WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

Diary Dates

November

Odd Sock Day
Monday 16th November

Y5 Bikeability
Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Reception Class Applications Deadline 15th January 2027

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PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about:

Children in Need



Chair of Governors Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to provide you with an update on the current situation regarding the building repairs. I have been in constant communication with Mr Tallon and conducted regular visits during this week of disruption.

Firstly, the school's response has been remarkable. What has impressed me is the calm professionalism of all of the staff, the adaptability and exemplary behaviour of the pupils (a well-known Woodcroft quality), and positive attitudes from everyone in our school community

Despite over 60% of classroom space still being out of use, it is amazing that from Monday EVERY child will be back in school and that as many regular activities as possible are still taking place.

When I visited again today, the children looked great in their Pudsey outfits, Year 1 were heading off to their Barnet Music Festival, and all the lessons that I observed were engaging and purposeful.

Thank you to everyone for your support and patience. As a Woodcroft parent myself, I know this has been hard on families. Many of us have had to find childcare at short notice, miss work, or work from home while helping children access the classwork online. For some of us, this was our first experience of online learning.

I want to thank and congratulate the staff who have worked extremely hard to adapt the halls, the library and other spaces to accommodate every class. Please read Mr Tallon's email from Thursday for more details.

We hope to get our rooms back in operation as soon as possible. The structural survey and repairs are now being coordinated by Barnet Council contractors. Mr Tallon and the governors are expecting work to start next week. We will share a timeline for completion as soon as we have it.

I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Robert Kulawik
Chair of Governors





Pudsey Day 2026 at Woodcroft

We couldn’t do all of the activities planned, however the children in school had fun dressing up in their Pudsey gear to show our support of Children In Need!













Remembrance Day





Woodcroft pupils and staff all came together to pay their respects, and wear our poppies, for a 2 minute silence on Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am.

This was the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th Month!

Year 6 Visit The RAF Museum



On Tuesday, the 10th of November, Year 6 pupils went on a trip to the RAF Museum. We had a great long walk to the museum and got ready for the tasks and workshop. We met a staff member of the RAF who told us more about the Battle of Britain. She gave us a sheet about a member in World War 2 and a box of their clothing. We got a chance to make a presentation and perform it for the class. Our group had to tell everyone about Sir Douglass Bader and other groups had to talk about their jobs. After that, we enjoyed our lunch and had a big chat with our friends. Finally, we went and saw the Spitfires, some RAF cars and the engines of planes. My favourite plane was the Havilland Mosquito and Eileen's was the Hawker Hurricane.

Report by Mahwa (Y6)





Year 1 Music Festival

Well done to our Year 1 pupils for their fantastic performance in this week's Barnet Infant Music Festival hosted at The Orion. The children sang a repertoire of songs based around the book, 'The Koala Who Could'. 1T also performed a solo of 'Count On Me'. Despite being the only Year 1 class, Woodcroft pupils were fantastic!







We hope to reschedule the special performance by Year 1 to their parents after we return back to our classes and get the hall back in action.

Diary Updates

Because both halls are being used as temporary classrooms the November events diary has been updated

Events that are cancelled or postponed

- **PE & Games** - because both halls are in use, there can be no indoors PE or games lessons
- **England Rocks** - due to classes not having access to their usual sets of devices - we are unable to take part in TTRS England Rocks
- **Strings Concert** Thursday 26th November 2.30pm - cancelled
- **Year 2 Christmas Show** - cancelled! Unfortunately, without a space to rehearse the show cannot go on.

Activities that are still taking place

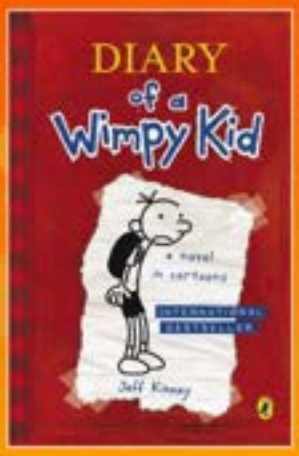
- **Odd Sock Day -** Monday 16th November
- **Y5 Level 2 Bikeability Training on** Monday 16th to Friday 20th November will take place for those that have already signed up.
- **Bookfair** arrives on 24th November - however, the venue may change to the dining hall if the hall is in use.
- **Year 4 Natural History Museum on** Friday 27th November is still taking place.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school*

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

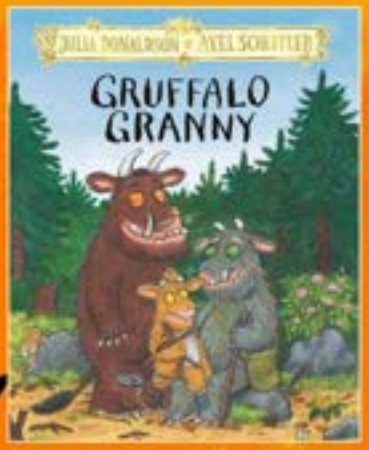
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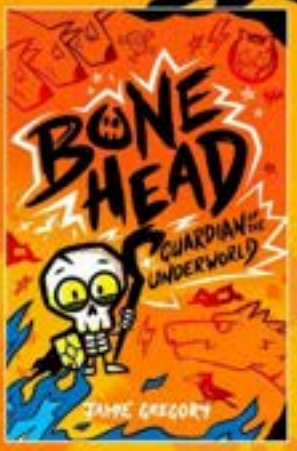








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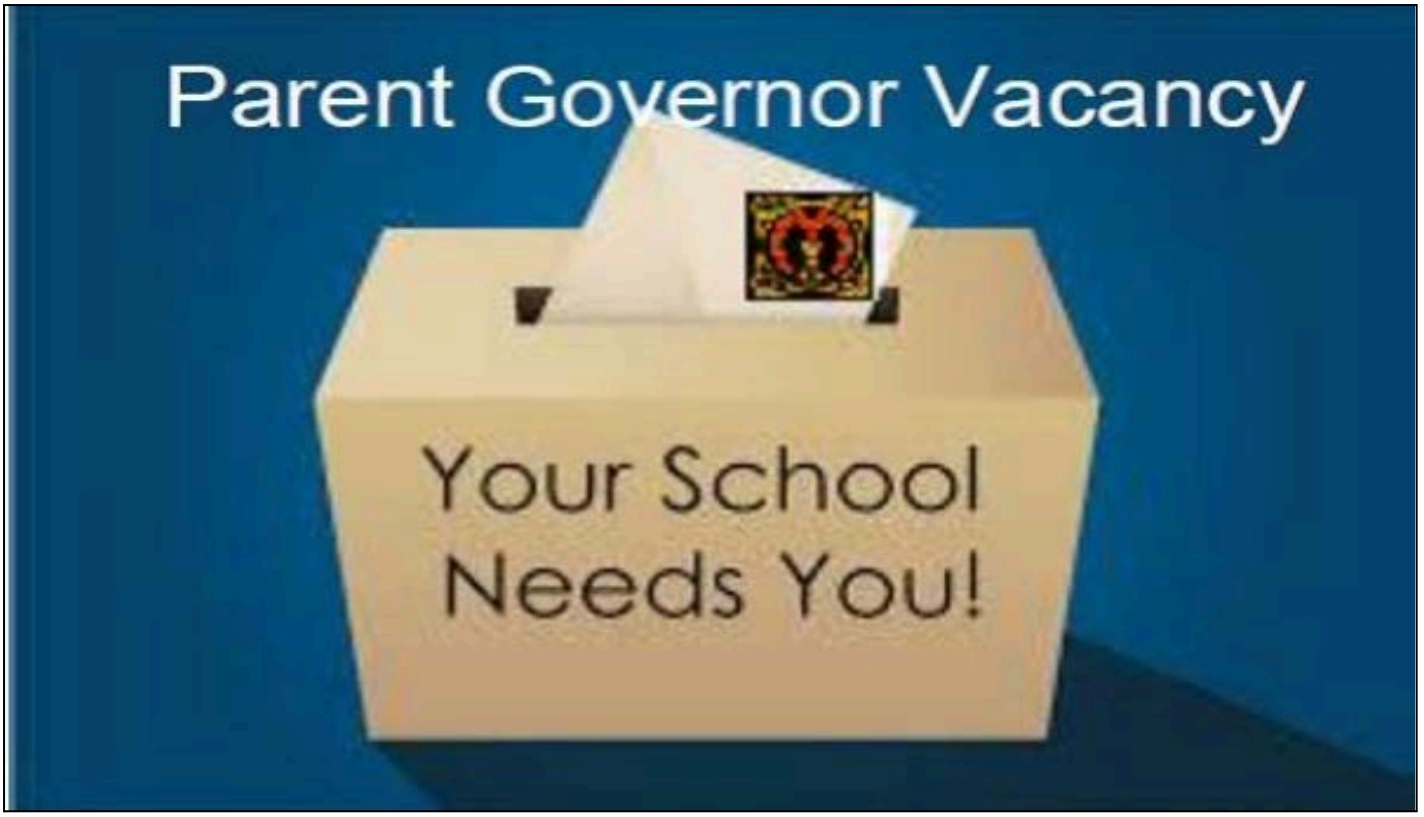
GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

DATE: 24th - 30th November

TIME: 3:15 - 3:45 daily

LOCATION: Main Hall

Scan to pay securely online!



Parent Governor Vacancy at Woodcroft

The Governors have a vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Body. No prior experience or skills are necessary, just enthusiasm to help the school and a desire to get involved.

The Governing Body is responsible for overseeing the work of the school and, in partnership with the headteacher and staff, they are also involved with decisions about curriculum, school buildings, policies and finance.

Governors meet twice per term (6 x per year) and are encouraged to visit during the school day at other times.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please complete this Google Form to express your interests by Friday 20th November.

https://forms.gle/GB8681aXwmT4DHrQA

Mr Tallon will then contact you to discuss the next steps and provide you with a nomination form. Alternatively, you can pick up a paper nomination form directly from the school office. A timetable for the parent governor election is available to view here: **Parent Governor Election Timetable Autumn 2026**

If you have any questions or require further information about the role do not hesitate to speak with Mr Tallon or Mr Russell.

'100 miles in October' - Challenge #2 Completed

Woodcroft staff completed their second **'100 Miles in October'** challenge to help raise over **£1600** for **PANS PANDAS UK**. 10 staff members ran a total 173 miles during October. Thank you again to everyone who has supported our fundraising.

Take a look at the letter below from the PANS PANDAS UK

Woodcroft Primary School Staff
Goldbeaters Grove
Burnt Oak
Edgeware
HA8 0QF

Dear All

I am writing on behalf of PANS PANDAS UK to extend our thanks to everyone involved in the recent 100 mile walks in memory of Emily Gheorghian. Whether you took part in the walks or donated to our cause, we are truly grateful for your support.

I can only imagine how difficult and emotional this must have been, which makes your commitment and support very humbling. At the time of writing the overall total raised was £1350 with a further £275 of Gift Aid. Thank you so much.

Every single penny raised will be put to good use, we are very grateful for your support.

Kind regards

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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
Sophia (Y6) age 11

Whole School Attendance

94.9%

Weekly Class Attendance Champions

(Note: These results are for the week before our partial closure)

Y1/2 Class of the week: 2LD 100% 🏆TOP CLASS🏆
Y3/4 Class of the week: 3R 99.1%
Y5/6 Class of the week: tied 5N & 5R 98.1%