

# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success  
With our AIM Values



## Diary Dates

Parent Evenings

Tuesday 10th & Thursday  
12th February

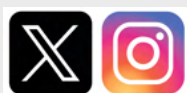
Reception Maths Workshop  
11th February

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 Safer Internet  
Day 2026** ...

SUPPORTING



Safer  
Internet  
Day

www.saferinternetday.org

## Woodcroft Does It Again!

Number #1 TTRS School in London



In today's national times tables competition Woodcroft maintained its fantastic run of success by finishing as the **TOP** school in London (out of 521) and 7th overall, out of 3,761 schools, from across the whole of Great Britain! Look out for the full report in next week's Woodcroft Weekly.



Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware  
Greater London

227,190



Hackbridge Primary School  
Greater London

195,865

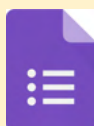
## Barnet Household Support Fund - Food Voucher Scheme



All children eligible for benefit related free school meals will next week receive a **£21.15** half-term food voucher from Barnet's LAs 'Household Fund Voucher Scheme'.

**Please note: The local authority has changed their eligibility criteria. Families must be currently receiving certain benefits.** This means that some families who still qualify for Pupil Premium, and would have previously received a voucher, may **not** now be eligible. Go to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> to check your eligibility.

## Parent/Carer Questionnaire 2026



Next week is parents evening so we are asking all parents to complete a short online questionnaire to give us your views. Either use this link at home, or on one of the Chromebooks provided on Parents Evening.

<https://forms.gle/qELFwkkWZBPV6>

All answers are confidential and for school use only.

Thank you.

## Woodcroft Recognised for Excellence



Department  
for Education

In case you missed it, last week we received a letter from the Secretary of State for Education congratulating us on our excellent outcomes. These are amongst the very best results when compared to other schools across the country

**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."*

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

# COMING SOON!

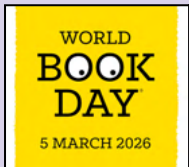


## M&M Theatre 2nd March



On Monday 2nd March M&M Theatre will be performing Lewis Carroll's classic of English children's literature to kick off our Alice in Wonderland themed book week.

## World Book Day 5th March



To celebrate World Book Day on 5th March teachers will be sharing some of their favourite extracts from the story in assembly with the pupils.

## Mad Hatter Day 5th March



World Book Day will also be **Mad Hatter Day**! Pupils will be asked to come to school in normal uniform **but wearing a hat** - and the crazier the better! We hope to see lots of your own designs, accessories and funny headgear. Be a mad hatter!

## Woodcroft in Book Land 6th March

Alice followed the white rabbit and fell into the magical world of Wonderland. We want our pupils to create a magical world where they become part of their reading books! We are setting pupils the challenge of taking a photo of themselves, but replacing part or all of their face with the cover of a book! This is harder than it looks - why not have a go and submit your photos on Google Classroom. A selection will be published on 6th March



## 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  
Ella (5N) age 10**







# Keep Britain Tidy Poster Competition



A message from Sara Conway (Barnet Councillor - Burnt Oak)



Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean' is coming up in March. This seems a good time to work with the Burnt Oak schools to launch a 'design a poster and campaign slogan'. Posters should aim at encouraging everyone to take better care of the local area by discouraging littering and urging people to use the bins provided, or to take their rubbish home.

We look forward to seeing pupils' bold and inspiring anti-littering messages. The winning entries for each school will be displayed as posters at all the local schools and in our councillor emails during March.

We can also arrange for litter pickers and bags to be provided for any school that would also like to do litter picks.

Here are some poster examples that may inspire you when you are planning your own poster.



## Competition Details:

**What:** Poster Competition

**Why:** Encourage people to take care of the local area and not drop litter

**When:** Return by Tuesday 24th February (after half-term)

**How:** The competition will be judged by the School Council and Cllr Conway. The winners from each class will be published and displayed around the school and also shared by the local councillors.

Winners will receive a Litter Patrol badge and be invited to join the **Woodcroft's Litter Patrol** and take part in the Great British Spring Clean along with local councillors.



## Introducing - The Woodcroft Litter Patrol



Woodcroft School Council is forming a Litter Patrol. The Litter Patrol will be joining local councillors and taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. Our new school council have invited Cllr Conway to their first meeting on Tuesday 10th February at 8.00am.

Then, every Tuesday during March we will be heading out into the local area to check if there is litter and we will be helping to improve the environment. The winning poster designers will be invited to take part.

## The Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is the UK's largest environmental campaign, organised annually by Keep Britain Tidy. Since its launch in 2016, millions of volunteers have pledged to pick up over 4.5 million bags of litter to protect wildlife and improve local communities.

Find out more about The Great British Spring Clean ... <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminate>

# Join the Great British Spring Clean

Be part of the pick



## **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**



## **Safer Internet Day 2026**

Safer Internet Day takes place next week. The theme of this year's event is "Smart Tech, Safe Choices." We shall be learning about the responsible use of technology, including AI. Pupils will enjoy a special assembly and follow up tasks appropriate to their age.

### **CERTIFICATE OF SUPPORT**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

**Woodcroft Primary School**

Supports Safer Internet Day

**10th February 2026**

#SaferInternetDay




saferinternetday.org.uk





# Year 5 Chick Diary - WEEK 2





This is what some of Year 5 said about their chicks ...


 "It was very exciting to see the chicks hatch and grow" - Liana


 "They are so cute" - David

 "Every time we held the chicks they would jump out of our hands!" - Rudy

 "The chick wasn't even moving much on my hand because he was so calm and sleepy" - Retaj

 "My favourite part was holding the chicks because they were cute" - Yaseen


 "I was very scared to hold a chick but I managed to do it" - Naziha

 "I loved holding Mint, she was very well behaved when normally she is cheeky" - Sofia

 "It was very fun and exciting to have the chicks with us for almost two whole weeks" - Delia

 "I loved holding the chicks, especially when they got fluffy" - Ameer

 "It was a very fun experience to have chicks" - Nancie

 "He felt very fluffy" - Ilinca



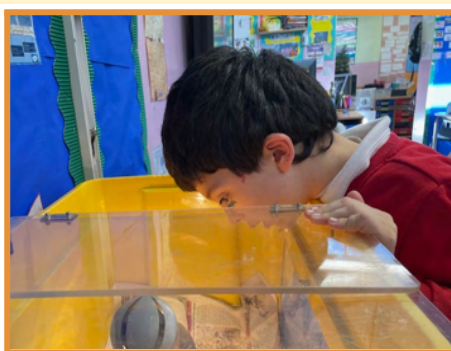




## Sycamore, Holly, Oak and Saplings Classes Welcome Our Baby Chicks



Our pupils in Sycamore, Holly, Oak and Saplings Classes have been learning all about chicks this week. They have been ordering the life cycle of a chick, creating chick paintings, and some pupils even learned a chick-inspired dance! We really enjoyed welcoming the chicks and stroking their feathers, watching them feed and looking at how they moved. Thank you to Year 5 for sharing this experience with us.





## Early Years Phonics Workshop



It was standing room only in Early Years on Wednesday as parents and carers were invited into Reception and Nursery to watch a demonstration Phonics lesson. Parents then stayed on to hear a Phonics presentation by Ms Khan all about how Woodcroft's Phonics Scheme 'Sounds Write' is taught, this presentation has been shared on Tapestry. Parents can access free 'Sounds Write' parent training here:



[Free Early Childhood Education Tutorial - Help your child to read and write | Udemy](#)



## 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
Mathematics	11.2.26	11.2.26	Ms Khan	Mr Russell

**Whole School Attendance**  
**94.3%**

### Weekly Class Attendance Champions

**Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1T (98.4%) 🏆 TOP CLASS 🏆**  
**Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4M (97.8%)**  
**Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (97.9%)**

# Pupil Sports Opportunities and Half Term Camps



Every term our local Barnet Partnership for School Sports , BPSS, produces a community newsletter packed with opportunities for young people to get involved with.

Download the full 14 page newsletter, packed with activities, right here:

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2026/02/06192402/BPSS-Community-Newsletter-Spring-1-2026.pdf>

## BPSS Community Newsletter Spring 1 2026



WELCOME...

*to the first BPSS community newsletter of 2026!*

*We hope you enjoy seeing what local opportunities are available for your children and young people.*

**WUMA SPORTS**  
**BULLDOGS FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP**  
WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY | THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
| FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY |  
**10:30 - 15:00**

**BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-16 | ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**  
**BARNET COTHALL LEISURE CENTRE, NW4 1PX**  
**£25 PER DAY | £65 FOR THREE DAYS**

SIGN UP AT [WWW.WUMASPORTS.COM/HOLIDAY-CAMPS](http://WWW.WUMASPORTS.COM/HOLIDAY-CAMPS)

OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS HAVE FOUR SESSIONS PER DAY:  
1 FUN AND ENGAGING WARM UP ACTIVITIES  
2 ATTACKING SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS  
3 DEFENSIVE SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS  
4 GAME BASED ACTIVITIES, WHERE SKILLS ARE APPLIED TO A MATCH

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RECEPTION TO YEAR 10  
10AM - 3PM  
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(HALF DAYS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

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**1 APR 9 APR**  
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