



## Diary Dates

Reception Phonics  
Workshop  
4th February

NSPCC ROCKS

TTRS Competition  
6th February

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 10th & Thursday  
12th February

Half Term  
SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 16 February to  
Friday 20 February 2026

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## PSHE Themes

In school we have been  
thinking about **next**  
**week's TTRS**  
competition...



## Woodcroft Recognised for Excellence



Department  
for Education

This week Woodcroft received a letter from the Secretary of State for Education congratulating everyone at the school on our excellent outcomes. Woodcroft's academic performance places us among the very best schools nationally!

Bridget Phillipson, The Secretary of State, wrote to say:

***"This is a significant achievement ... this success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed."***

A message from  
Bridget Phillipson



Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Woodcroft Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Bridget*

**Bridget Phillipson**

Secretary of State for Education

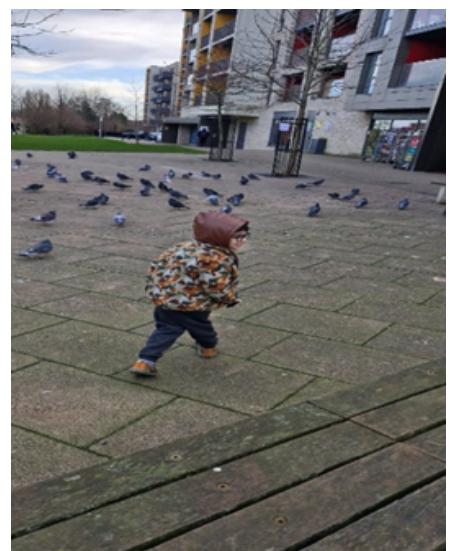
Download the full letter here: [Excellent Outcomes for Woodcroft](#)



## Woodcroft Early Years took part in Big Garden Bird Watch 2026

Nursery and Reception classes took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026 as part of their home learning. This wonderful initiative encouraged the children to connect with the natural world by recording the number and variety of bird species they spotted, using tally marks to represent their findings.

Inspired by their observations, the children decided to hang a bird feeder, which we received for taking part in the Barnet Young Gardener Competition. Before hanging it in our EYFS garden, the children helped to fill it with bird seeds to support their feathered friends during the cold winter months, showing care for the wildlife around them.



## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENINGS

We are holding our spring term parent consultation evenings on **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February**. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and take a look at their work and books. We use the **Arbor booking facility** to schedule all meetings. These will be held in your child's classroom.

### How to arrange a meeting

1. Log into your **Arbor Parent Account**
2. Scroll down and click **Guardian Consultation**
3. Select your child in the **Meetings** section
4. Click **Time Slot** and select an available appointment from the drop down list
5. Finally click the green **Book Time Slot** and select **YES** you are sure
6. You will receive a confirmation email and also be able to see your meeting time on your Arbor App



### What happens on the day

1. Please arrive at school in good time before your appointment
2. Make your way to your child's classroom - staff will be on hand to direct you if you are unsure where to go
3. Class teachers will invite you into the classroom to discuss your child's progress
4. Appointments will be strictly limited to 10 minutes. If you require more time teachers will schedule a follow up meeting at a mutually convenient time.
5. Pupils are welcome to attend with their parents. But try to avoid bringing younger preschool siblings as this can cause a distraction

**Teacher meeting bookings using the Arbor App close on Monday 9th February**



## Road Safety Concerns on Watling Avenue Zebra Crossing

It has been brought to the school's attention that families have experienced some safety issues on the zebra crossing on Watling Avenue. This includes cars not stopping when pedestrians are on the crossing.

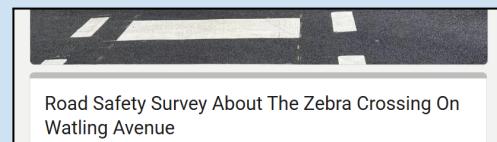
While it is important for the school to be aware of general concerns it is vital to report these directly to the police. **The failure of motorists to stop for pedestrians at a zebra crossing is a police matter. You should report any driving offence here: [Driving offences | Metropolitan Police](#).**

At Woodcroft we hold a document called the **School Travel Plan**. This is designed to promote safer, sustainable travel to school. It is also used to liaise with Barnet's Safe and Sustainable Travel Team. Following the recent concerns raised by parents we are engaging in the following ways:

- Raising this matter with the School's Governing Body
- Planning observations of the crossing with Barnet's Travel Team
- Organising Road Safety Workshops for pupils
- Gathering parent experiences regarding issues on the zebra crossing
- Encouraging parents to report dangerous driving to the police

### School 'Zebra Crossing' Survey

We are conducting a short survey to gather information that will be used to update our School Travel Plan. If you have experienced a road safety incident on the zebra crossing please use this form to let us know here: <https://forms.gle/m7iowH6CAqj1xAur8>



# Year 5 Chick Diary

## Day 1: Monday 26th January

We took delivery of 10 eggs, an incubator, a brooder box, and everything needed to look after chicks.

## Day 2: Tuesday 27th January

We began to see the eggs wobble and often heard quiet cheeping from within the eggs.

## Day 3: Wednesday 28th January

We arrived at school in the morning of day 3 to find cracked eggs from where the chicks had used their egg teeth to break through. Then, at 11:05, the first one hatched in front of us! It was amazing.

## Day 4: Thursday 29th January

The rest of the lovely chicks hatched. After they dried, we carefully moved them into their brooder boxes where they have food, water, and space to grow.

## Day 5: Friday 30th January

We now have some extremely fluffy chicks to enjoy. We got to carefully stroke their soft heads.

Check back next week for more Y5 Chick Diary updates



## Nursery and Reception Parent Workshop - NEXT WEEK



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.

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.

# NSPCC ROCKS

FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY  
7:30AM TO 7:30PM



PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE  
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT  
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**



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## Y3 and Y4 Swimming Lessons



Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 who have all made excellent progress as part of their intensive swimming courses at Barnet Copthall Pool over the past two weeks!

### Woodcroft Pupils Commended For Excellent Behaviour



We were also very pleased to receive a lovely email from the coach company this week commending the pupils of Woodcroft for their excellent behaviour and manners while travelling to the pool. Corbel Coaches wrote, ***"The children of Woodcroft are exceptional, they are always so friendly and polite."***



Nad also mentioned how considerate the group has been. Our drivers don't always receive this level of respect, so the children and staff being so organised, polite, and always ready on time has really stood out for him.

A big thank you to the Woodcroft children and staff!

Best wishes,

Marnie

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**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: 4M (95.7%)**  
**Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (96.2%)**



### **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.



**We have had a bumper week of celebrations!!!**

**Happy Birthday to**

**Mikayla (Nursery) age 4, Amelia (1T) age 6,  
Azaiah (1D) age 6, Gulce (2LD) age 7  
Zayn (3R) age 8 and Maxim (5R) age 10**

