 2026 academic year

January 2026 start – born between 1st September 2022 to 31st December 2022

April 2026 start – born between 1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023

Reception height and weight checks



Every year in England, children in Reception have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's Reception class will take part in this year's measurement programme on Monday (19th January 2026).

The measurements will be carried out by the Barnet School Nursing Team at school in a private space away from other pupils. Children will be measured fully clothed except for their coats and shoes. Parents do need to do anything to enable their child to take part. However, should you wish to opt-out of the check the details of how to do this were provided previously in the parent letter. A copy can be found via the link below:

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2026/01/15233930/WHIT-Pre-measurement-letter-to-Parent-2025-26.pdf>



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



**Whole School
Attendance
94.3%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD 97.0% TOP CLASS
Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3R 95.3%
Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5N 95%

LOCAL INFORMATION



Your ward councillors welcome hearing from residents across Burnt Oak so have put together the following information for those who may not be aware of how to contact them. This information page also includes other contact points on key issues.

Contacting Councillors

We hold a surgery fortnightly on Saturdays at Burnt Oak library 10.30-12 – there is a list of dates up in the library and the next surgery is on 17 January.

You don't need to wait for a surgery to be in touch and most people contact us by email and/or phone, and we have to raise all enquiries by email. Our contact details are:

Cllr.s.conway@barnet.gov.uk

Cllr.c.daus@barnet.gov.uk

Cllr.k.gurung@barnet.gov.uk

07548 128869

07507 877591

07801991580

Crime and Community Safety

Met Engage is a fairly new police platform for raising issues directly with the police and also receiving updates on arrests, security measures, etc. In the past couple of years, reporting by residents has made a key difference to catching drug-dealers, burglars etc. as part of extensive operations and arrests in the area, supported by the Council's upgraded and expanded CCTV system (including 2 mobile units) and community safety team as appropriate. It's simple to sign up, and for more details see: [Home Page - Met Engage](#)

In an emergency please always call 999, and for other issues reports can also be made to 101 by phone or online.

As ward councillors we regularly raise community safety issues but you can also contact the team here: [How we are keeping Barnet safe | Barnet Council](#)

Fly-tipping and other issues

The online system is generally the quickest way for the Council to action clearance etc. but please do also contact us when needed [Report a problem with a road, street or pavement | Barnet Council](#)

The Council is currently running a focused fly-tipping education and enforcement campaign in 4 wards including Burnt Oak [Caring for our places: Keeping Barnet Clean | Barnet Council](#)

The Council runs a community skips programme, details of locations and dates here: [Community skip service | Barnet Council](#)

- It is also possible to get cookers, dishwashers, fridges and freezers, tumble dryers, washing machines and large TVs collected for free by the North London Waste Authority, to donate items and to use the Council's bulky waste collection service, details here:

[Electrical and electronic items | NLWA](#)

[Caring for our places: Recycle and reuse your waste | Barnet Council](#)

Furniture and other items in good quality can be donated for collection to The Loop in Grahame Park

[Contact Us | the loop - grahame park](#)

Support Services

Connect Barnet offers friendly, in-person guidance to help you with the council services you need.

[Connect Barnet: Visit us in person to get help with Barnet services | Barnet Council](#)

Burnt Oak Library

- Address: 99 Watling Avenue, Edgware, HA8 0UB
- Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 5pm
- Please arrive before 4pm

Boost is an employment and skills service helping Barnet residents get the support they need to overcome barriers and gain sustainable employment, based in Burnt Oak library [BOOST – Barnet Homes](#)

Barnet financial calculator [Financial calculator | Barnet Council](#)



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 title

Safer Internet Day #SID2026 - 10th February

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

Barnet Dance Festival at the ArtsDepot - 12th February

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

Book Week 2026 - 2nd to 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

The Dance Team perform at

Great Big Dance Off - 14th April

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...



Mapac Uniform - Online Shop

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Mapac, our uniform supplier, hosts the online Woodcroft uniform shop. Check out Woodcroft's dedicated Mapac webpage here:

<http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80qf>

Orders can be placed online and delivered free of charge to school. Alternatively, you can select express home delivery and pay an additional charge.

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