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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

June

23rd - 25th

LONDON ROCKS !

Times Tables Rock Stars
competition

23rd Y3 Trip to

The Natural History Museum

25th Y1 Trip to

Kew Gardens

29th June

Class Photos

30th June Sports Day

World Cup Theme

July

2nd July Meet the Teacher
Children visit new classes

2nd July Year 6 Secondary
Transition Visits

Insta / X



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PSHE Themes

In school we have been
learning about:

The Woodcroft
World Cup Games



Woodcroft Award for Arts Education



Introducing the Arts Award Trinity Champion Centres 2026-2027

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON

★ Trinity Champion Centre 2026-2027

Woodcroft was last week awarded the prestigious Trinity Champion Centre status for 2026/2027 for our successful delivery of the Arts Award, a Trinity qualification supporting music, art and drama in association with Arts Council England.

We are one of only 47 institutions from across the United Kingdom to be recognised by Trinity College. You can read about our work in this recent article on the Arts Award website ...

<https://blog.artsaward.org.uk/introducing-the-arts-award-trinity-champion-centres-2026-2027>



Peer support in action: Silver supporting Bronze!

<https://blog.artsaward.org.uk/peer-support-in-action-silver-supporting-bronze>

Trinity College London was established in 1872, is a leading internationally recognised organisation covering music, drama, combined arts and English language



Woodcroft is a
Smartphone
Free School



And that means smart watches too!

If pupils are found with a smart device (watch or phone) it will be immediately confiscated and only returned to an adult.

Barnet Music Festival



The Woodcroft choir performed at the Barnet Music Festival on Thursday; it was a great experience. The coach dropped us off at the Finchley Arts Depot and as soon as we arrived we had to go into the auditorium where Roz, the organiser, gave instructions. Soon after that we got to take our spots on the stage. We rehearsed three songs which were Yemanoa, Lovely Day and Arirang. Two of them were in a different language which was fun to speak. Then the teachers took us to our dressing room. Ours had enormous leather sofas, a mini fridge and a kitchen area to eat our packed tea. After a few minutes of chilling we got called to go to practice our solo song, Stand By Me, on the stage. Miss Nelson got us to do some vocal warm ups. Then it was time for the show in front of our parents. The most crazy part was the musical band who had to learn every school's song immediately which was fascinating. Finally, we performed our repertoire on the stage with the other schools. The songs were called Shine, Yemanoa, Lovely Day, Arirang, Comedy Tonight, and lastly, Little Blue. Thank you to Miss Nelson and Miss Daly for taking us to the festival.

By Samar and Nancie



Summer Term SEND Coffee Morning: Tuesday 7th July at 9am

We are hosting our termly coffee morning on Tuesday 7th July at 9am. We are delighted to welcome back Amy Gibb as our guest speaker. Amy is an Educational Psychologist who works closely with Woodcroft and several schools around Barnet. She will be delivering a session focused on: **Keeping routines in the summer holidays & managing screen time**. She will outline key approaches to support structure and routine during the school holidays. All parents and carers are welcome to come along to Amy's talk and meet other parents in a welcoming, friendly environment. Our Spring Term Coffee Morning was our most attended yet last term!

FREE Drop-ins with Amy our school Educational Psychologist

Amy is also offering a limited number of drop-in consultation sessions for parents/carers on Tuesday 7th July, after the coffee morning, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. The sessions are a space for you to confidentially discuss a question or concern you have about your child's learning, friendships, wellbeing, or other aspects of their development. The session is a one-off session; no notes will be taken and there will be no follow up. The session will last 25-30 minutes and take place in a private space. If you are interested in signing up to a session, please speak with Miss Maynard.



Class Photos: Monday 29th June 2026

Class photos will be taken on Monday 29th June. At Woodcroft we aim to keep additional costs to families at an absolute minimum. We therefore take our own class photos and distribute them digitally. These are NOT professional photos - but we hope that they will provide a memento of your child's fantastic year in school.

Please ensure that your child brings their red jumper/cardigan to that day (even if the weather is hot).

Garden news

In our early years garden we have been very lucky with our berry harvest this year. While the strawberries were fewer than usual, the raspberry bushes have been bursting with fruit! The children have loved helping to pick the ripe berries, carefully collecting them and then enjoying them fresh after a quick wash. It has been a joy to see their excitement as they discovered handfuls of juicy raspberries hidden among the leaves and shared in the simple pleasure of eating fruit they had picked themselves.





SPORTS DAY 2026

‘The Woodcroft World Cup Games’

Tuesday 30th June

Families are invited to join us on Tuesday 30th at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre for our annual Sports Day. This year, we are promoting the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Each team will be named after a different host venue.

Times

- **Morning: Key Stage 2** (Y3, 4, 5, and 6) from 9.30 am - 11.30 am
- **Afternoon: Key Stage 1 and Early Years** (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2) from 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm
(please note: older siblings in KS2 will be dismissed at 3.15pm)

Notice for Nursery parents: Morning Nursery pupils are welcome to attend with their parents/carers, please meet us at the Burnt Oak Leisure Centre, at 1:15 pm. Parents/carers of Afternoon Nursery pupils should meet at the Nursery to leave at 1:00.

TEAM NAMES

Team Name (Host stadium)	Team Colour	Logo
<u>Lumen Field</u> - Seattle, USA	Green - Seattle Sounders FC	
<u>Estadio Azteca</u> - Mexico City, Mexico	Yellow - Club América	
<u>Estadio BBVA</u> - Guadalupe, México	Blue - Monterrey FC	

BMO Field - Toronto, Canada	Red - Toronto FC	
BC Place Stadium - Vancouver, Canada	White - Vancouver Whitecaps	
Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Atlanta, USA	Black - Atlanta FC	

Events (map below)

Classes will rotate around a series of activity bases scoring points for their team. Parents can follow their child around the circuit. We ask that families stand back to allow school staff to organise their pupils without distraction.

1. **Football Dribble**
2. **Long Jump**
3. **Bean Bag Throw - Not KS1 & EYFS**
4. **Javelin**
5. **Penalty and Rest Station - Not KS1 & EYFS**
6. **Sprint**
7. **Distance Run**
8. **Tug 'O' War**



Dash Finals (KS2 Only Y3 - Y6)

After the events, we will have a **KS2 Dash Final**. The fastest pupil from each class heat

will have a class final. The winner from each class will compete in a race-off in a key stage final.

Dismissal of KS1

After the KS1 and Early Years sports day, parents and carers will take their children directly home from the sports centre. Class teachers will dismiss pupils at the end of the event from their final activity station.

Photos

As this is a public event, please be aware that photographs can be taken.

Be Sun Smart - sun hats and sunscreen for sports day (and everyday in fact)

As the weather improves, we recommend that children wear hats at break times as part of their 'sun-safe' behaviour. Sunscreen should also be applied in the morning before school. However, can we remind parents that caps should be appropriate for school? That means they should be plain and without bold logos. We do not allow graffiti-style caps or the latest 'Snapback' or sports designs. These are expensive fashion items and have caused problems in the past. Hats should ideally follow our school uniform code and be red, grey, black, blue or white.



Relationship Lessons for Reception to Year 6



This week we notified parents and carers about our planned Christopher Winter Relationship Projects later this term. Unlike the National Curriculum, which is compulsory, we ask parents to decide if they want their child to take part in some of these important lessons. If parents have a wish to respond then they need to complete this short online form by Monday 22nd June

<https://forms.gle/4tCdXVCqfs22F9ng6>

The Christopher Winter Project (CWP) is recommended by Barnet Local Authority, meets all government guidance, and has been quality assured by the PSHE Association.

The Government's Department for Education requires all primary schools to have a programme tailored to the age and maturity of their pupils that builds on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the Science National Curriculum. We believe that the Christopher Winter Project materials enable us to do this.

At Woodcroft we make all of the resources available to parents and carers through a password protected website. Parents and carers were emailed the links and passwords to their child's year group curriculum pages. If any parent has difficulty with access, or you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Valoti (Asst Head and PSHE Coordinator) via email at: jvaloti@woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk (clearly stating your child's name and class).

Please remember to complete the short online form by Monday 22nd June. Thank you.

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Appointments in school time and dismissal arrangements

We have experienced an increase in the number of parents arriving just before the end of the school day to request early dismissal of their child for an appointment. This creates significant classroom disruption, especially for young children who need an adult to escort them from class. Please remember we have to manage the orderly exit of over 400 children, many with individual care plans. If you have an appointment that requires a child's early dismissal from school please notify the office in the morning.

Arrangements for early dismissal

- If you have an appointment at the end of the school day parents should notify the school in advance, and arrive between 2.45 - and 3.00pm
- Dismissal earlier in the day can be arranged on request
- If parents arrive after 3.00pm we will not be able to bring children to the foyer. You will need to wait for the regular 3.15pm dismissal. Staff are all on other duties at this time.
- Early dismissals are ALWAYS from the Main Office and NEVER from the back gates

**Whole School
Attendance
94.5%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions - 11th to 18th June

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1D (96.8%)

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3R (95.9%)

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (99.2%) 🏆 TOP CLASS 🏆



Birthday Books

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

Lucyana (RK) age 5 and Liana (5N) age 10

Summer Uniform and Extreme Heat Precautions

All children wear a uniform at Woodcroft Primary School. We believe that uniforms look smart, are practical and encourage a sense of belonging. Hopefully, as the weather improves in the second half of the term, there will be opportunities to wear Summer items. These include; grey school shorts, plain white polo shirts or red and white check dresses.

Extreme Heat Warning for Next Week

Due to the forecast of extreme heat in London we are implementing a relaxation in our uniform policy to allow pupils to wear shorts.

Amber Warning: London & South East England on 22nd to 23rd June

Due to the amber weather warning for extreme heat will allow pupils to wear plain black, grey or navy blue sports shorts next week.



Amber warning of extreme heat

Amber - Likely

Many parents have stated that they do not own grey shorts. Therefore, in the interests of pupil safety, we have approved this temporary relaxation of our uniform policy.

MAPAC Uniform Supplier

We strive to keep costs reasonable. You can either purchase items with the logo from our online supplier MAPAC or visit any store to buy plain items without the badge. Visit our MAPAC uniform page to view our full range:

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

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Woodcroft Primary School

Reminders:

- All head coverings; scarves, ribbons, etc. should be in school colours
- Clothing should be plain; symbols or logos are not permitted.
- Hats and caps should be plain.
- Hair should be smart and able to be tied back
- Shaved hair designs e.g. hair or eyebrow carvings are not permitted in school.
- Earrings should be small stud earrings, no other jewellery
- We do not permit nail polish, false nails or make up.

Footwear

The uniform rule about footwear is simple - they should be plain black. This means that footwear with white soles or visible branding is not appropriate.



Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception Classes)

Foundation stage uniform is as above, however plain grey jogging bottoms and trainers can be worn. Uniform in Nursery is optional but recommended. The majority of parents choose to send their child to school in uniform as this sets good habits, supports an appreciation of school and makes dressing and changing easy.

**SMARTWATCHES
HAVE NO PLACE
IN OUR
CLASSROOMS**



TRUMPET & VIOLIN MUSIC LESSONS



Parents and Carers now book and pay for lessons directly with the Music Service, BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust).

Booking and payment for instrumental music tuition for the Autumn term 2026 is now open. Please go to: <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>

Applying for music tuition is simple:

1. All parents need to click **'Apply as a new student'** (even if you are currently receiving lessons)
2. Select **'Tuition Provided at Schools'**
3. Complete the online form

All current pupils who are learning instruments are guaranteed a place to continue.

New pupils will be put on a waiting list and contacted within two weeks to confirm their place. Please find attached BEAT's Instrument Tuition and [Music Academy flyer](#) and their terms and conditions can be found [here](#) on the website.

Please note: we currently offer **Trumpet** and **Violin** through the BEAT music service at Woodcroft. If you have any further queries, or would like to speak to the school regarding music tuition, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office or BEAT directly.

GUITAR & PIANO LESSONS WITH ROSS HUGHES



Your child can now sign up to begin or continue to learn piano, guitar or ukulele with Ross Hughes in school during the Autumn term.

Bookings are done directly through Mr Hughes, with payments sent before lessons begin for the term. If you currently have lessons with Mr Hughes you will now need to confirm continuation and payment directly with him. If you wish to enquire, please send a message to:

therosshughes@hotmail.com

If your child is learning guitar or ukulele and already has an instrument please make sure that they bring it to school, with their name clearly labelled on the day of their lesson. If they do not have an instrument the school may be able to lend your child an instrument.

- Lessons are charged at £22.00 per 30 minute session or £11.00 per session for a shorter 15 minute session
- There is also limited availability for ½ price paired 30 minute sessions.

The total cost will vary term to term depending on how many weeks are in the term. In the Autumn term there will be 12 sessions so the cost will be £264.00 for individual sessions or £132.00 for short / paired sessions. If pupils forget their musical instrument they will take part in musical theory and aural skills during the lessons.

We look forward to your child beginning/continuing their musical journey! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hughes or speak with the school office. Thank you

LONDON ROCKS



23RD - 25TH JUNE
8AM TO 6PM

**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**30MIN TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**



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



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

