

WOODCROFT WORLD

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Together Towards Success
With our AIM Values



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Welcome To Woodcroft

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Welcome to the September 2026 edition of Woodcroft World! This newsletter contains lots of general information about school..

OUTSTANDING Successes for Woodcroft

- Our Y6 SATs results were **over 20% above the national average!**
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check was above national average
- Excellent Early Years Foundation Stage Profiles and KS1 Phonics results

These results demonstrate the excellent academic education that pupils receive at Woodcroft. And let's not forget:

- A fantastic Ofsted report
- Woodcroft won the UDOIT National Street Dance Championships
- Our choir performs at The Royal Albert Hall and Barnet Festivals
- Y6 pupils achieve the prestigious Arts Award from Trinity College
- Woodcroft came top in the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' London results
- Our EYFS were nominated as 'Barnet Young Gardeners Of The Year'
- Our musicians performed in termly concerts

At Woodcroft we all work **Together Towards Success**

Year Group Curriculum Information Slides

To download a PDF copy of each Year Group's Curriculum Evening Presentation please visit our website click on the links:

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/year-group-curriculum-information-evening-presentation-slides/>

Year 1 Curriculum Presentation

Year 2 Curriculum Presentation

Year 3 Curriculum Presentation

Year 4 Curriculum Presentation

Year 5 Curriculum Presentation

Year 6 Curriculum Presentation

These links will be made live after each curriculum meeting to parents

The Woodcroft Code

The Woodcroft Code was written by our pupils through the School Council. They decided that...
Everyone should feel:

SAFE RESPECTED able to LEARN

To do this they suggested that we should:

- Be safe and act safe, listen & follow instructions – think and act sensibly.
- Respect others, remember that we are all equally different. Be kind and helpful – take care of everything around you.
- Learn to exercise your brain. Have the confidence to take part, always try your best to succeed – never give up.

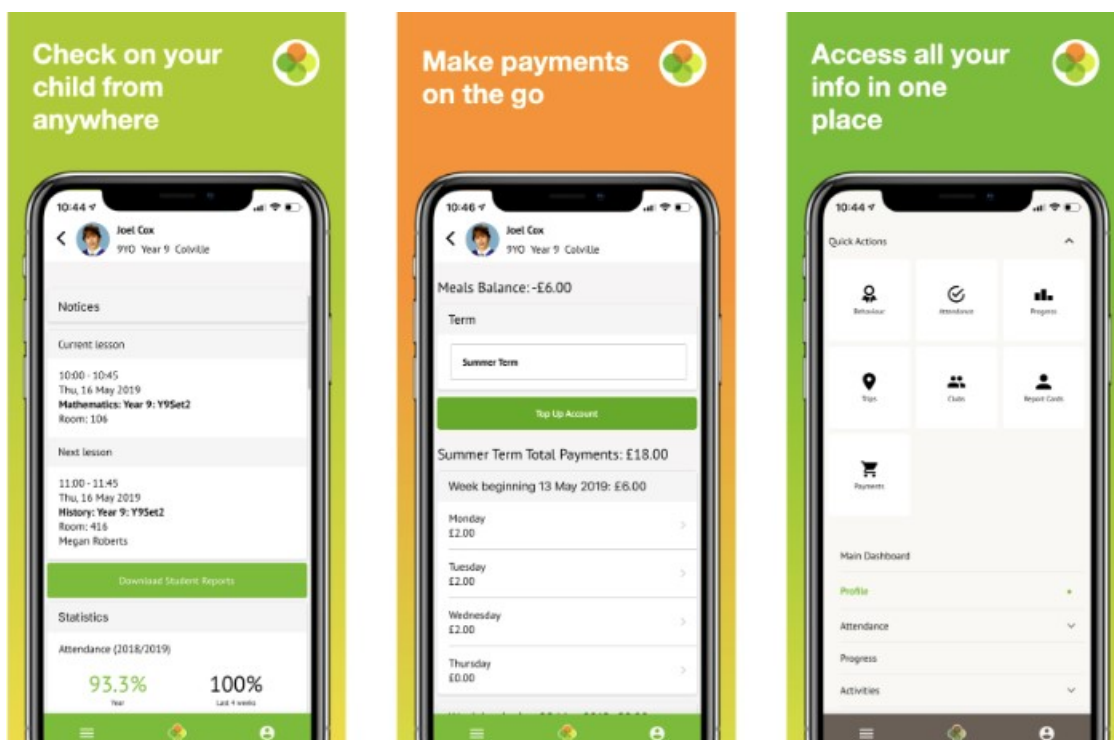


1-2-3 Magic at Woodcroft

The "1-2-3 Magic" approach is a technique for managing children's behaviour that focuses on straightforward discipline without confrontation. It uses three steps: "1-2-3" for stopping negative behaviour, a "START" system for encouraging good behaviour, and positive reinforcement. This method helps teachers provide a calm, predictable, and effective structure for discipline by clearly outlining expectations and consequences.

We recommend parents adopt similar approaches at home.

Arbor Parent Portal



Arbor

Make sure you can access your school Arbor account. Visit your app provider to download the parent portal in order to access all of your school details and make payments!

Remember - Woodcroft is a **CASH FREE SCHOOL**. All transactions are carried out through the Arbor App 

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications



Year 6 families should complete their applications between September and October to select their secondary school choices for transfer into Year 7. Visit: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Read the most recent information from Barnet [Yr 5 Secondary Transfer 2026 Leaflet for Parents](#)

The Benefits of Reading Aloud Together at Home

Whatever the age of your child, Nursery to Year 6, reading aloud together improves accuracy and fluency

Why read aloud? Research shows that reading aloud with your child is **the** number one thing you can do to help prepare them for future success. In fact at Woodcroft we could say, ***read aloud 'together for success'!***



Pupil Premium Funding: Do you qualify?



School budgets have been significantly cut in recent years. Did you know that we are also partly funded through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Schools receive an extra **£1,515** for every pupil who is eligible so it is vital that the school knows who qualifies.

We cannot claim this extra funding unless we register all eligible families. Unfortunately, we are **NOT** told who qualifies – we rely on parents informing the school.

You may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
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In these times of drastic cuts to school budgets it is essential that Woodcroft receives the maximum funding. Please speak with our Office staff if you think you may qualify.

You can check your eligibility here ... <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>



School uniform: What parents need to know



The government has published statutory guidance aimed at making school uniforms more “affordable” and limiting branded items. The Education Secretary said “*school uniform provides a sense of identity and community for children and young people, and should be a real source of pride, but it must be affordable for families.*”

Parents at Woodcroft will be reassured to know that we currently meet all of the criteria set by the Government regarding school uniforms. We do this by:



- Regularly reviewing our uniform policy
- We only use 2 optional branded items, a red sweatshirt and blue PE sweatshirt. Parents can also purchase a red school book bag.
- Selling items at the cheapest price to parents.
- Second hand uniform is available free of charge from the clothes rail in the entrance

Uniform Reminder about School Footwear

Pupils dress very smartly for school at Woodcroft, however we need to remind parents and carers about our footwear. We do not permit prominent branding and simply state that school footwear must be **plain black**.

Uniform Ordering

Please visit our uniform page <https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/uniform/>

You can order both uniform and PE kit directly from our supplier, Mapac at ...

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



PE Uniform Days

Pupils must wear their blue PE Uniform to school on their Games and PE days.

Year Group Games Day

The plain **navy blue kit** comprises a white t-shirt, blue shorts, plain blue sweatshirt and plain blue joggers and a pair of trainers (any type).

Your child will be doing outside games sessions on the following days:

Year 1: Thursday

Year 2: Wednesday

Year 3: Tuesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Thursday



Year Group Friday Extra PE Day

Classes do an extra unit of PE for part of each term. This enables teachers to cover the gymnastics and dance elements of the curriculum. Parents and carers will be notified when their child's class is taking part in one of the extra units. The extra units are only for half of the term with the rest of the term focusing on Spanish in KS2 (Y3 to Y6) and additional reading in KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

Please check below to see when your child requires their blue PE uniform on **Friday**

Fridays during	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn / Spring / Summer #1	PE	Reading	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish
Autumn / Spring / Summer #2	Reading	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish	PE

Make Sure Your Child Is Prepared For School in KS2 (Y3 - Y6)

Classroom Kit for Year 3 to Year 6

We recommend children in KS2 have their own pencil case with essential equipment. This should be a simple, one pocket zipper case (nothing complicated!). It should only contain school essentials.

Pencil case essentials

- Pencil and sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Basic colouring pens/pencils
- Handwriting Pen (blue)

Optional extras for KS2

- Glue Stick
- Protractor (angle measure)
- Highlighter (single)



Pupils in KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and EYFS do not require any additional equipment and should not bring pencil cases to school.

All Pupils Need A Reuseable Water Bottle!

Refillable Water Bottles Only: Always remember your refillable **PLASTIC** water bottle. We do not allow disposable single use bottles in school. Metal bottles are also discouraged (they dent, become unbalanced, and disturb learning when they frequently fall on the floor)

Year 6

Year 6 pupils should only bring a **clear plastic pencil case** to school. This is to ensure that all pupils are fully compliant with the testing arrangements for their KS2 SATs.

Nursery admissions from 3 years old

30 Hours provision is available at Woodcroft's Nursery

*****Contact our school office to reserve your place*****



Woodcroft offers the FREE flexible 15 hours provision for all children, with the option to pay for extra sessions as required. Parents of three and four year olds that are registered with Woodcroft's Nursery can also apply for the government's 30 hours free childcare offer through the Government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.





Birthday Books

We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays. We ask families to celebrate in school by donating a book for their Class Library. We do not allow party bags, cakes or sweets.



We congratulate and wish Happy Birthday by printing pupil names here on the newsletter!

Woodcroft #AIM Values



At Woodcroft we encourage children to adopt a core set of values. We call these our **AIM Values** because we believe that having **A**spirations and **I**nspiration **M**atter in life. That is why we strive to enrich and extend the National Curriculum through our **AIM** Programmes (AIM Digital/Technology, AIM PE/Sports and AIM Arts).

Arts Award at Woodcroft

Woodcroft is an accredited Arts Council ArtsAward Centre. Pupils in Year 6 are given the opportunity to submit an art portfolio of their work to Trinity College London to achieve the Bronze Arts Award certified qualification.



ACORNS CLUB

Open every evening during term time from 3:15pm - 6.00 pm

For pupils from Year R* to Year 6

| **Arts & Crafts** | **Chromebooks** | **Homework** | **Games** |

After School Care Provision at Woodcroft

We are now offering places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents are able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either a ½ session at a cost £6.50 per child, or a full session at a cost of £10.00 per child. A snack will be included in the price. Please note, the school does not make a profit from Acorns.

Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft

Achievement Points

50 pts - Bronze

100 pts - Silver

150 pts - Gold

250 pts - Platinum

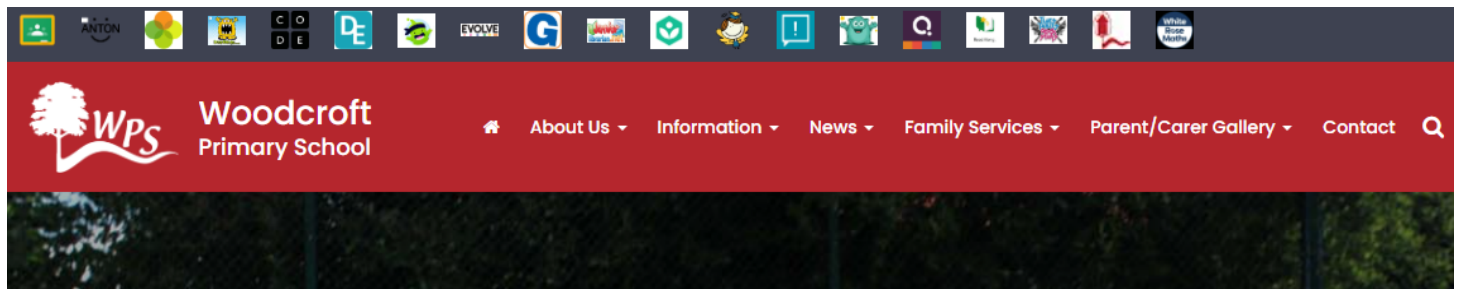
500 pts - Ruby

1000 pts - Diamond



Woodcroft Online

Every pupil gets a Woodcroft account. This is accessed when they log in through our website. This provides access to lots of safe apps and learning resources that are filtered and monitored by the school.



Children will use Google Classroom to receive and submit homework and assignments



They will use some apps to practise their learning such as TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars)



The School Day

It is vital that your child attends school regularly and on time. Children should arrive in good time between 8.30am and 8.45am.

Registers are taken promptly at 8.45am.

Children who arrive after this time **must report to the main office** and are marked late. A guide to school attendance is available on request.

The start of the day

At the start of the school day supervision in classrooms is provided from 8.30am. We do not invite parents into classroom corridors in the morning. This ensures pupils' safety and enables a prompt start to lessons. Messages can be communicated to class teachers via staff members on door duty or via the school office. Teachers are available to talk at 3.15pm every day when they bring classes out onto the playground.

The end of the day

The school entrance is opened at 3.15pm. Children are brought by their class teachers onto the main playground (Y2 to Y6) where they are collected by their parents or carers. It is important to be punctual when picking up your child. Children can become distressed when everyone else has gone. It is important that pupils are clear about collection arrangements with your child.

Pupils who are not collected on time, stay with their class teacher and are then brought to the school foyer.



Safe Dismissal Arrangements

At Woodcroft we need to coordinate the safe dismissal of over 400 children every day. To ensure this is carried out correctly we follow the same principles across the school.

1. Staff only dismiss to adults that are known to them.
2. If parents need to make changes to regular arrangements they must inform the school office as early in the day as possible. Calling the office at 3.00pm does not give school enough time to communicate changes and may not be answered in time. **Please call before 2.00pm.**
3. Staff cannot talk with parents at 3.15pm until all pupils have been dismissed. Please do not approach teachers, even for a quick message, as they are focused on dismissing children safely. Please wait until the majority of pupils have left before having a conversation.
4. Teachers dismiss pupils one at a time.
 - a. In Nursery, Reception and Year 1 this is from the door.
 - b. In Y2 to Y6 this takes place on the playground.
5. In Y2 to Y6 children need to raise their hand when they see their adult. Only when the teacher checks if the adult is known to them, will they dismiss that pupil. Children are not allowed to leave their class area until the teacher indicates that they can go.

Super Safe School Meals!



Hot meals are served every day in our dedicated dining room, FREE OF CHARGE, for every year group from Reception to Year 6.

Key information:

- 3 options every day: meat (inc. halal or fish), vegetarian and baked potato
- Menus are on a 3 week rotation
- Lunchtimes are staggered. Children only eat and play with their own year group

For more information, and to view the menus, visit our website ...

<https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/>

A Parent Guide To Woodcroft Annual Reports and Pupil Assessments

Following the distribution of reports we had a number of parents requesting further explanation of 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 '**P**roof **O**f **P**rogress' assessments that enable teachers to record whether children are:

- 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 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 requires support)

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

Exceeding = Advancing (the pupils can solve unfamiliar problems and explain 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.



Woodcroft promotes a Smartphone Free Childhood

We all want our children to be healthy, safe and successful at school. We believe that smartphones can do significant harm to young children.



Adults - please support our initiative

We politely ask ALL adults; parents, carers and staff not to use their phones when on school premises.



All pupil smartphones found in school will be confiscated and only returned to an adult.

If older children absolutely need a phone when travelling independently to and from school then they will be allowed to bring a traditional feature phone that allows calls and texts only.

Click here for a list of alternative phones approved for school use:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/alternatives>



FAMILY SUPPORT

AT WOODCROFT PRIMARY

Jill Smith, our Family Support Coordinator, is now at Woodcroft every Tuesday. You can usually find Jill on the playground in the morning.

Jill can help with lots of family problems that you may be facing:-

Finance and Debt

Housing and Repairs

Family disputes

Children's behaviour at home

Domestic Violence

Mental Health

Benefits Advice

Court Orders

etc. etc. etc!



If you think Jill can help you, she probably can!

If you are unable to come into school on a **Tuesday morning**, call or speak to the office and Jill will contact you. Tel : 020 8959 3244.

(All discussions remain confidential unless there are safeguarding concerns when information will have to be shared in line with school policy)

Online Safety

The school has recently had to deal with a number of incidents regarding pupils' use of mobile phones and online behaviour at home and outside of school. We take all matters of Internet safety very seriously in school. However, it must be stressed that the responsibility for safeguarding your children while online at home is the duty of parents and carers. If the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead has any concerns about a child's supervision online while at home then a referral to Barnet Children Services may be made.

Many of the problems that we have encountered in school are due to children having unsupervised access to social media and online game accounts, even Playstation. **This is especially concerning since the majority of these accounts have age limits above that of primary school pupils (See below). Primary age children should not be using these platforms.**

Age 12 and over	Fortnite
13 years and over	YouTube) Tik Tok Discord Twitter Instagram Snapchat Spotify Facebook WhatsApp
Over 16s only	Playstation (voice chat, text messaging)



**SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD
Schools Network**

Remember: Woodcroft is a [Smartphone Free School](#) because we believe that NO child at primary school should ever have access to a smartphone.

Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers

We know that navigating the online world with your child is a difficult task, and hope that the resources listed help support and inform you. These include:

KIDSONLINEWORLD

At [KidsOnlineWorld](#) their aim is to keep children, parents and professionals up to date with the games, websites and apps that young people are currently using



The experts in digital family life

[Parent Zone](#) has been providing information and support to parents for over a decade. The website includes parent guides to a full range of online services your child may wish to use. It also supports some fantastic research and resources such as the [Be Internet Legends](#) curriculum (studied by Year Six) in partnership with Google. Meet [Ollee](#), a virtual friend for children aged 8 to 11 – with a free app to support child mental health and wellbeing, and [Digiland](#), an online game to support discussions of online safety with your child.



[Internet Matters](#) is a not-for-profit organisation formed by some of the biggest companies providing UK internet services; Sky, TalkTalk, BT and Virgin Media. Their aim is to provide advice and support for parents. Working with a wide coalition of industry partners, including the BBC, Google, Samsung and Facebook, they also collaborate with sector experts, government and schools to reach UK families with tools, tips and [resources](#).



[Digital Parenting](#) is a website with lots of articles to support parents. Why not try their [Family Pledge](#) to open discussions about safe online behaviour in your household?



**common
sense
media**

[Common Sense Media](#) offers reviews of a range of media, offering age ratings and a breakdown of the content to help you decide what's appropriate for your child.

Dangerous Toys Found In School



We had to send two children to hospital last year because they may have accidentally ingested toxic chemicals inside a 'fake' Squishmallows!

Counterfeit or "fake" squishy toys bypass official safety regulations and testing, putting children at risk because they contain toxic chemicals, dangerous compounds and are a choking hazard due to poor construction.

Toys and collectables from home are NOT allowed in school

Please check your child's coats and bags to ensure they do not bring in any toys from home. If they are found in school then the children will be sanctioned and the item confiscated.

Thank you for your support.



Sounds-Write

FIRST RATE PHONICS

Help your child to read and write

At Woodcroft we teach early reading using the **Sounds Write** phonics scheme. You can find out more about this by reading the [Sounds Write Guide For Parents](#). Download it or ask your reception teacher for a copy.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to visit their support page. Helping to teach your child to read will give them **THE** best start to school. Learn about phonics and how to help your child in the same way we do things in school by visiting

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

Support for Parents and Carers



Episode 12: Phonics for Parents and Carers with Donna Smith

The Sounds-Write Podcast



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Help your child to read and write

Our free course for parents and carers will help you get your child off to a good start!

