



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 5th June 2026

Important staffing updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some important news with you regarding valued members of our Woodcroft team.

After 15 years of dedicated service, Mrs Wilkinson will be leaving Woodcroft Primary School at the end of this term. During her time with us, she has made a truly significant contribution to the life of the school. She has been instrumental in developing our curriculum, helping to ensure that it is rich, engaging and meaningful for all pupils. In addition, she has played a key role in establishing and embedding our Forest School provision, which has become such a valued part of our offer.

Mrs Wilkinson has also been a great advocate for providing wider opportunities for our children, organising and supporting a wide range of trips and visits that have helped to enrich pupils' experiences beyond the classroom.

Mrs Wilkinson is now embarking on an exciting new chapter as she and her family set off on a travelling adventure to South East Asia. While we will be very sad to see her go, we are also delighted for her and wish her every success and happiness in this next stage of her journey.

I am also pleased to share some positive news for the future of the school. Mrs Hawkins, who has been a valued member of staff at Woodcroft for 11 years, has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher. In this new role, she will play a key part in supporting the continued development of the school and helping to guide us as we move forward.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Wilkinson for her many years of commitment and in congratulating Mrs Hawkins on her well-deserved promotion.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Fanning

Headteacher

Attendance and the morning routine

The school doors open to all children at 8.35am. At 8.45am the classroom doors close and children have to enter via the office door. Children will be recorded as late from 8.50am. After 9am an unauthorised absence will be recorded. Please call the school office on 023 9259 3939 before 9am if your child is absent for any reason. ***It is not acceptable to Dojo your class teacher about school absences.***

Lateness and lunches

If you are running late in the morning or have an appointment that means your child will be in after the register, we ask that you inform the office as soon as possible. **This means that you can order your child's lunch before the cut off time of 9.30am.**

Dates to remember!

- * Friday 12th June - Year 4 Swimming
- * Monday 15th June - Year 6 Tile Barn 3 Day Residential Trip
- * Friday 19th June - Sports Day (weather permitting)
- * Monday 22nd June - Whole Class Photos
- * Friday 26th June - Inset Day
- * Friday 3rd July - Year 4 Swimming
- * Friday 3rd July - Reserve Sports Day.
- * Monday 6th July—Year 5 Paulton's Park Trip
- * Friday 10th July - Year 4 Swimming
- * Friday 17th July - Year 4 Swimming



Inset days 2026

Friday 26th June



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

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.



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 you 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

Ehab

Year 1 Owls

Freya

Year 2 Lizards

Albie

Year 3 Dolphins

Anna

Year 4 Lions

Esmay-Maree

Year 5 Pandas

Freddie

Year 6 Gorillas

Eva



Headteacher awards!



Maisia-Jayne	Arlen	Lola
Izzy	Jamie	Oliver
George	Tommie	Riley
Remi	Mayson	Ray
Charlie	Albie	Kai
Tegan	Lauren	Harry
Cherri		Ruby
Evie		Isla
Oscar		Marlayah
Freya		
Archie		
Bentley		

Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winner

Albie



Well done to this weeks attendance winners



Pandas

98.5%



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