# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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

## Diary Dates

**November**

**Book Fair**
**24th - 30th November**

**Year 4 Trip**
**Natural History Museum**
**27th November**

**December**

**Reception Hygiene Workshop**
**Tuesday 1st**

**Year 3 Egyptian Day**
**Thursday 3rd**

**Reception Class Applications Deadline**
**15th January 2027**

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

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## PSHE Themes

We have been thinking about:




# Repairs Update

*Dear Parents and Carers*

*Thank you to everyone for the kind words of support and understanding during this period of unprecedented disruption. I would also like to express my personal appreciation to all of the staff and pupils for the positive manner in which they have approached all of the changes. It is nothing short of remarkable that we have seamlessly adjusted to the conditions and ensured that there has been only minimal impact on your child's education.*

*The good news is that specialist contractors were on site yesterday and have begun to carry out a full survey of every room in the school and then strengthen the classroom ceilings.*

*The bad news is that the work is likely to take 3 - 4 weeks along the KS2 corridor (Y3, Y4 and Y5) before it can start in KS1 and Early Years. This means that the disruption may go on for a little longer than we first expected.*

*Unfortunately, this does mean that many of our festive activities will not be able to proceed as planned. When schedules and timescales become clearer and work is in progress I will provide regular updates.*

***Craig Tallon (Headteacher)***

## Year 5 Bikeability Level 2



Pupils in Year 5 successfully completed Level 2 Bikeability training and took to the streets of Burnt Oak this week along with their professional instructors, George and Jinah, who were from cyclinginstructor.com. They both commented on how well the pupils listened and followed instructions throughout their training.








This week was national anti-bullying week. In class children were discussing how, by ‘breaking the silence’, they create a ripple effect to stop bullying. If everyone uses their voice to stop bullying their impact will spread, like the ripples on a pond.






We started anti-bullying week with our traditional Odd Socks Day. Why odd socks you may ask? Well, this is a metaphor for everybody's uniqueness, celebrating individuality, and showing that it is good to be different.











## EP Drop-in Consultations for Parents: Morning of Monday 14th December

One of our link Educational Psychologists, Monica Czarnocka, is offering drop-in consultation sessions for parents/carers. These sessions provide a confidential space to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your child's learning, friendships, wellbeing, or other aspects of their development. Monica will use her knowledge of child development and psychology to reflect on the situation with you and help think through possible next steps together. The session is a one-off consultation, with no notes taken and no follow-up involvement. Sessions will last approximately 40 minutes and take place in school. If you are interested in booking a session, please contact Miss Maynard.

## (Revised) December Diary



**November**

- Book Fair - Tuesday 24th - Monday 30th November
- Year 4 Trip to Natural History Museum - Friday 27th November

**December**

- NHS Nurses visit Reception to lead a hygiene workshop -Tuesday 1st
- Year 3 Egyptian Day - Thursday 3rd
- School Council Breakfast Meeting - Tuesday 8th
- Christmas Lunch - wear your Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 9th
- Year 5 Tower of London Trip - 15th December

**Final Week Festivities**

Christmas Parties will take place in classrooms on:

- Y1, Y3 & Y4 Party Day - Monday 14th
- Y2 & Y5 Party Day - Tuesday 15th
- Y6 Party Day - Wednesday 16th
- EYFS Party day (Nursery & Reception) - Wednesday 16th

**Last day of term: Friday 18th December - 2:15pm finish time**

## Events Not taking place

Because both halls are being used as temporary classrooms many of our festive events cannot take place.

- Strings Concert: cancelled
- Year 2 Christmas Show: cancelled
- Y3 Ukulele: postponed
- Christmas Tree Festival : cancelled
- Christmas Panto: cancelled



## Woodcroft 2 vs 3 St John's N11



Thursday's cup match vs St John's N11 turned into an absolute thriller with both teams giving 100%! Despite suffering a narrow defeat, every player on the squad played his part in a very competitive end to end game. With goals from Tommy and Ayman, and player of the match performances on the right wing from Clayton and in attack from Ayman, Mr Taylor was proud of the whole team's effort and commitment. We are now looking forward to our next match against Etz Chaim next Thursday.

## Primary Maths Challenge




On Thursday 19th November, some children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a competition where the best mathematicians from these year groups complete a test with 25 maths problem solving questions, some as hard as GCSE and A Level. Before everyone started, we ate some fruit and listened to exciting music to get energised for the test. The test was difficult and we really had to think carefully about the problems. I felt a bit nervous when I was doing it because it was really hard but afterwards, I felt really proud for finishing and I think I did better than last year. Soon we will be getting our scores back and find out how we did. The top scorers will go on to the National Bonus Round in February 2027.

***Report by Ella Shahid 6A***

***Remember that Woodcroft is a smartphone free school!***

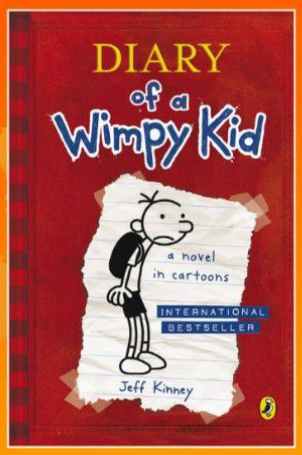


SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns FREE BOOKS for our school*

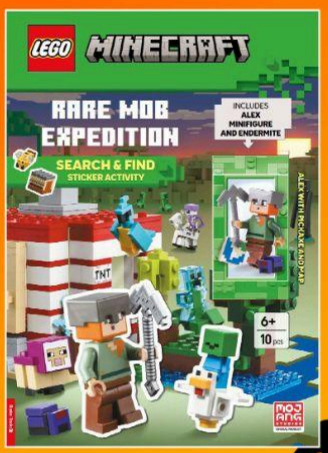
# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

## And find your next favourite read!

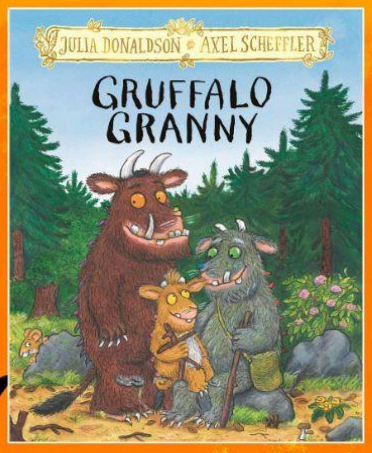


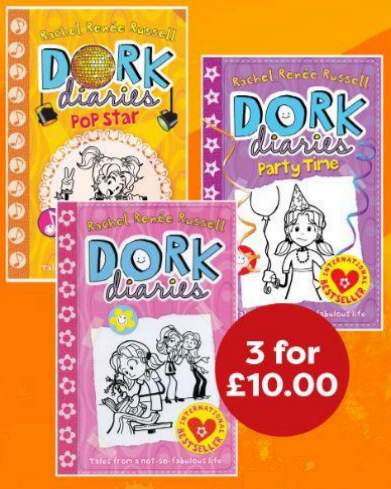


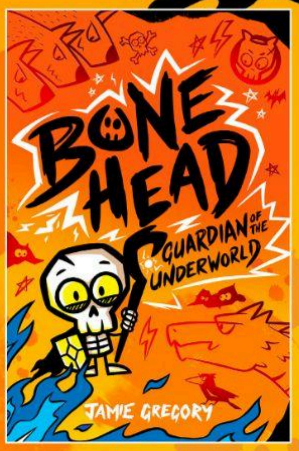










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GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

DATE: 24th - 30th November

TIME: 3:15 - 3:45 daily

LOCATION: Dining Hall

Scan to pay securely online!

# 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***

***Osman (1T) age 6, Yasmin (3M) age 8, Marwaan (3R) age 8 and Yiyi (2S) age 7***

**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: 1T 98.8%**

**Y3/4 Class of the week: 4C 96.6%**

**Y5/6 Class of the week: 5R 99.2% 🏆TOP CLASS🏆**