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/

Half Term Holiday
26th - 30th October

Diwali
6th to 10th November

Y6 RAF Museum Trip
10th November

Remembrance
11th November

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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about:
Our school motto …
TOGETHER TOWARDS SUCCESS



Woodcroft International Day - Friday 23rd October



It was our annual **International Day** today, and as usual, the pupils looked amazing in their fabulous national costumes and colours. What a celebration of the diversity that achieves success at Woodcroft. The weather wasn't kind to us, but the children enjoyed their day nevertheless! Take a look at our colourful classes


























THE TUDORS



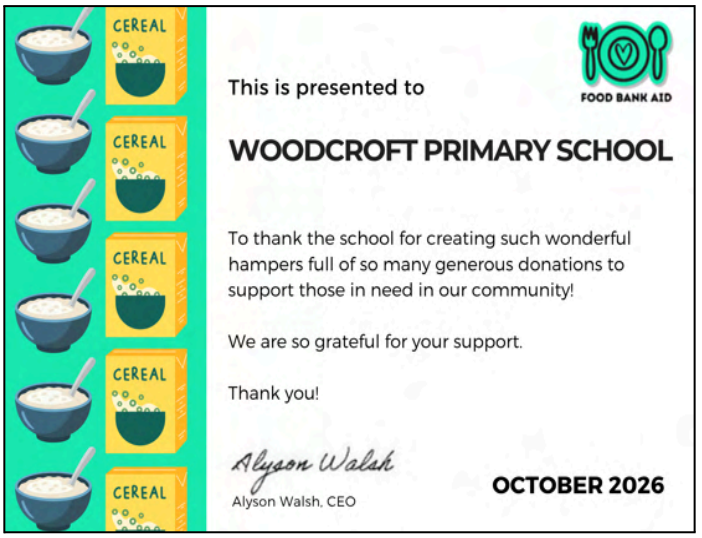

Mindset





Dear Woodcroft
I just want to say a huge thank you again for collecting for Food Bank Aid! So kind of everyone there. The hampers were wonderful, as ever, and lovely to come in and see everyone at Woodcroft again. ***I also delivered £366 from your coin collection.***
Thank you again - it really is wonderful and helps so many people in need! Have a restful half term.

Warm wishes
Mia Jenkins
Food Bank Aid Schools Coordinator





'100 miles in October' - Woodcroft Raises Over £1300

Woodcroft staff completed two **'100 Miles in October'** challenges to raise over £1300 for **PANS PANDAS UK**. A charity that supports rare medical conditions in children. Our events were in memory of Emily, our ex pupil and daughter of a staff member, who sadly died last October and was planning to undertake the same challenge for herself last year. Woodcroft staff wanted to collectively complete her original goal. Check out our Instagram **@woodcroft_primary.**
Thank you to all our sponsors. If you would still like to donate, please visit our Just Giving Page







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 2nd November (not the 3rd as incorrectly stated last week!)

Football Team Reports

It was a busy week for Mr Taylor and his football teams as both the girls and mixed teams played their first matches of the season (in rather wet conditions). Thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Girls Team Report





The all girls squad played a friendly match away to Orion. The squad represented the school positively and are looking forward to more fixtures after half term. Congratulations to Emilia (Y5) and Arflin (Y6) for their shared player of the match awards.

Mixed Team Report





The mixed (girls and boys) squad had a competitive Martin Cup fixture at Watling Park on Wednesday. Despite wet conditions early on, goals from Muhannad, Clayton, Lerone, Fadl and Tommy helped to secure the win. Team captain Lerone (Y6) earned the player of the match award. This was the first match of the season, we are now looking forward to more matches after half term!

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Applications - Deadline 31st October

Year 6 families should now complete their applications to select their secondary school choices for transfer next September 2027.
https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/

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



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

Muhammed (RK) age 5, Rahaat (1T) age 6, Ella (3R) age 8 and Beatrice (Nursery) age 4

Whole School Attendance

94.9%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Y1/2 Class of the week: 2LD 97.2%

Y3/4 Class of the week: 3R 97.8% TOP CLASS

Y5/6 Class of the week: 6A 96.6%



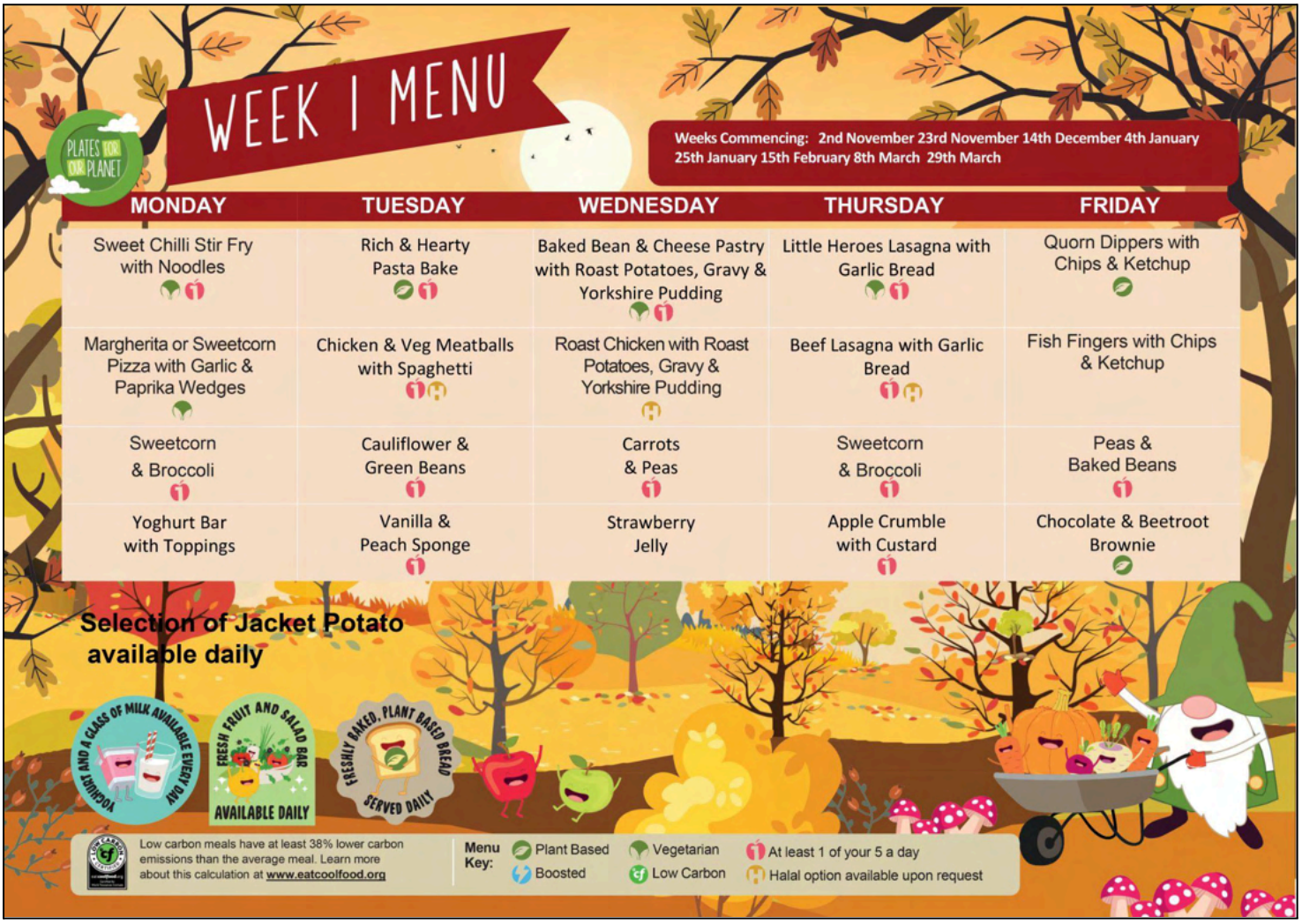
New Lunch Menu - Starts After Half Term

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

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 CLASS 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

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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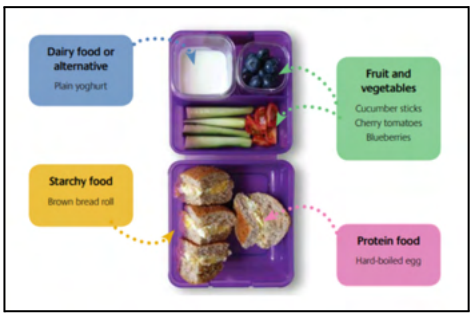
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Pack your child a HEALTHY LUNCH BOX



All children at Woodcroft are provided with a FREE school lunch. However, for a variety of reasons, a small number of parents choose to send children to school with a packed lunch from home.

The Food Standards Agency survey of packed lunchboxes showed that many children's lunchboxes contained too much sugar, salt and fat and little fruit and vegetables. The school is committed to encouraging parents to provide healthier lunchboxes for children at Woodcroft Primary School.



The school actively discourages some packed lunch foods. A list of foods considered to be in this category includes the following: Sweets & Confectionary, Chocolate Bars, and Added-Sugar and/or Sweetened Drinks. Fizzy Drinks are not allowed in school, on grounds of health and safety.

The school recognises that parents provide packed lunches for a variety of reasons, including dietary requirements or intolerance, and religious observance. For this reason, no food may be swapped or shared from packed lunches. Food swapped or shared may be confiscated.

Woodcroft is a nut free school. Food provided in packed lunches should not contain nut products as this can seriously affect the health of other pupils. Grapes should be cut up lengthways for younger pupils.

Food not eaten in a packed lunch will be taken home by the child to ensure that parents know what their child has or has not eaten. We will encourage parents to include in lunchboxes those foods which are known to have a positive impact on the child's physical development and ability to concentrate and thus learn effectively.

Lunchtime staff will engage with children and chat to them about what they are eating.

Healthy Snacks for Break Time in KS2 (Y3 to Y6)

We encourage pupils to lead healthy lifestyles. Children in EYFS & KS1 are provided with snacks in school every day. But a healthy snack for breaktime is a great choice for pupils in Y3,4,5 and 6. If you wish to send your child with a snack please make sure it is wrapped or boxed.

Children should only bring **1 small snack**, ideally from the suggestion list below:

- Sliced fruit & cut veggies
- Cheese sticks
- Plain rice cakes
- One small sandwich
- Crackers/Breadsticks

Important Notes: We **avoid** chocolate (high sugar) and crisps (high fat and high salt) so please do not include them as snacks for breaks. Also, we do **not allow** any nut products in school due to allergies.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are given healthy snacks in school so are not required to bring any from home.



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 …
https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/BPSS-Community-Newsletter-Autumn-1-2026.pdf





Coming Soon at Woodcroft …

November is always a busy month in school. Take a look at what's happening this half-term.

Remembrance Day



Poppies go on sale after half term and we will be observing a whole school Remembrance Silence on Wednesday 11th November - 11.00am

Anti-Bullying Week 2026



Anti-Bullying Week this year takes place from **16th to 20th November 2026** with the theme of **Break The Silence.** The week will begin with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th** supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.

Primary Maths Challenge (PMC) 2026



The Primary Maths Challenge will be taking place in November for selected Y5 and Y6 pupils. Some of our best Woodcroft mathematicians in Years 5 and 6 will be entered into a competition against pupils from across England in a challenge designed to encourage mathematical thinking and problem-solving. https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/

Year 1 Barnet Music Festival



Year 1 pupils will be taking part in the **Barnet Infant Music Festival on 13th November**. The festival is organised by BEAT, Barnet's Music Hub. Our Year 1 pupils will also be **performing their songs to parents on Thursday 12th November at 2.30pm in the Main Hall.**

BBC Children in Need - 'RUN PUDSEY 2026'



Our annual Pudsey Day takes place on Friday 13th November with a non-uniform day. We will encourage pupils to dress in colourful Pudsey themed sports gear. Every class will be taking part in a 1 mile Run for Pudsey challenge. Pupils will be asked to bring a £1 coin for their 1 mile run in support of Children in Need.



TTRS England Rocks 2026



TTRS England Rocks takes place between 17th - 19th November and is the time for KS2 (Y3 to Y6) to test their multiplication knowledge against the rest of the country.

Book Fair - 24th to 30th November



We welcome back our annual Book Fair on 24th November. You will have the opportunity to visit the fair at the end of the school day. Remember, every book you purchase enables the school to choose FREE books for the library.

Year 5 Cake Sale



Come along to the main hall on Tuesday 1st December and buy a sweet treat to support our Year 5 pupils' fundraising activity to support their chick project next term.



Other dates

- **Y6 RAF Trip -** 10th November
- **Y5 Level 2 Bikeability Training -** Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November
- **Strings and Brass Concert -** Thursday 26th November 2.30pm
- **Y4 Natural History Museum Trip -** Friday 27th November

Get practising …

