

# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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With our AIM Values



## Diary Dates

2nd March Book Week  
M&M Theatre perform  
Alice In Wonderland

3rd March  
School Council Meeting  
8.00am Dining Hall

5th March  
World Book Day  
&  
Mad Hatter Day at  
Woodcroft

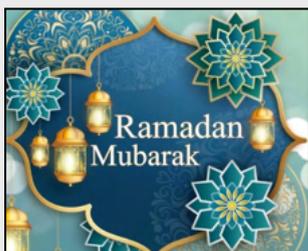
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## PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about **Ramadan**

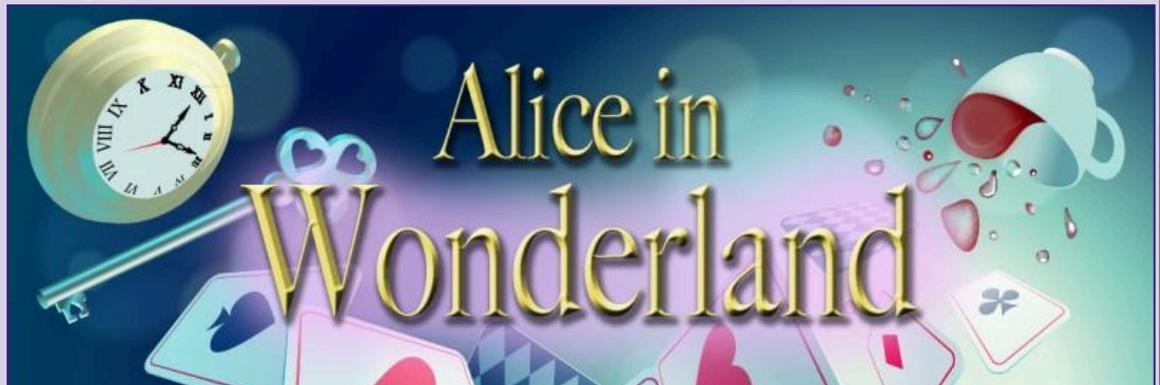


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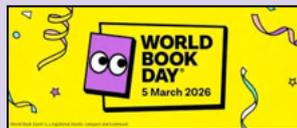


## M&M Theatre on Monday

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 week.



## £1 World Book Day Vouchers



To celebrate World Book Day children brought home their £1.00 voucher this week. These can be exchanged in any book shop or supermarket for one of the special books or money off a title of your choice. Valid until 15th March.

## Mad Hatter Day

World Book Day, Thursday 5th March, will also be **Mad Hatter Day** at Woodcroft! 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 'mad' designs, accessories and funny headgear. Become a 'Mad Hatter' for the day!

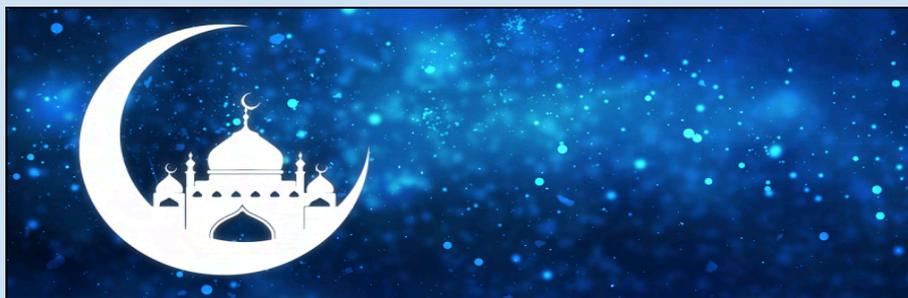


## Woodcroft Adventures in Book Land

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. Submit your photos to your class teacher on the Google Classroom. Photos will be published on 6th March



## Ramadan



At Woodcroft we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to fully support our Muslim pupils through this period.

### Fasting

Some of our older KS2 pupils may be fasting while at school. We require parents/carers to write a **letter, or note in a pupils' homelink book**, to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting.

### Prayer

We offer supervised spaces for girls and boys to pray separately at lunchtime between 1.00pm and 1.30pm. We expect children observing prayer to be responsible and well behaved. Prayer mats can be brought into school and left in the main hall.

### Lessons

We expect all pupils to take part in **every** school lesson and activity. If an aspect of the lesson proves difficult for a child due to religious observance then the teacher will modify aspects of their participation.

### Events

If a specific event is taking place such as a test, school trip, dance competition or sports match we ask that an older child has their parents' approval to break a fast on that day to enable them to take part. Also, if a child has a weekly sports club, e.g. Dance or Football, then parents may either decide that their child does not fast on those particular days of the week, or the child does not attend during Ramadan.

## Respecting Local Gardens and Driveways



It has been brought to our attention that some parents and pupils are entering local gardens and parking over driveways on the way to and from school. **We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours.** Can we please request that drivers respect local residents

Please **DO NOT** park across driveways

**Whole School  
Attendance  
94.5%**

### Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1T (96.3%)

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3M (97.7%) 🏆 **TOP CLASS** 🏆

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (96.6%)

## 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  
Raymond (age 8) 3R***





## HOLIDAYS

### Activities for Children Eligible for Benefits-Related Free School Meals PLUS Positive Activities for ALL Barnet Children

Eligible families received an email voucher code on Thursday. This entitles you to FREE holiday activities during the Easter break. More information and links below:

#### BACE Holidays

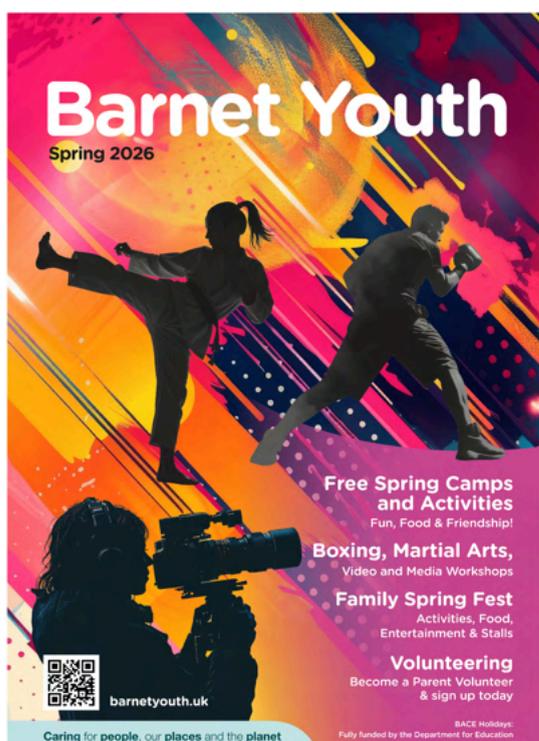
Barnet's **BACE Holidays (HAF)** programme offers *free* holiday activities and healthy meals for children and young people who are eligible for **benefit-related Free School Meals** every Spring, Summer and Winter Holidays. Look out for your e-voucher code if eligible.

<https://barnetyouth.uk/baceholidays>

#### Positive Activities

In addition, Barnet's **Positive Activities** programme provides *free sessions for any child or young person who lives in Barnet or attends a Barnet school*, regardless of eligibility. Activities include sports, arts, youth clubs, music, outdoor adventures and more. Explore all activities here:

<https://barnetyouth.uk/Positive-Activities>



**RA** Royal Academy of Arts



**Are you a budding artist in your free time? Do you want your artwork to be displayed as part of the [Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Show](#)?**

For pupils who enjoy art as a hobby at home we are selecting pieces to submit to the Royal Academy of Arts next week on Tuesday 3rd March. If you would like your art to be considered, then you should bring in some of your pieces to the Main School Office by the end of the day on Tuesday. Make sure each piece is clearly named on the back of the art. A teacher judging panel will then decide which artists will have their work submitted to The Royal Academy.



## **NURSERY SPACES AVAILABLE - APPLY NOW**

### **Nursery admissions from age 3 years old**

**Woodcroft Nursery accepts applications for children to start at ages 3 and 4 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**

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

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



# Road Safety Concerns on Watling Avenue



Families have experienced safety issues on the zebra crossing on Watling Avenue. This includes cars not stopping when pedestrians are on the crossing. At Woodcroft we take road safety seriously and are carrying out a number of actions linked to our School Travel Plan in partnership with Barnet's Road Safety Team.

## Barnet Road Safety Officer - Assembly Message To Families

This week, Sharada Osman (Barnet Road Safety Education Officer) came to deliver three assembly workshops to pupils from Y1 to Y6. She has written to parents and carers, see below.

### **Dear Parent/Carer**

*On Thursday your child attended a Road Safety Assembly taken by me, and we hope they enjoyed it. Please ask them about the workshop to help them remember what they learned about being safe.*

### **What you can do at home**

#### **Always set a good example**

*Use safe crossings (e.g. zebra crossings), even if it means going out of your way. Remind them to stop, look all around and listen, even when they are with you and on quiet roads.*

#### **Always hold hands with young children**

*This is the best thing you can do to keep your child safe near and on roads*

#### **Be Bright, Be Seen**

*Wearing something bright and reflective will help your child be seen by drivers*

#### **Always wear seatbelts**

*The best way to protect everyone in a car in the event of a collision is to wear a seatbelt, even for short journeys. Children should also be sitting in the appropriate child car seat in order to be fully protected.*

#### **Walk to school if you can**

*Walking is great for your child's health and will help them to learn about road safety!*

#### **Give the right advice**

*Make sure you both have up-to-date knowledge on road safety by using the resources listed below.*

- <https://www.brake.org.uk/zebras> is a road safety website for children and families.
- [Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents](#) – age-specific advice to support parents with teaching road safety from The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).
- Visit [www.think.gov.uk/resource/tales-of-the-road/](http://www.think.gov.uk/resource/tales-of-the-road/) for a road safety booklet aimed at children.
- The Highway Code provides full guidance to help ensure you cover everything your child needs to know: <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/rules-for-pedestrians.html>
- [www.goodeggcarsafety.com](http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com) for information on choosing, buying and fitting a child car seat
- Please feel free to contact [Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk) for further resources, advice and support.

Sharada Osman  
Road Safety Education Officer  
Safe and Sustainable Travel Team



# Keep Barnet Tidy Poster Competition for KS2



Well done to everyone who submitted a Litter Poster to help Keep Barnet Tidy. We had over 100 entries from KS2! The school council selected the winners on Tuesday and were announced in assembly. The winners will now be invited to join the Litter Patrol

We have also awarded achievement points per class (dojo points). Winner 6 pts, Runner Up 5pts, Highly Commended 4pts, All Entries 3pts. Look out for the webpage gallery next week.

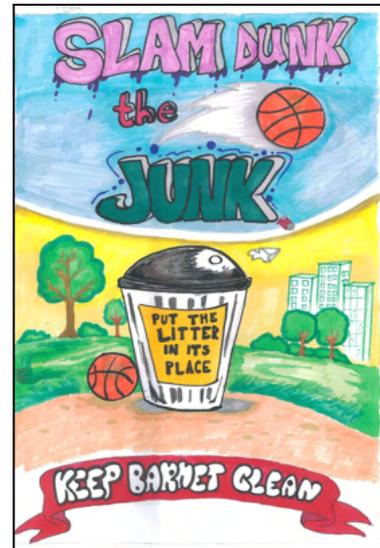
## Winners

<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p><b>Clara 3M</b></p>	<p><b>Aavar 3R</b></p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>Dylan 4M</b></p>	<p><b>Paramita 4S</b></p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p><b>Nancie 5N</b></p>	<p><b>Philip 5R</b></p>

Year 6



Jeddah 6C



Logan 6J

### Runners Up

Year 3

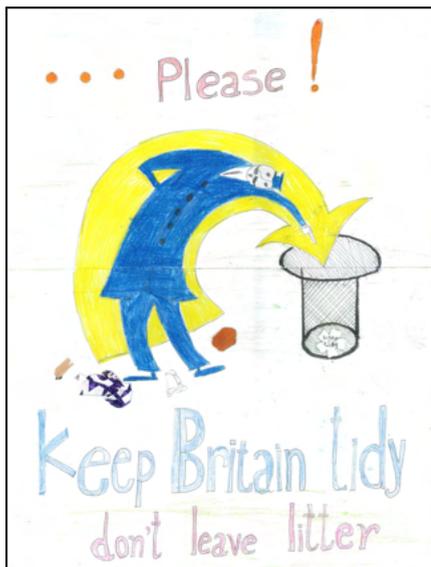


Ifza 3M

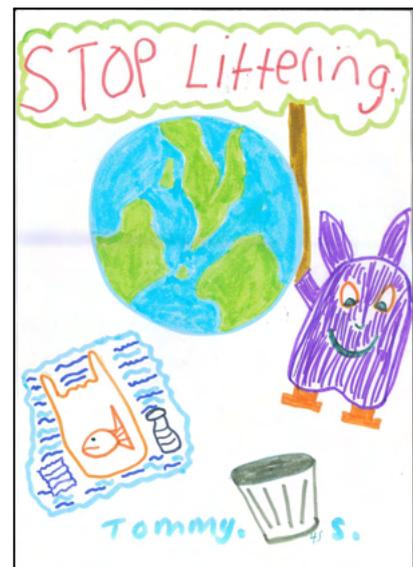


Sarah 3R

Year 4



Aadya 4M



Tommy 4S

Year 5



Mahwa 5R



Bianca 5N

Year 6



Georgia 6C



Hamza 6J

## Highly Commended

The following pupil anti-litter posters were awarded 'Highly Commended' by Woodcroft's School Council judges:

**Zainab (4M), Anayah (4S), Ilinca (5R), Ella (5N), Salaam (5R), Muhannad (5R), Maxim (5R), Amina (5R), Eileen (5R), Zainab (5R), Lorin (5N), Emelia (6C), Nadia (6C), Maria (6J), Salwa (6J)**

## Introducing - The Woodcroft KS2 'Litter Patrol'



Woodcroft School Council is forming a Litter KS2 Patrol. The Litter Patrol will be joining local councillors and taking part in the Great British Spring Clean. The Litter Patrol will then be patrolling the streets all around the school, in an attempt to improve our environment and raise awareness of anti-littering. The selected pupils from Years 3,4,5 and 6 will carry out patrol every Tuesday throughout March working with our local Barnet councillors.



## Get involved at Home

Caring for our places: Ways to get involved: [Visit the Barnet website - get involved](#)

Caring for our places: Tackling fly-tipping: [Visit the Barnet website - fly-tipping](#)

Caring for our places: Recycle and reuse your waste: [Visit the Barnet website- recycle](#)

## Measles Outbreak - Letter for Parents/Carers

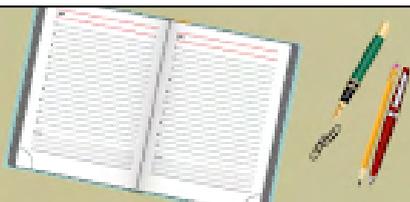


Areas of North London, including our neighbouring Borough Enfield, are experiencing measles outbreaks. Barnet Public Health [have produced a letter](#) and have asked schools to share with it their parents/carers this week. This was emailed to parents on Monday but can also be accessed via the link below.

Please be vigilant.

Measles letter link below ...

<https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2026/02/25122047/Letter-to-parents-and-carers-about-measles-Feb2026.pdf>



*Dates for your Diary*

### Spring Term

2/3 to 6/3 is Woodcroft Book Week

2/3 - M&M Theatre perform Alice in Wonderland

3/3 - School Council Meeting (8.00am for class councillors only)

3/3 - Woodcroft Litter Patrol begins with Barnet Councillors

4/3 - The Riot Act Road Safety Performance to Year 6

5/3 - World Book Day - Mad Hatter Day

5/3 - Cophthall Pupil Assembly to Y5&6

12/3 - Woodcroft Dance Team perform at Barnet Dance Festival (The Arts Depot, Finchley)

17/3 - Woodcroft Dance Team compete at The Great Big Dance Off Regional finals

23/3 to 27/3 [National Schools Football Week \(ESFA\)](#)

★ Woodcroft Class 6-a-side Football Tournament

25/3 - Easter raffle prize giving (3.15pm Main Hall)

26/3 - Easter Bonnet Parade for Nursery, Reception and Year 1

27/3 - Football Kit Day inc. The final of Woodcroft Class Football 6-a-side competition

27/3 - LAST DAY OF TERM (2.15PM Finish)

**Easter Holiday:** 30 March - 13 April (Easter 3 April - 6 Apr) **SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Summer Term

14/4 - Pupils return to school on Tuesday 14th April

23/4 - Woodcroft Dance Team compete at the UDOIT Regional finals (Milton Keynes)

**May Bank Holiday** - Monday 4th May **SCHOOL CLOSED** for 1 day