



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 11th July 2025

WOODCROFT NEEDS YOU!



Could you be our new Parent Governor?

Dear Parents/Carers

We are urgently seeking a parent governor to join our governing body and support the continued improvement of the school. Governors play a vital role in school life ensuring that the leadership team and staff are focused on improving educational outcomes for all pupils. The governing body set the strategic direction of the school and are key in monitoring and evaluating the school's successes.

The governors work alongside the headteacher to develop the School Improvement Plan and monitor areas such as safeguarding, health and safety, curriculum improvements and the school's finances. This involves meeting with children to understand their school experience and speaking with teachers and staff to find solutions to challenges they may face in delivering a superb curriculum to pupils.

Governors have a wide range of experience and bring different perspectives to school life. The Parent Governor position is essential for the continued improvement of your child's education and will help shape the future of Woodcroft Primary School. If you are interested in discussing this further then please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Fanning
Headteacher
Woodcroft Primary School
02392 593939

Dates to remember!

- * **Friday 18th July—Last day of term—1.00pm finish**
- * **Thursday 4th September—First day of school—8.35am start**



Please ensure your child has no nut products in their lunch box, this includes all chocolate spreads

This is really important as we have children with severe nut allergies in school.



Thank you for your support with this matter.



Contact details

School office: 023 9259 3939

School email: admin@woodcroft.hants.sch.uk

Website: www.woodcroftprimary.co.uk

Find us on Facebook and log on to Class Dojo (ask your class teacher for your Dojo login details)



**Sponsors of Munchie & Maisie
the guinea pigs**



Safeguarding Information for Parents & Carers

COUNTY LINES

What is county lines and how can I protect my child?

County lines is a type of criminal exploitation where gangs send a young person away from their local area to sell drugs. Gangs coordinate activity through dedicated mobile phones (burner phones) that they give to young people.

Spotting early warning signs can help to protect your child.

Learn about county lines

Gangs sometimes recruit young people via social media, for example by offering them the opportunity to earn money. They will let young people believe they belong in a gang. Young people may not understand exactly what's happening.

Gangs give young people a phone, often known as a burner phone. They use this to contact the young person and set up deals.

A young person may make small deliveries at first, then tasks get bigger after that. They could receive gifts and drugs that put them in debt. Some may take health risks by hiding drugs in their body. County lines can also be called 'running a line', 'going OT', 'going out of town', 'going country' or 'going crunch'. PACE has some information on **other slang words you might hear**.

Educate your child

Having honest chats with your child can help them avoid exploitation. Help them learn to judge different situations - try discussing possible scenarios. Talk about what they could look out for and how they would handle it. For example. What would they do if someone they didn't know tried to connect with them on social media and said they knew one of their other friends?

Open up the conversation

If you're worried that your child might be at risk, it's a good idea to:

- Look for changes in your child's behaviour - if you see anything, speak to them about it and explain why you're worried.
- Approach the situation with compassion - if they're involved in something, consider how the situation might have happened.
- Show your child that you are keen to understand and help.
- Ask a trusted adult to have a chat with them.

Read our advice on **how to talk to your child about difficult topics**.

Safeguarding Information for Parents & Carers

If your child is carrying a knife

If your child is carrying a knife, don't assume they intended to use it. Gang members can sometimes encourage your child to carry a knife. Or it may be because they don't feel safe.

Try to help your child find safe routes to friends' houses. Speak to your child about the facts of knife crime and **how they can look after themselves.**

If your child is involved in county lines

Worries about exploitation and gangs can be stressful. Talk to your child first to understand the situation and if you can help. This may be difficult for your child. They may feel they are protecting you by keeping quiet, especially if someone had threatened them. They might also worry about getting into trouble.

Let them know that there's nothing they can say that will make you love them less.

Reassure them that you can work through things together.

You can also get support from:

- **Local children's services.**
- Your **local social work team.**
- **Childline** - online advice, message boards, or speak to someone.
- **Crimestoppers** (0800 555 111) - to report concerns anonymously.
- **The Mix** - support for under-25s.
- **Talk to Frank** - offers advice if you're concerned about your child using drugs.
- **Gangs Line** - legal advice if your child has been arrested for a gang-related incident.
- Teachers at your local school.
- The police, especially if there is a concern around criminal exploitation.

For more help and advice on this matter please use the link below.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/feelings-behaviour/safety-wellbeing/what-is-county-lines-drug-trafficking/>





Stars of the Week!



Year R Hedgehogs

Archie

Year 1 Owls

Isabel

Year 2 Lizards

Logan

Year 3 Dolphins

Phoebe

Year 4 Lions

Ray

Year 5 Pandas

Lilly

Year 6 Gorillas

Gracie



Headteacher Awards!



Tommie-Bleu

Presley

Penelope

George

Lennox

Koko

Kayden

Pandas Class

Inset days 2024/2025

Monday 21st July

Tuesday 22nd July

Wednesday 3rd September

Well done to this weeks attendance winners



Lions

97.6%



**They get to have Magnum the attendance alpaca in class
this week!**



Services for
Young People

Waterlooville HAF

Acorn Community Centre

Wecock Farm

Tue, Wed and Thu
10.30am to 2.30pm

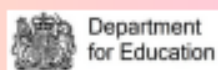
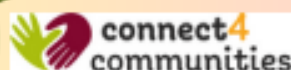
**Each session has a full programme of
activities and games plus a healthy menu
of home cooked food**

Starting 23/7 not including bank hols

**To register please email haf@yservices.co.uk
or call/text 07709 936521**

Eligibility criteria (one or more of the following)
**- in receipt of free school meals, SEND, have a
social worker, EHCP, EHH, are Ukrainian or
Afghan refugee**

This HAF Project is funded by



Information collected at registration will be held securely and only used for the purposes of this and future HAF projects including sharing with our Funders Hampshire County Council and the DfE.

GrowingPlaces
LITTLE ACORNS
HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY - FRIDAY / 9AM-5PM

Outdoor holiday activities in a peaceful rural setting. Our creative and free flow play opportunities allow children to immerse themselves in nature and learn new skills.

HAF
SPACES
AVAILABLE

EXPLORING NATURE

ANIMAL CARE / GARDENING / BUG HUNTING

BUSH CRAFT / OUTDOOR COOKING

littleacorns@growingplaces.org.uk / 07794744947
Little Acorns, Mayles Lane, Wickham, PO17 5PN

2025 HOLIDAY CLUB DATES

August 5th to August 29th

(We are closed 22nd August and Bank Holiday Monday)

PRICE LIST

9am-5pm / £37.10 (lunch included)

9am-1pm / £24.40 (lunch included)

1-5pm / £22.25

GrowingPlaces
ANDERS HALL
HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY - FRIDAY / 8AM-6PM

Holiday activities in a peaceful park setting. Our creative and free flow opportunities allow children to learn new skills and play in a safe and fun environment.

HAF
SPACES
AVAILABLE

ARTS AND CRAFTS

GARDENING / GAMES / COOKERY

SPORTS AND FOOTBALL

For more information or to book please contact:
oosc@growingplaces.org.uk
Anders Hall, Jubilee Park, Waterlooville, PO7 6AW

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HAF SUMMER SCHEMES





Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the summer holidays at no cost!

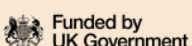
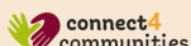



Schemes are now open for bookings - scan the QR below to check if you're eligible, find HAF schemes running near you, and book your child(ren)'s place:






<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>



HAF SUMMER SCHEMES





360 Degree Sports Coaching
Front Lawn Community Hub (PO9 5AN)

Active Kids
Park Community School (PO9 4BU)





Active8 Minds
Mill Hill Primary School (PO7 7BD)
Woodcroft Primary School (PO8 9QD)
Springwood Junior School (PO7 8ED)
Horizon Leisure Centre (PO9 2AY)
Emsworth Primary School (PO10 7LX)

ActiveMe 360
Padnell Junior School (PO8 8EA)





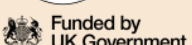
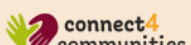
CM Sports
St Thomas More's Primary School (PO9 3DR)
Warren Park Primary School (PO9 4LR)

Freedom School Holidays
Purbrook Junior School (PO7 5NQ)





Growing Places
Anders Hall (PO7 6AW)



HAF SUMMER SCHEMES



Hayling Island Community Centre
Guide Hut (PO11 0JD)



Little Explorers
North Emsworth Hall (PO10 7XQ)



Motiv8
The Hub, Leigh Park (PO9 5AA)



OSCA Childcare
Mengham Infant School (PO11 9DD)



Park Community School
Park Community School (PO9 4BU)



Strong Girl Squad
CrossFit Iron Duke (PO7 7XQ)



Y Services for Young People
Acorn Community Centre (PO8 9UX)



Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes.