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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



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PSHE Themes

In school we have been
learning about:

TTRS



LONDON ROCKS



I wrote my first newsletter on 11th September 2009 to announce the retirement of the previous headteacher, Mrs Mills, and the appointment of myself and Mr Russell as new head and deputy. Nearly 17 years later we have reached issue 600! What's surprising is that I am never short of things to write about this amazing school!

We may not have a shiny new building, but we make up for that with the glittering things we get up to inside. You only have to look at what we achieve. For example, take this week's Times Tables Rock Stars 'LONDON ROCKS' competition, Woodcroft was the **TOP London school** for the 3rd successive tournament in a row! You could say we have achieved a London GRAND SLAM!

Woodcroft goes from strength to strength, results get better and better, and I am looking forward to writing the next 600 issues ;-)

Mr Tallon

Extreme Heat - How did we do?

I am sure that many of us will be glad that this week is over. The heat and red weather warnings have had a major impact! Not only did we have to cope in class, but 3 events had to be cancelled; Y1 trip to Kew Gardens, Y3 to the Natural History Museum and a Barnet Football Tournament! We also made changes to our day and lunchtimes. But how did we do? The Governors would like your feedback to help us plan for the next heat episode. Please complete this short google questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/KQqbeRUdbCjM7xog8>

Secondary Transition Day - Thursday 2nd July

Year 6 parents should check with their Secondary Schools to confirm arrangements for transition visits. Many Barnet schools do this on Thursday 2nd July, but this is not the case for all schools. Please also notify the school if you have a visit planned for a different day.

It is the parent's responsibility to make arrangements for getting their child to the new secondary school.

Pupils who do not have a scheduled visit on Thursday can attend Woodcroft as normal.

Meet The Teacher Morning - Thursday 2nd July

Woodcroft Pupils will be spending a lesson on Thursday morning with their new teachers for September 2026

Parents will receive notification of their child's class teacher by email on Tuesday 30th June



Nursery Butterfly Project

The Nursery children have been excited to watch the whole life cycle of a butterfly. We enjoyed releasing seven of the butterflies yesterday, and had some more which were ready to fly away today.



The Big Sunflower Project



Our sunflowers are growing tall and strong around the school, but not only in the KS2 garden. We have sunflowers in KS1, Oak Suite and Early Years also. But who's going to be the tallest at the end of term? Mr Russell will be measuring them next week and giving an update.



Woodcroft achieves a London Schools' TTRS 'Grand Slam'!





Yesterday, Woodcroft finished top of the leaderboard in this week's London Rocks times tables tournament with an amazing final score of 414,360 points! It was a close competition, with Northumberland Primary School challenging our lead during the day. But, Woodcroft pupils would not be beaten, and finished with a comfortable lead.

	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Greater London	414,360
	Northumberland Heath Primary School Greater London	396,693

This means that Woodcroft has been the TOP London school in all three TTRS tournaments this academic year; England Rocks, NSPCC Rocks and now London Rocks - what a result! We have achieved a TTRS 'GRAND SLAM'! This was the challenge that was set for our pupils, and they have delivered.



In November we topped the London schools rankings with a total score of 493,896! This was our closest ever finish, only beating the second placed school by 1 point over the two day England Rocks tournament.

Top 50 results out of 480 schools		School Total Score
	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Greater London	493,896
	Star Primary School Greater London	493,825




Then in February, we topped the London regional leaderboard in the 1 day NSPCC competition with a total score of 207,222 points and an average pupil score of 1,036.

	Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware Middlesex	207,222
	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrow Middlesex	120,699



Together Towards 'TTRS' Success

In school, we talk about what we can achieve when we work together! This result demonstrates that if we follow our school motto we will be successful. We can also celebrate some excellent class efforts for 5R, 4S and 5N who topped the school rankings.

	Class 5R Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	86,370
	Class 4S Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	76,533
	Class 5N Woodcroft Primary School, Edgware	69,998

TOP 10 TTRS Pupils

Well done to all of our top scorers, but remember, we only achieve success when everybody tries their very best and we all work together!

1		Maxim Mogielnicki Max Slasher Class 5R	9,013
2		Olivia Lallbeeharry Bluebell Elefante Class 4S	7,305
3		Muhannad Aden Carla Perez Class 5R	7,031
4		Ella Shahid Elvis Trapper Class 5N	6,965
5		Maria Hejazi Skip Tuber Class 6J	6,707
6		Mahwa Barakzai Marek French Class 5R	6,390
7		Tapasya Gautam Dillara Bourgeois Class 5N	5,932
8		Lorin Tanritanir K.C. Keely Class 5R	5,412
9		Delia-Maria Selejan Bunny Dropdebass Class 5N	5,376
10		Clayton Fernandes Jeremy Spinner Class 4S	4,946



The [Summer Reading Challenge 2026](#) is coming soon! This year's theme, **Read to the Beat!**, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. Take a look [▶ Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge 2026 | The Reading Agency](#)

Children aged 4-12 can sign up at any Barnet library from **Saturday 4 July** and throughout the summer holidays. They will need to borrow and read 6 books from the library to participate in the challenge. Children can read any books they like – from chapter books, comics or even information books. You can also read **eBooks** on our [Libby app](#) or listen to [eAudiobooks](#) on the BorrowBox app.

During [staffed hours](#) at the library, children can collect rewards on their reading journey. When they complete the challenge, they will receive a special certificate and medal.



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.





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 on 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 school on Monday (even if the weather is hot).

**Whole School
Attendance
94.5%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions - 17th - 23rd June

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 2LD (96.6%)

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 3R (96.5%)

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (97.7%) 🏆 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

Arthur (1T) age 6 and Timotei (2LD) age 7



**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**](mailto: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