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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



Diary Dates

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Distributed

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been
thinking about about:



Summer Music Concerts



On Wednesday our strings and brass players performed a showcase concert to pupils and parents. At Woodcroft we have pupils from Y1 to Y6 learning to play. Pupils take weekly lessons, perform in termly concerts and take their music grading exams when they are ready. We are now enrolling for September lessons. Take a look at the information page later in the newsletter



SPORTS DAY 2026

The Woodcroft World Cup Games

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday 30th at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre for our annual Sports Day. This year our theme was the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Families have been sent links to a private photo gallery page.





Woodcroft Class Teachers for September 2026

Woodcroft Pupils had a lesson on Thursday morning with their new teachers for September. Parents were notified by email on Tuesday of their child's new teacher.

Our class teachers for September are as follows ...

Nursery - Miss Daly

RK - Ms Khan

1T - Mr Taylor

2LD - Miss Lloyd/Mrs Donato

2S - Miss Said

Y2 - Mrs Caplan

3M - Miss Marku

3R - Mr Rees

4S - Mr Stephenson

4C - Mr Conibeere

5N - Miss Nelson

5R - Mr Richards

6A - Miss Ali

6K - Miss Manktelow

Y6 - Mrs Gignac

Sad Goodbyes

You will notice some changes to our class teacher list for September.

Mrs Madaraszova is moving schools to take up a new position as a nursery teacher. **Miss Daly** will now be the teacher in Woodcroft's Nursery.

Mrs Jackson will be taking maternity leave for 1 year. We are fortunate to welcome back **Miss Ali**, an experienced ex-Woodcroft teacher who left us 2 years ago to go and teach in Dubai. She has now returned to England and is excited to rejoin Woodcroft in September.



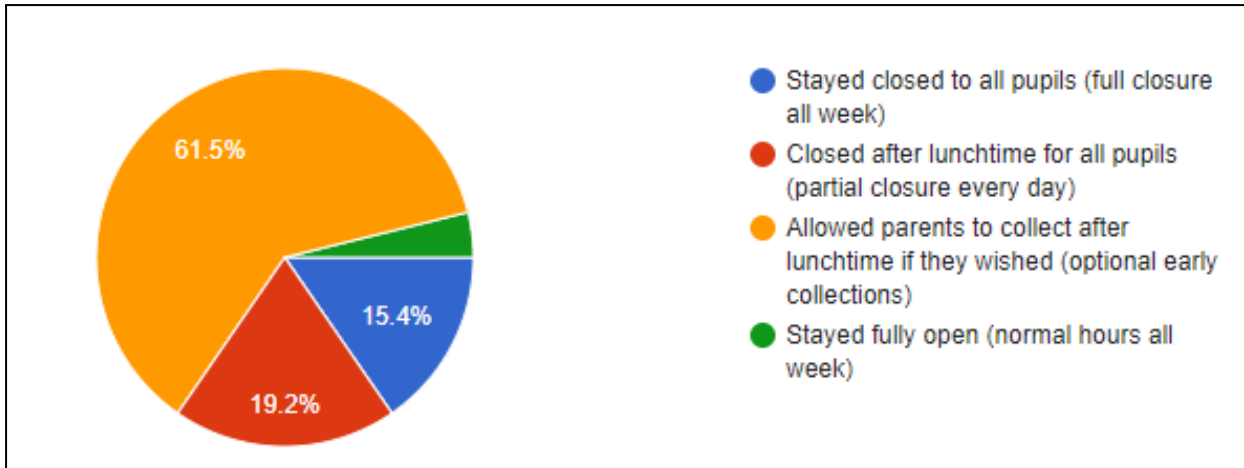
INVITATION: Year 3 Ukulele Concert on Monday 6th July at 11.00am

Year 3 families are invited to the final Ukulele Concert performed by Year 3. These shows are always fun and give every pupil in Year 3 the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

Extreme Heat Questionnaire - Parent Feedback

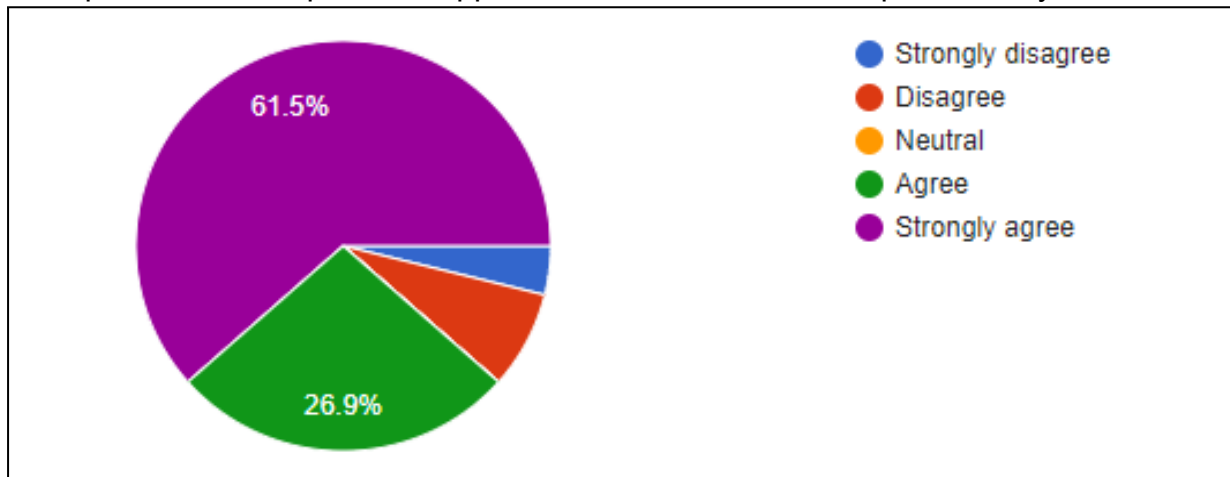
Question 1: What should all schools do in extreme heat?

The vast majority of parents approved of optional early collection (61.5%), and 96% of parents believed schools should have closed in some form as a result of the heat.



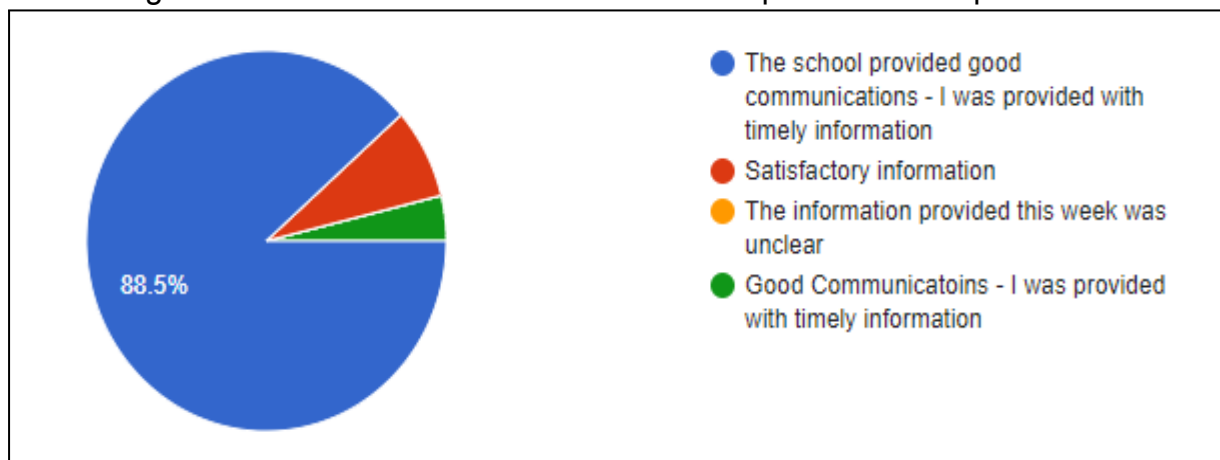
Question 2: Did you agree with the option to allow an optional early collection after lunchtime?

Over 90% of parents that responded supported our decision to offer optional early closure.



Question 3: How well did we communicate?

Every parent thought that Woodcroft communicated well with parents and kept them informed.



Thank you to those that made comments or suggestions as part of the survey. These will be reviewed and considered by school management and Governors. If we have another weather warning for extreme heat we shall implement similar arrangements and offer optional early collection, but remain fully open until the end of the school day (including Acorns) for those that want it.

Class Photos 2026



Copies of your child's class photo were emailed to parents as part of today's newsletter distribution. Please remember, these were not taken by a professional photographer. We want to provide a free memento of your child's fantastic year at Woodcroft.



Nursery AM



Nursery PM



RK



1D



1T



2LD



2S



3M



3R



4M



4S



5N



5R



6C



6J

A Parent Guide

To Woodcroft Annual Reports and Pupil Assessments

Reports Published on 6th July 2026

Ahead of the distribution of reports next week please take a moment to understand how teachers arrive at their judgements and what they mean. Below is a short guide to codes we use in school.

Woodcroft uses a progress tracking system that is matched to our curriculum. Every term, teachers carry out a range of '**Depth of Learning**' assessments for each subject in the National Curriculum. You may hear older children at Woodcroft talk about '**POP Tasks**'. These are '**Proof Of Progress**' assessments that enable teachers to record where children are in relation to age related curriculum expectation.

- **BB - Below Basic** - the pupil requires support to access the curriculum
- **B - Basic** (Remembering) - the pupil can recall the curriculum information
- **A - Advancing** (Knowing) - the pupil knows how to solve problems and explain ideas and concepts
- **D - Deep** (Reasoning) - the pupil knows how to creatively apply and connect their knowledge in more complex ways

Please note, to achieve 'Basic' in Year 6 is significantly more difficult than in Year 1. Assessments are linked to the National Curriculum expectations for that year group. Therefore, if a child achieves a 'Basic' judgement every year then they are making good progress and are on track to pass their SATs in Year 6.

There are also additional National Curriculum Assessments (SATs) in Year 6, Multiplication Tests in Y4, Phonics Checks in Y1 and Y2 and Baseline Assessments in Reception. Year groups in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) also carry out standardised assessments in Maths and English twice per year.

Previously, we included these depth of learning judgments on our reports. However, parents said they did not understand the terms. We then decided to return to our original categories. Teachers simply match these up with their Depth of Learning assessments.

Emerging = Below Basic (pupil still requires some support)

Expected = Basic (the pupil can understand and recall core curriculum information)

Exceeding = Advancing (the pupils can solve unfamiliar problems and fully explain their ideas)

★ = *Deep* (we add a star in the Advancing column if a child is demonstrating 'Deep' attainment)

As you can see, if your child is making expected progress, then they are at or above a Basic level and are therefore on track to pass SATs in Year 6.

Summer Parent/Carer Evening on Tuesday 7th July

We arrange an evening at the end of the summer term when you can discuss your child's report with your class teacher or Miss Maynard, our SENCO.



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.

Children under 4

This year, Barnet Libraries also have a special challenge for children under 4 years old. This is a great way to encourage families with younger children to regularly borrow and read books over the summer, especially if older siblings are taking part in the main Challenge.



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.

Parents' Evening - 7th July 2026 (4.00pm to 7.00pm)

In the summer term we do not schedule formal appointments for parents' evening. Teachers are available to meet with parents anytime from 4.00pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday 7th July. We do however ask that you indicate the likely time that you will attend school on the booking form via the link below. It will obviously be busiest at 4.00pm so you may have to wait in line to see a teacher. It would be advisable to plan to come at 5.00pm when it is quieter.

Please complete a separate booking for each child. You will NOT receive a response. This is just to inform teachers who to expect to see. Click the link below:

[Parent / Carers Evening Form 2026](#)

Please note:

1. If no parent has indicated on the form that they will attend after 6.00pm then teachers will leave for the evening.
2. Mrs Jackson will not be available for any appointment after 5.00pm.

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7/7 Coffee Morning with Amy Gibb our Ed Psych

7/7 Y4 Trip to Verulamium Museum (St Albans)

7/7 Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm

8/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Afternoon Wednesday Matinee to Parents (doors 1.45pm, show 2.00pm)

8/7 Y2 Trip to Mill Hill Park

9/7 New To Nursery Transition Morning

9/7 Y6 Leavers Show - Evening performance (doors 5.15pm, show starts 5.30pm)

10/7 Y4/Y5 Football Trails (postponed to September due to 30C weather forecast for next week)

Final week

13/7 Y1 Kew Trip (NEW date)

14/7 Bin Ball Finals

15/7 Y6 Leavers Party Day

16/7 EYFS Stay & Play Picnic

16/7 Y6 After School Water Fun

17/7 Last Day of Term (2.15pm Finish)

Pupils return after the summer on Thursday 3rd September 2026

**Whole School
Attendance
94.5%**

Weekly Class Attendance Champions - 11th to 18th June

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

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4S (95.5%)

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (96.1%)  TOP CLASS 



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
Ibrahim (Nursery) age 4**

It's showtime for Year 6



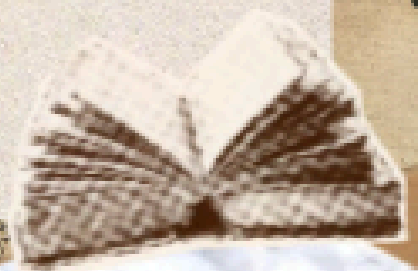
Oliver With a Twist

BY YEAR 6

8TH JULY 2:00 PM 9TH JULY 5:30 PM



OLIVER - TEDDY 6C
NANCY - YUSSRA 6J
BILL SYKES - MATTHEW 6C
DODGER - VICTORY 6C
FAGIN - AVERY 6J
MR BROWNLOW - DANIEL 6C
AND MANY MORE



Poster designed by Yussra Y6

IMPORTANT

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING INFORMATION

PLEASE ORDER

BEFORE 31ST JULY

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September.
Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.



We have already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, however there can always be issues that are out of our control. With this in mind **please order as early as possible**, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock, so please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in good time, as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

Thank you and have a great summer!

The Mapac Team

Order items before 31st July on our Woodcroft uniform page at MAPAC:

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

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