WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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Together Towards Success
*With our **AIM Values***

Diary Dates

Year 6 Secondary Applications Deadline 31st October

https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

International Day
Friday 23rd October

Half Term Holiday
26th - 30th October

Diwali
6th to 10th November

Y6 RAF Museum Trip
10th November

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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about:

Harvest

HARVEST COLLECTION 2026

Thank you to everyone for their generosity towards our Harvest Festival collection this week. We hope that you had an opportunity to take a look at the class hamper display after school. This year we were aiming to **'fill the harvest basket'** with coins. We will report on the amount collected after half term. The proceeds from our food and coin collections will be supporting the local charity **Food Bank Aid (North London).** Mia Jenkins from Food Bank Aid spoke to pupils in assembly about the work of the charity and how our donations were helping others.



Early Years (Nursery and Reception) had their own special Harvest Assembly





PANS PANDAS UK

www.panspandasuk.org

The Woodcroft '100 miles in October' Sponsored Challenge

Over £1000 Raised so far! Thank you to all our sponsors

On 1st October it was one year since the devastating loss of Emily. Emily was an ex pupil and daughter of a member of our staff. Emily was planning to walk 100 miles in October 2025 in support of the charity PANS PANDAS who support rare medical conditions that cause sudden, severe behavioral, neurological, and psychiatric changes in children following an infection.

Woodcroft staff now aim to collectively take part in two 100 mile challenges and complete Emily's original goal.

Challenge #1: On 17th October Woodcroft staff will take part in a sponsored walk.

Challenge #2: During October a group of staff will collectively run 100 miles.

So far we have raised over £1000. If you would still like to donate, please visit our Just Giving page

https://www.justgiving.com/page/woodcroft-primary-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Woodcroft International Day is Next Week on Friday 23rd October

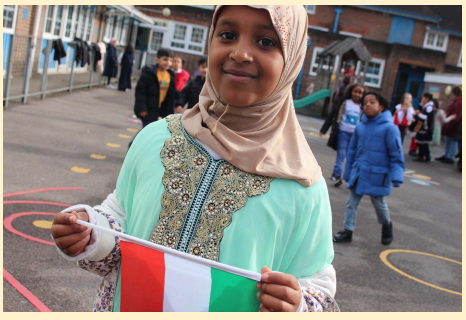


We are looking forward to our annual **International Day** on **Friday 23rd October**. It is your child's opportunity to dress in their national costume or in the colours of a chosen flag to transform the school into a mass of colour that celebrates our amazing diversity.

Blue PE Kits should not be worn on International Day. If your child's class is scheduled for PE alternative activities will be scheduled for that Friday.







Autumn Half Term Break Starts Monday 26th October

A reminder that school will be closed for one week for the half term break from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October. Pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Admissions Information for Nursery Parents



Applications for Reception Class starting September 2027

Starting 'full time' school is an exciting time for both parents and children. Parents of Nursery age children should now be thinking about applying for your child's Reception class place for next September. Generally, these will be children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

All pupils need to have applied by Thursday 15th January 2027 at

https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

Helpful information Links

Full details of the application process can be found in the links below:

- https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/reception-class-admissions/
- Letter to Parents about Reception Admissions for September 2027
- Applying for Primary School - Leaflet For Parents

Barnet's Primary School Admissions Website

Barnet Admissions presentation for parents:
Presentation to Parents - Applying For A School Place In 2027

Please remember that attendance at our Nursery is not a guarantee of a place in Woodcroft's Reception classes.



Birthday Books



We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays and then celebrate by donating a book for their Class Library.

Happy Birthday to

Yuvaan (4C) age 9, Riley (2LD) age 7 and Lorenzo (1T) age 6

Whole School Attendance

94.9%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/2 Class of the week: 2LD 99.2% 🏆TOP CLASS🏆
Y3/4 Class of the week: 3R 98.2%
Y5/6 Class of the week: 6A 95.9%



Expansion of Free School Meals Funding for Schools

The Department for Education (DfE) is expanding funding for schools for pupils with families that receive Universal Credit

From September, all children from households receiving Universal Credit (UC) need to notify the school so that we can claim the correct amount of funding.

We need to know all our Woodcroft families that get Universal Credit. This information is not provided to the school by the Government - so we need you to let us know.

You can do this very simply by doing one of the following:

1. Complete this Google form: **https://forms.gle/nCLza2MirnsfyRqU6**
2. Call the school office **02089593244**
3. Email us at **Office@woodcroft.barnetmail.net**

Targeted Funding

If families that receive Universal Credit also have an annual income of £7,400 or less we can claim even more extra funding called Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility here **https://fsm.lgfl.net/**

Find out more here:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/09/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/

Barnet Household Fund Voucher Scheme - CLOSED

Evouchers

Please note, Barnet's Food Voucher Scheme has been discontinued. We do NOT receive any vouchers to allocate. The scheme that was previously run and funded by Barnet ended earlier this year.The council has now decided to reallocate funding to other areas of family support.







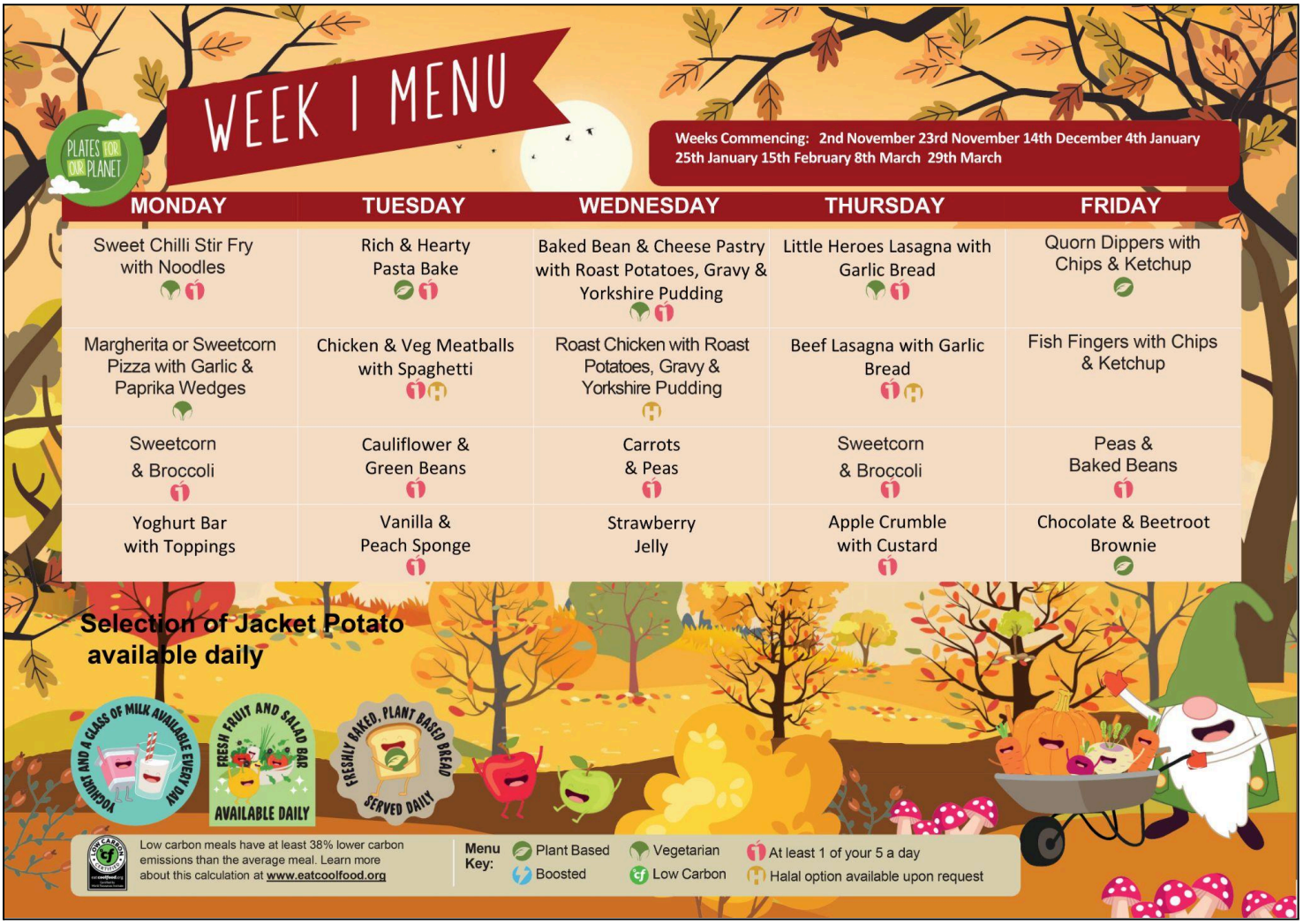
New Lunch Menu - Starts After Half Term

Take a look at the new lunch menu which will begin after the October half term and run through to Easter 2027. A PDF copy has been emailed to parents but it is also available on our website https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-meals-information/

ISS, our Barnet approved caterer, is the first primary lunch provider in the UK to introduce 'Cool Food'. Don't worry, this is NOT about the temperature we serve the meals, but that they are low-carbon 'hot meals' that produce at least 38% fewer emissions than the average school lunch. We are doing our bit to help reduce global warming!. You can find more information at www.eatcoolfood.org.

Last term they also introduced "mirror menus," where the vegetarian and meat options are designed to look similar.

Take a look at the images below, or download the full menu PDF … **Autumn / Spring Menu 2026/27**



WEEK 2 MENU

PLATES FOR OUR PLANET

Weeks Commencing: 9th November 30th November 21st December 11th January 1st February 22nd February 15th March 5th April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Cheese Tart with Garlic & Herb Wedges	Chef's Special Pasta Bolognese	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Sweet Potato, Pepper & Coconut Curry with Rice	Roasted Veggie & Bean Taco with Chips
Margherita or Roasted Pepper Pizza with Garlic & Herb Wedges	Beef Penne Bolognese	Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Peas	Carrots & Broccoli	Roasted Root Veggies & Green Beans	Baked Beans & Peas
Fruity Flapjack	Pear & Berry Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Orange Jelly with Mandarins	Lemon & Courgette Muffin

Selection of Jacket Potato available daily

YOGHURT AND A GLASS OF MILK AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

FRESH FRUIT AND SALAD BAR AVAILABLE DAILY

FRESHLY BAKED, PLANT BASED BREAD SERVED DAILY

Low carbon meals have at least 38% lower carbon emissions than the average meal. Learn more about this calculation at www.eatcoolfood.org

Menu Key: Plant Based · Vegetarian · At least 1 of your 5 a day · Boosted · Low Carbon · Halal option available upon request

WEEK 3 MENU

PLATES FOR OUR PLANET

Weeks Commencing: 16th November 7th December 28th December 18th January 8th February 1st March 22nd March 12th April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mexican-style Chilli with Rice	Falafel Burger with Mexican Rice & Ketchup	Cheese & Onion Flan with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Bean & Veggie Hotpot
Margherita or Sweetcorn & Red Onion Pizza with Cajun Wedges	Chicken Burger with Mexican Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Style Beef Pasta Bake	Chicken Goujons or Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Roasted Mediterranean Veggies & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Peas	Roasted Root Veggies & Green Beans	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Peas & Baked Beans
Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Eve's Pudding with Custard	Oat & Sultana Biscuit	Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Vanilla Ice Cream

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Autumn Term SEND Coffee Morning: Tuesday 24th November at 9.00am

We are hosting our termly coffee morning on Tuesday 24th November at 9.00am. We are delighted to welcome back **Julie O'Dwyer (Autism advisor)** as one of our guest speakers and she will be joined by **Miya Stewart (Occupational therapist)**. We are really thankful that Julie and Miya are designing their talk around YOUR feedback and comments! At a previous parent/carer group, the following themes were raised and will be discussed: **eating, sleeping, toileting and supporting sensory differences.** If you have any further questions, please ask Miss Maynard. We look forward to seeing you there.

Barnet Sports News

Every term, Barnet School Sport produces a newsletter that outlines opportunities available to pupils in the Barnet area. Click on the link to download your own copy …
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BPSS Community Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

WELCOME...

to the first community newsletter of this academic year. We hope you enjoy seeing what local opportunities are available for your children and young people.

Holiday Camps





Unitas

An OnSide Youth Zone

Juniors

AGES 8-12

With exciting spaces like our gym, music studio, art room, sports hall and more, we help young people build confidence, develop new skills and discover their passions in a safe and supportive environment surrounded by positive role models.

Wednesdays 4pm – 8pm
Saturdays 10am – 2pm



HERspace

SCHOOL YEAR 7 AND ABOVE, UP TO 25 WITH SEND

HERspace is a dedicated girls-only session at Unitas, created by girls, for girls. It is a welcoming space where girls can build confidence, make friendships, try new things and feel supported in a safe and positive environment.

Saturdays 2:30pm – 5pm



Seniors

AGES 13-19, UP TO 25 WITH SEND

Our young people do more than have fun they build skills and prepare for their future through our employability workshops, get support with schoolwork in our library or homework club, and enjoy exciting trips and activities that broaden their horizons.

Monday (Level-Up Session) 4pm-6:30pm
Tuesdays 4pm-9pm
Thursdays 4pm-9pm
Fridays 4pm – 10pm
Saturdays 5:30pm-9pm



Limitless

AGES 8 - 25 WITH SEND, UP TO 25 WITH SEND

Our Youth Zone is accessible for young people with SEND, offering inclusive spaces like our Sensory Room to build confidence and skills in a safe environment, supported by a dedicated team who provide care, encouragement and tailored support.

Sundays 10am – 2pm



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