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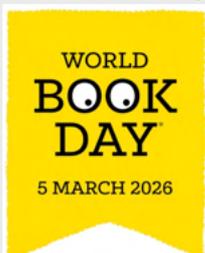
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## PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about  
**World Book Day**



### Alice in Wonderland - M&M Theatre

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



### Mad Hatter Day

World Book Day was on Thursday 5th March. This year we decided to hold a Woodcroft **Mad Hatter Day**. As always, the response was fantastic - so many creative hats. Thank you to everyone for supporting the school and promoting books with your children. A very small selection of hats are displayed below. Check out our website gallery for loads more **mad hats**!



<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/mad-hatter-day-2026/>

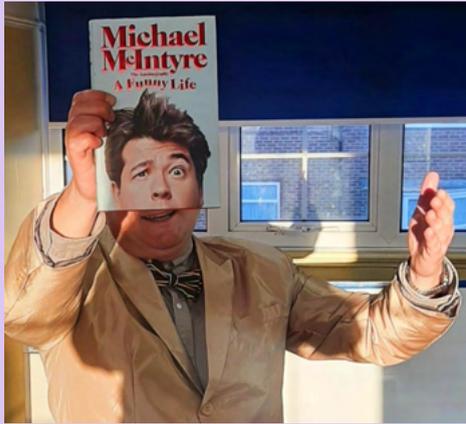


# BOOK WEEK

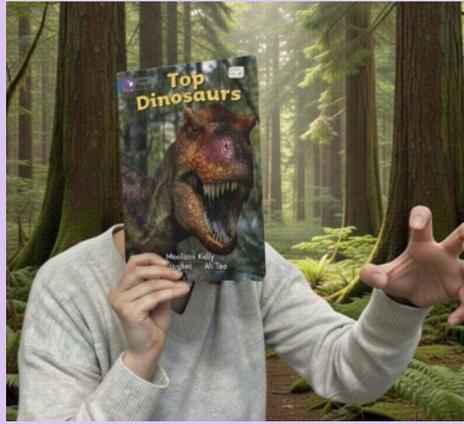
## World Book Day Quiz 2026

Guess the teacher hiding behind the book (answers on the last page of the newsletter). The pupils' Adventures in Bookland' photos are coming soon.

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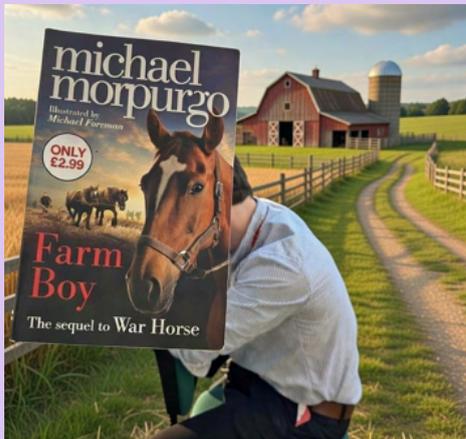
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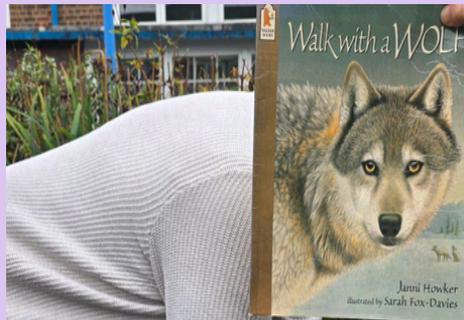
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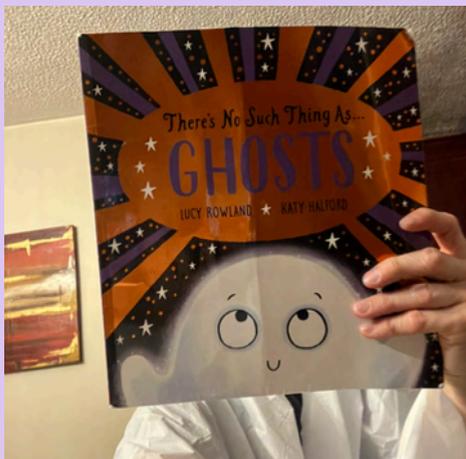
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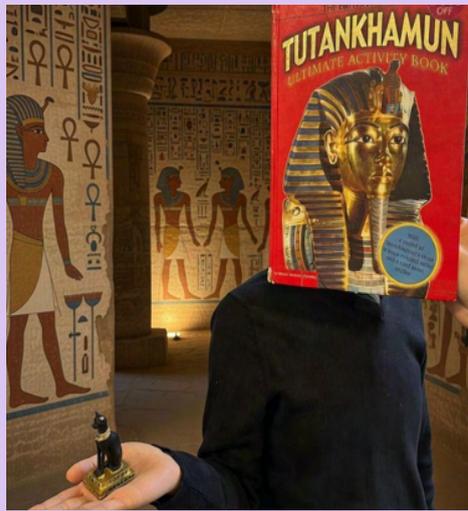
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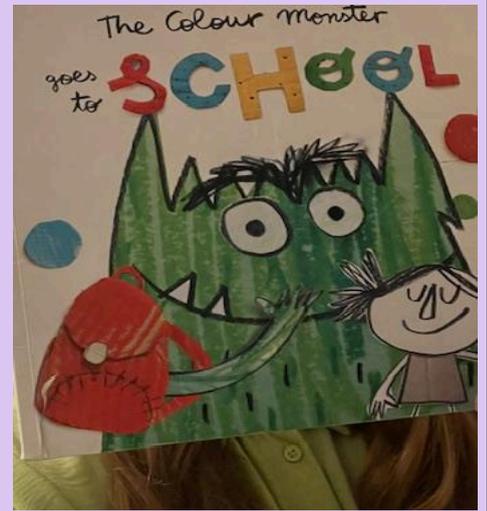
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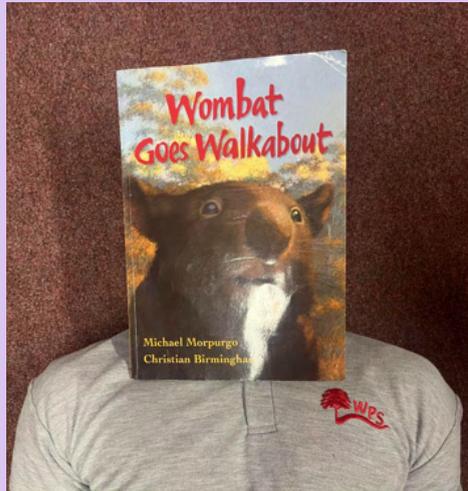
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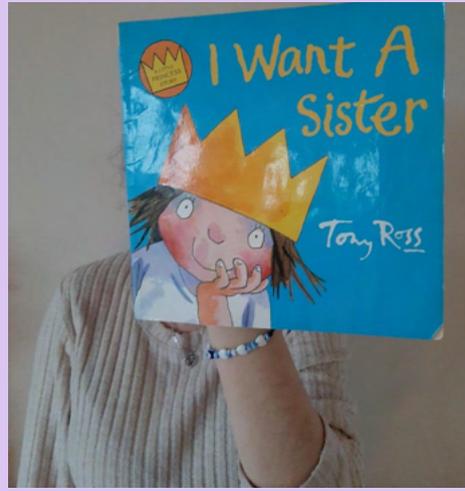
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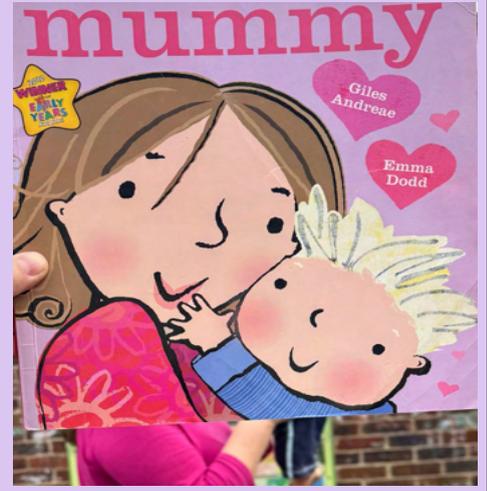
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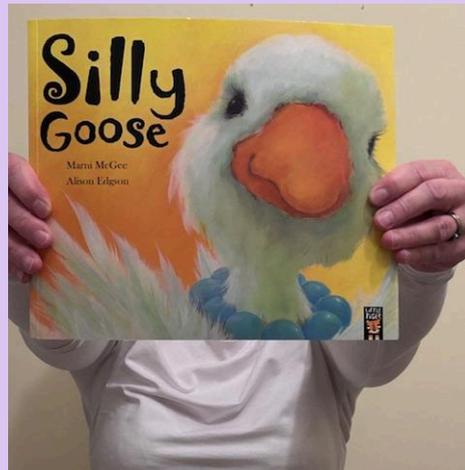
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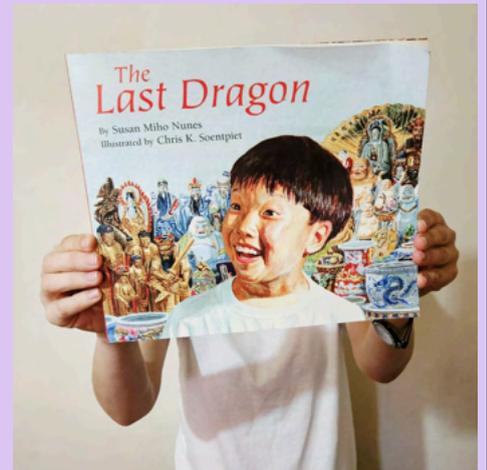
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### Weekly Class Attendance Champions

**Whole School  
Attendance  
94.5%**

**Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD (95.8%)**

**Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3M (96.5%) 🏆 TOP CLASS 🏆**

**Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (95.8%)**



## 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 26th February. This entitles you to FREE holiday activities during the Easter break. More information and links below. Also, if you did not receive vouchers please check your eligibility using the [LGFL 'Apply For Free School Meals' checker](#). More information and links provided 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.

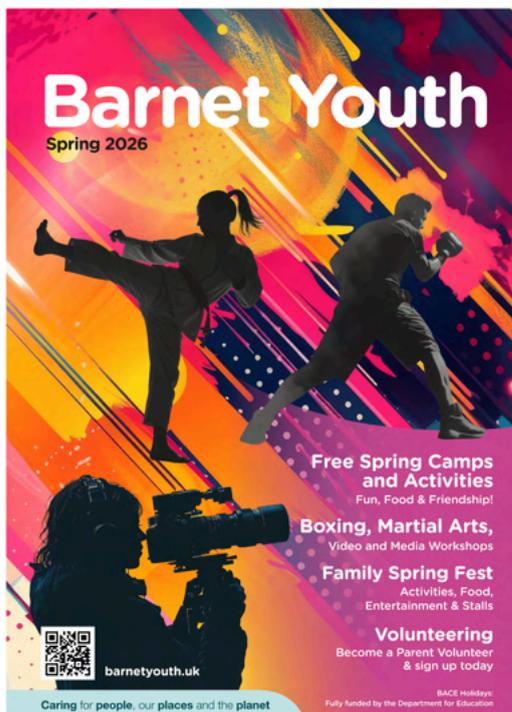
<https://barnetyouth.uk/baceholidays>

#### 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>

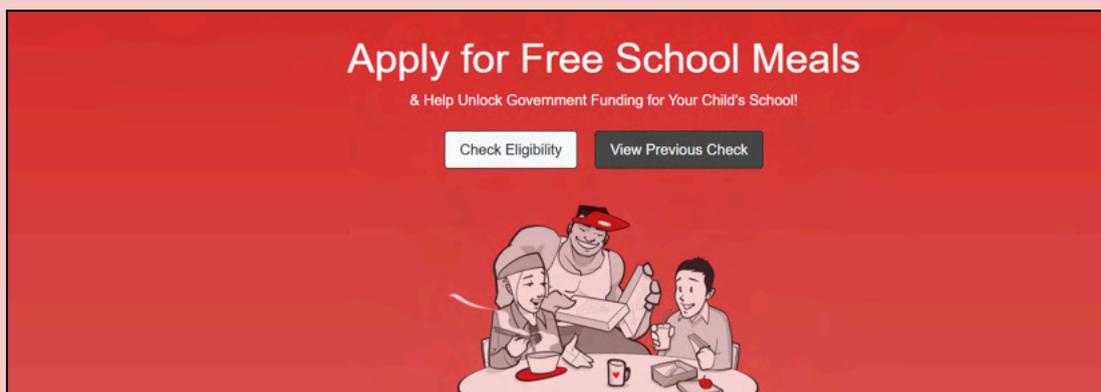


## Updated Free School Meal Checking Service

Securing Free School Meals (FSM) not only ensures your child receives free, nutritious lunches throughout their school career, it also unlocks vital additional funding (Pupil Premium) for your child's school, food vouchers and free holiday activity schemes.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain state benefits. Visit this link for more information ... <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

- Get a result in minutes
- Just a simple online form to complete
- Obtain additional funding for your child's school
- No need to reapply



## The Riot Act - Road Safety Theatre Group



As part of his term's campaign to promote safer streets for our pupils we have been promoting road safety through workshops, traffic observations, questionnaires and updated actions on our School Travel Plan. This week Year 6 enjoyed an interactive road safety theatre production by 'Riot Act'.

## Parents and Carers - please collect **ON TIME**

It is so important for children to be collected from school on time. **Doors open at the end of the school day at 3.15pm.** If parents arrive late:

- Children become anxious
- Staff spend time supervising children and NOT planning the next days lessons
- Office staff cannot finish their duties

Establishing good habits of punctuality is a way of helping your child to become successful. Our school motto is **'Together Towards Success'** so we will be reminding everyone to ...

**'BE ON TIME FOR SUCCESS!'**



## Copthall School Pupils Lead Y5 & Y6 Anti-Bullying Assembly



We welcomed a group of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors from nearby Copthall School to Woodcroft on Thursday. The secondary pupils had prepared a very thought provoking assembly. The girls spoke knowledgeably on the subject and then expertly led a question and answer session with Years 5 and 6. We look forward to more visits from Copthall in the future.



## 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**

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



## Eggcellent Easter Raffle - Get Your Tickets Next Week!



Woodcroft's championship dance team are organising a prize raffle to raise funds to pay for their travel to this year's dance events.

Raffle tickets will be **sold by Mrs Ditchman, Mrs Hatch & Mrs Hurley before and after school during drop-off and pick-up times.** There are some amazing Amazon prizes, all donated by our sponsors, Seventeen Recruitment.

- ★ **£150 voucher (1st prize)**
- ★ **£75 voucher (2nd prize)**
- ★ **£25 voucher (3rd prize)**
- ★ **Runners up prizes on offer will be a range of yummy Easter eggs.**



The draw will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 3.30pm in the main hall. Winners will be notified by text if not present. Good Luck!

**Raffle tickets are £1 per strip.** If anyone would like to sell tickets to their family and friends, please speak to the office. We will also be accepting Easter egg prize donations at the school office for the next couple of weeks. Please donate if you can and support our wonderful dance team :-)  
**Thank you!**

# Woodcroft KS2 'Litter Patrol' - Week 1

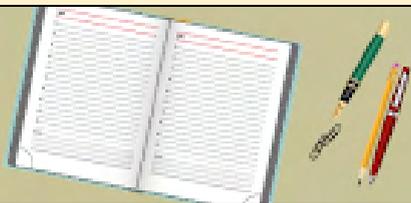


Woodcroft School Council and poster winners have formed a KS2 Litter Patrol. This week we have been joined by Cllr Gurung when planning our routes and Cllr Conway on our first patrol. As part of the Great British Spring Clean we have begun patrolling the streets all around the school, in an attempt to improve our environment and raise awareness of anti-littering.



We were kitted out with our official 'Litter Patrol' equipment and set off around the streets. You would not believe how much litter we discovered in such a short distance. When we had filled our bags we headed back to school to properly dispose of the rubbish. The litter patrol will be on duty again next Tuesday!





## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term

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

17/3 - SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am

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

★ Woodcroft Class 6-a-side Football Tournament

24/3 - Woodcroft Festival of Dance (Cheerleaders, Dance Team & Super Steppers Club parents are invited to the performance)

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 finals 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)

30/4 - Beethoven Piano Recital

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



**Come to our SEND Coffee Morning  
with guest speaker Amy Gibb (Educational Psychologist)**

We are hosting our termly coffee morning on Tuesday 17th March at 9.00am. We are delighted to welcome Amy Gibb as our guest speaker this term. Amy is an Educational Psychologist who works closely with Woodcroft and several other schools in Barnet. She will be delivering a session focused on 'Managing Big Emotions' and key approaches to supporting children who are dysregulated. Come along to Amy's talk and meet other parents in a welcoming, friendly environment. Our Autumn Term Coffee Morning was our best attended yet, we hope this will be equally popular. Please speak with Miss Maynard (SENCo) if you would like any further information.

World Book Day Photo Quiz Answers:

1. Mr Russell,
2. Miss Maynard,
3. Miss Jackson,
4. Mr Richards,
5. Mr Conibeere,
6. Miss Manktelow,
7. Mr Stephenson,
8. Miss Marku,
9. Miss Lloyd,
10. Mr Rees,
11. Mrs Donato,
12. Miss Daly,
13. Mr Taylor,
14. Miss Khan,
15. Miss Ana,
16. Mrs Madaras,
17. Mrs Shahid,
18. Mrs Longier



# SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

## UK Government says **NO** to Mobile Phones for Children



At Woodcroft we do not allow pupils to use phones on site. Also, we do not allow any pupil smartphones onsite, even if they are switched off! Our rule is simple. If we see or hear a phone it will be confiscated immediately and then only be returned to an adult. We also ask ALL adults to put their phone away while on school premises. We promote a phone free childhood!

## [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

### A fun filled morning with award winning author Steven Butler and The Nothing to See Here Hotel Series



Join award winning author Steven Butler talking about his 'The Nothing To See Here Hotel series'

Expect laughter and surprises throughout the event!

His The Nothing To See Here Hotel series won the 2018 Sainsbury's Fiction Prize.

'Hilariously funny and inventive, and I love the extraordinary creatures and the one thirty-sixth troll protagonist...'  
Cressida Cowell

Book tickets at: <https://barnet-libraries.played.co/> or via the QR code below.



**Colindale Library**  
**Saturday 4 April 11am-1pm including a Q&A and book signing session.**



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