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With our AIM Values



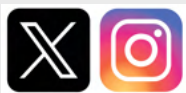
Diary Dates

Last Day of Term
on
Friday 17th July

School Closes 2.15pm
(1 hour early)

Pupils Return
on
Thursday 3rd
September 2026

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PSHE Themes

In school we have been thinking about about:



Woodcroft Success Continues A Message from the Chair of Governors

As another academic year comes to a close, I would like to thank every member of the Woodcroft community for another exceptional year.

Looking back over the past twelve months, there is so much to celebrate. As governors, we know that success is never accidental. Every award, performance and achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, the determination of our pupils and the shared commitment of the entire Woodcroft community.

Some of this year's highlights include:

- Woodcroft completed a remarkable Times Tables Rock Stars "Grand Slam", finishing as London's top school in all three competitions.
- Our Dance Team, as national finalists, continued its outstanding success.
- Our choir performed at the Barnet Music Festival.
- Pupils showcased their talents through the WOW Factor and music concerts.
- Year 6 will conclude their Woodcroft journey with a production of Oliver with a Twist.
- We celebrated our strongest Foundation Stage outcomes for more than a decade.
- Pupils achieved our best ever Phonics and Multiplication Check results.
- Woodcroft was once again recognised nationally as a Trinity Champion Centre for excellence in arts education.

We look forward to celebrating this year's National Key Stage 2 SATs results when they are published later this summer. They are an important milestone, but never the whole story. At Woodcroft, lasting success is built through high expectations, exceptional teaching, a rich curriculum and a culture where every child is encouraged to thrive.

Great schools are not defined by their buildings, but by what happens inside them every day. At Woodcroft, children are encouraged not only to achieve academically, but also to become confident, resilient, respectful and compassionate young people.

Education is at its best when school and home work together. While schools inspire and teach, families nurture the values, habits and curiosity that help children thrive. That partnership lies at the heart of Woodcroft.

On behalf of the Governing Body, thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers, parents and carers, and above all our wonderful pupils for everything you contribute to this remarkable school community. I wish everyone an enjoyable summer, and we look forward to many more successful years together.

Robert Kulawik
Chair of Governors
Woodcroft Primary School

Year 3 Ukulele Concert



The ukulele show was brilliant! My favourite parts were when we did 'Viva La Vida' and 'Bungalow'. I felt a bit scared at first, but the more I played, the less scared I became! Other than that, it was lovely. After the show, I spoke to some of my friends and they said they loved it too.

This is what Yuvaan said, "I practised at the weekend so I wouldn't make a mistake, and 'Baby Shark' was fun because nobody was expecting it so everyone was laughing!"

Finally, we all want to say a massive thank you to Mr Hughes, our ukulele teacher!

By Grayson (3M)

Year 4 Visit Verulamium (or as it is known today - St Albans)

On Tuesday, the Year 4 children went to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans to learn about the Romans.

We first looked at the hypocaust in the park and the beautiful patterns on the mosaic floor. After our picnic lunch, we went around the museum and looked at the artefacts using our guidebooks. It was like a treasure hunt! We saw things like amphorae and a Roman recipe for stuffed doormice. My favourite part was in the workshop where we could touch artefacts and replicas and try to guess what they were for. I liked learning about their clever and safe building designs.

Meha (4M)

"I found the artefact handling session very interesting, looking at all the different objects and learning about how the Romans used them, and comparing them to what we use today."

Anayah K (4S)



Early Years **Garden** *news*

Last week in Early Years, the children enjoyed harvesting peas, carrots, beetroots, and cherry tomatoes from our garden. They were excited to pick the peas, open the pods, and eat them fresh.



We pulled out the carrots, and many of the children were surprised to discover that carrots are not always orange. Our rainbow carrots revealed a beautiful variety of colours. We dug up the beetroot and had the opportunity to taste it both raw and cooked. Most of the children preferred the raw beetroot. A few children also sampled our freshly picked cherry tomatoes. Harvesting and tasting the produce they had helped to grow gave the children a real sense of achievement. They thoroughly enjoyed eating vegetables straight from our little garden.



On Tuesday this week, we were delighted to welcome the judges to see our lovely garden. The children proudly showed them our vegetables and shared what they have been growing. To showcase our harvest, we also made delicious carrot cake and refreshing mint and lemon syrup. We are now looking forward to the Young Gardeners Presentation in September!





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 Diary Dates 2026

Final week



- 13/7 Y1 Kew Trip (NEW date)
- 14/7 Y6 Show #1 at 9.30am
- 14/7 Bin Ball Finals
- 15/7 Y6 Show #2 at 9.30am
- 15/7 Y6 Leavers Party Day
- 16/7 Y6 After School Water Fun
- 16/7 EYFS Stay & Play Picnic
- 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 - 1st- 7th July

Y1/Y2 Class of the week: 1T (97.3%)

Y3/Y4 Class of the week: 4M (98%)  JOINT TOP CLASS 

Y5/Y6 Class of the week: 5R (98%)  JOINT 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

Gulsoom (1T) age 6



Annual Attendance Champions

Every week we celebrate the best class attendance in assembly. We have now collated the results and can announce that the top 3 classes for the whole of the 2025 / 26 academic year are ...



1st Place 5R (95.5%)

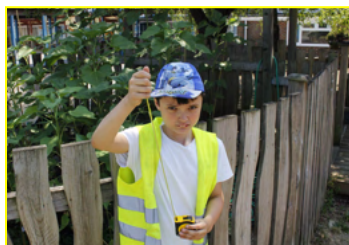


2nd Place 2LD (95.4%)

3rd Place 3R (95.1%)

The Big Sunflower Project

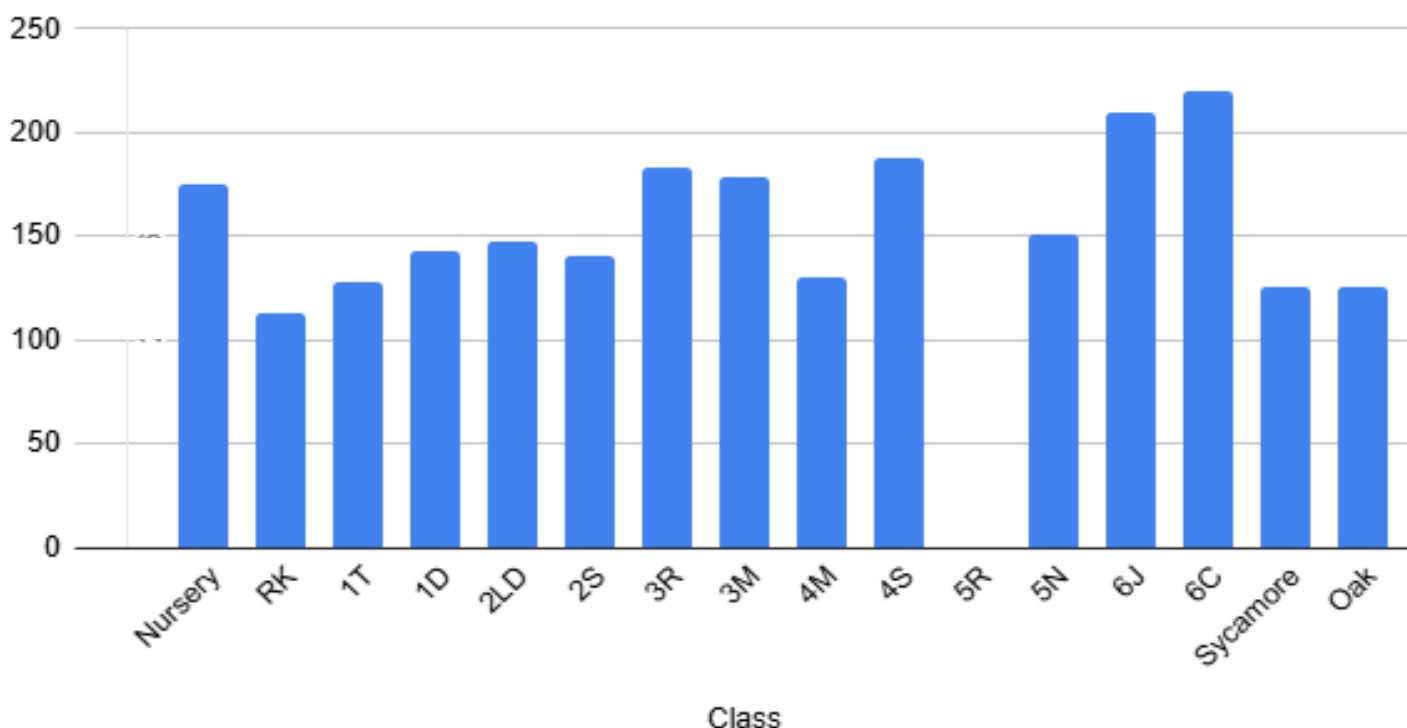
Sunflower Project: A Report by Erdi (Y6)



We have been measuring and watering the sunflowers all term. On Thursday we measured them again to plot a graph and the sunflowers have grown a lot since we first planted them in our classes. All year groups took part in planting the sunflowers in the garden and they needed lots of water and sunlight to grow.

By Erdi 6J

Sunflower heights in cm



Tallest Sunflowers

6C are in first place, just in front of 6J. 4S made it to 3rd place, with both Year 3 classes and Nursery close behind.

Tastiest Sunflowers

Class 5R had the tastiest sunflowers because all of them were eaten by slugs 🐌

Another Sad Goodbye

We will be saying another sad goodbye on Friday. Mr Peters, who has been a TA at Woodcroft for 3 years will be moving on to a new position. In his time at Woodcroft Mr Peters has supported so many clubs, organised summer fairs and always been willing to help out, such as taking part in our Y6 residential camps. He will be missed by the pupils of Woodcroft, and we wish him all the very best for the future.



Successful SEND Parent Coffee Morning



Our final SEND coffee morning of the year was on Tuesday, and the focus was maintaining healthy routines over the summer holidays. Amy Gibb, our school's Educational Psychologist, shared her top tips and strategies for communicating routines and changes to children with SEND. Thank you to all the parents who came along and contributed so thoughtfully

Following the coffee morning advice, **Miss Maynard is distributing packs of Summer Holiday routine visual cards.** Visual timetables are a great way to prepare your child for the day ahead, whether you're going out or staying at home. Please contact Miss Maynard if you would like to receive a pack.

Rowing Success for Woodcroft Pupil



Congratulations to Alessia who was awarded a silver medal for being the second fastest girl in a recent district rowing tournament.

Barnet coaches transported competition standard indoor rowing machines around every school in the borough and challenged Year 6 post their fastest times. We received notification this week of Alessia's outstanding silver medal rowing achievement.



Thank you lunch



The Woodcroft staff enjoyed a wonderful lunch today courtesy of a group of parents to say thank you for supporting their children in school, and especially through the month of Ramadan.

We were treated to a fantastic buffet of curries, chicken, salads, rices and breads, along with a selection of drinks and desserts. What a lovely way to finish the week, and very much appreciated.

END OF TERM REMINDERS

- ★ THE LAST DAY OF TERM IS FRIDAY 17th JULY
- ★ SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2:15pm (one hour early)
- ★ WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT SUMMER
- ★ GOOD LUCK YEAR 6
- ★ SEE YOU AGAIN ON THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Arts and Craft Club - Summer Report



"I really enjoyed making paper books and doing origami. Thank you Miss Marku!" **Damian 3M**

"My favourite part in Arts and Crafts Club was painting on a canvas because it was really fun. As well as this, we got to practise beforehand." **Hareer 3R**

"I enjoyed all of the different activities in the club. I learnt how to make books, 3D flowers and lots more!" **Olivia 4S**

"My favourite part was using different paints and painting on a canvas. I had a fun time with my friends!" **Sufyan 4M**



Free 11+ Activity Session for Year 3 & 4 Families – Saturday 18 July

The Bursary Foundation is a charity that helps academically able children access grammar schools and leading independent schools through specialist tuition and application support. On Saturday 18 July, they'll be running a FREE 11+ Activity Session for Y3 & Y4 pupils in Grahame Park Old Library, NW9 5XA. Children will enjoy fun 11+ activities and puzzles, r schools, bursaries and our teacher-led online 11+ sessions for just £5 per hour. Download their flyer: [Free 11+ Activity Session Flyer](#)

ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS?

THE OLD LIBRARY (NEXT TO QUEEN'S COURSE BUS STOP) SAT 18th JULY 10:00-12:00

TEACHER LED ONLINE 11+ SESSIONS £5 PER HOUR

Find out if your child is eligible for our tuition programme at our **FREE 11+ activity session**

- ✔ Free School Meals / Pupil Premium recipient or earning less than £40,000
- ✔ High achieving with a love for learning
- ✔ Currently in Year 3 or 4
- ✔ Living in/near Barnet or attending a Barnet primary school.

The Bursary Foundation.com Games 11+ Activities Q&A with tutors Drinks Snacks Email natasha@thebursaryfoundation.com to register your child!

What is the 11+ Academy?

MATHS
ENGLISH
VERBAL REASONING
NON-VERBAL REASONING

A brand new, community-based programme from The Bursary Foundation. We are a charity that provides specialist tuition for children who love learning and are high-achieving in school.

Learn more about applying to grammar schools and leading independent schools, including Queen Elizabeth's School, Henrietta Barnett School, Highgate School and Haberdashers' Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Our programme provides...

- ✔ Free 11+ style assessments for children
- ✔ Online tuition from experienced tutors and teachers
- ✔ Regular parents evenings and feedback on children's progress
- ✔ Help with revision resources to support your child's learning at home
- ✔ Support for parents/carers completing school applications
- ✔ Q&A sessions with our specialist team
- ✔ Low-price holiday workshops and booster sessions

1 hour / week in year 4 2 hours / week in year 5 Re-watch lessons any time!

Weather Warnings Confusion



We have had lots of questions from parents this week about our response to the hot weather. There has been confusion caused by the two different types of Amber Warning. This is because there are two government systems that use the similar categories:

1. Met Office National Severe Weather Warnings

The first system is used by the Met Office who issue **Extreme Weather Warnings** when exceptionally high temperatures are expected to cause widespread disruption to daily life. These are tiered by severity:

- **Yellow Warning:** Represents a low level of impact or low certainty. It means you should monitor the forecast.
- **Amber Warning:** Indicates an increased likelihood of severe impacts. It warns of travel delays, power cuts, road/rail disruptions, and a potential risk to life.
- **Red Warning:** The highest level of alert, indicating a severe **danger to life** for the general population, not just vulnerable groups. This rare warning is triggered when extreme heat threatens to buckle rails, melt roads, or compromise utility grids.

Last week, Woodcroft implemented our extreme weather response when the Met Office issued an Amber Warning. For example, the optional 1.00pm collection. However, the Met Office did not issue any warning this week,

2. Government Heat-Health Alerts

Secondly, and separate from Met Office warnings, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) issues **Heat-Health Alerts** tailored specifically to the health and social care sectors.

- **Yellow Alert (Response):** Issued when heat is likely to impact vulnerable individuals
- **Amber Alert (Enhanced Response):** Indicates the heatwave is prolonged or intense enough that the general, healthy population is at risk.
- **Red Alert (Emergency Response):** Signifies an emergency where extreme heat poses a catastrophic risk to life across all demographic groups.

This week the UKHSA issued an amber alert. But there was no corresponding Met Office Warning.

What Happened This Week?

As you can see, it is very confusing having two similar systems. Despite it being very hot this week, the Met Office did **NOT** issue an extreme heat warning. While uncomfortable, there was no risk to life or infrastructure. As a result, the school did not implement its Amber Weather Warning arrangements and stayed open without an optional early pick up.



We did however make some sensible adaptations to our school day e.g. restricting outside playtimes and moving the Y6 show to a cooler early morning slot. We continue to monitor conditions daily and try to be consistent, make proportionate decisions and give parents plenty of notice.

If you have any comments or feedback about our response to the weather please talk with either Mr Russell (at the back gates) or Mr Tallon via the main office.

It's 'a new' showtime for Year 6!

Due to the heat health alerts we have moved our Y6 Leavers Show to earlier times at 9.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.



Poster designed by Yussra Y6

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

Download a 13 page school sport newsletter to find out about lots of opportunities for children across Barnet using the link below:

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BPSS Community Newsletter Summer 2 2026



WELCOME...

to the final community newsletter of the 2025-2026 academic year!

We hope you enjoy seeing what local opportunities are available for your children and young people.

Holiday Camps

PIVOTAL NETBALL ACADEMY  **ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME** 

SUMMER NETBALL CAMPS

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL N21 1QQ ENFIELD

RECEPTION TO YEAR 10
10AM - 3PM

£32 PER DAY OR £24 EARLY BIRD*
(*WHEN YOU BOOK AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE)
(HALF DAYS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

TUE 21 JUL
WED 22 JUL
THU 23 JUL

TUE 11 AUG
WED 12 AUG
THU 13 AUG


TUE 25 AUG
WED 26 AUG
THU 27 AUG

OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS HAVE FOUR SESSIONS PER DAY:
1 FUN AND ENGAGING WARM UP ACTIVITIES
2 ATTACKING SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS
3 DEFENSIVE SKILL PRACTICES IN A RANGE OF SCENARIOS
4 GAME BASED ACTIVITIES, WHERE SKILLS ARE APPLIED TO A MATCH

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NO OBLIGATION

YEAR 5 UP - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
PLAY WITH GIRLS YOUR AGE

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