



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 3rd July 2026

Staffing update for next academic year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry for the late notice of staffing for next year, but we have had to wait to complete recruitment before I can announce this. It is fantastic that none of our teachers are leaving, but we have had to recruit due to internal promotion and the creation of a nature class.

As you are aware Mrs Hawkins has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher and will be replacing Mrs Wilkinson. We have been very fortunate to recruit two experienced teachers in Miss Evans and Mrs Richards who will be joining Woodcroft from September 2026. In addition, we have recruited Miss Stirrat, who will be working with us as a HLTA.

Next years class structure will be:

Year R

Mr Allen (Teacher), Mrs Tabor and Mrs Kahn

Year 1

Mrs Richards (Teacher), Mrs Granshaw and Miss Kerr

Year 2

Miss Evans (Teacher), Mrs Tabbner and Miss Stirrat

Year 3

Miss Gould (Teacher), Miss Bromback and Mrs Pyatt (Part-time each)

Year 4

Miss Smith (Teacher) and Mrs Cowen

Year 5

Mr Ducellier (Teacher) and Miss Brown

Year 6

Miss Kova (Teacher), Mrs Sue and Mrs Fowles

Nature Class

Mrs Bowles (Teacher) and Mrs Coombes. Miss Bromback and Mrs Pyatt (Part-time each)

Yours sincerely

Barry Fanning
Headteacher

Fidget toys in school

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a gentle reminder that children are not to bring NeeDoh's, dumplings, or any type of fidget toy into school **UNLESS** it has been specifically provided or approved by the school SENCO.

We are seeing increasing issues caused by these items, including distractions in class and a number of minor injuries when they are shared, swapped, or used inappropriately.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all children.

Kind regards,



Mr Fanning
Headteacher

England v Mexico

Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand many of our children will want to enjoy the next World Cup England match, and that parents may feel uncertain how to handle the 1:00am kick off.

In order to ensure our children are able to be in school, bright eyed and busy-tailed at 8:35am, we will invite those who would like to watch a replay in classrooms at 9:00am. Those who do not wish to watch it will be involved in other activities.

All children are welcome to come dressed in red white and blue for the day.

Please keep the results a secret from your child so that can enjoy it in school with their friends!

Kind regards



Mr Fanning
Headteacher

Warmer weather

As the weather gets warmer please make sure sun cream is applied before school. If this needs topping up throughout the day, please provide a bottle in their book bag. Your child must be able to apply their sun cream themselves as school staff are not allowed to apply it.

If children bring sun hats to school, please make sure they are clearly labelled with their name.



Dates to remember!

- * Monday 6th July - Year 5 Paulton's Park Trip
- * Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 Production to Parents
- * Wednesday 8th July - Summer Fayre
- * Thursday 9th July - Year 4 River Meon Trip
- * Friday 10th July - Year 4 Swimming
- * Friday 10th July - Year 6 Bikeability
- * Monday 13th July - Year 6 Bikeability
- * Wednesday 15th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly & BBQ
- * Thursday 16th July - Year R Staunton Farm Trip
- * Friday 17th July - Year 4 Swimming
- * Wednesday 22nd July - Last Day of Term



Inset days 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 4th January

Friday 5th March

Friday 25th 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

Remi

Year 1 Owls

Archie

Year 2 Lizards

Naomi

Year 3 Dolphins

Shay

Year 4 Lions

Coen

Year 5 Pandas

Isla

Year 6 Gorillas

Isla



Headteacher awards!



Maisie-Jayne	Arthur	Kirsley
Remi	James	Yugan
George	Paisley	Nevaeh
Olivia	Arlen	Olivia
Levi	Tommie-Bleu	Riley
Mickaela	Albie	Kai
Lydia	Mollie	Freddie
Joel	Tommy	Tyler
Kingsley	Amelia	Lilly
Evelyn	Oscar-Paul	
Dexter	Aaron	
Bentley	Ruby	

Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winner

Annada



Well done to this weeks attendance winners



Owls
95.9%



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