



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real joy for me to join Team Woodcroft! The children are very respectful and polite, and have started the school year looking very smart in their uniforms. Our new Year R 'Bears' have had their first full day at school today and are very settled in already. We have welcomed a couple of new families to older year groups - I am sure you have warmly welcomed them already.

We are going to be changing the format of our newsletter to a 'Sway' which should make it easier to read on mobile devices, and it will mean we can add more photos as well. Each week, we will feature a member of staff so that you can get to know who is who. We will start with our new colleagues so you can put a name to a face - so I am going first! Everyone on the staff team is here to help your children to learn and be successful. If there is any question or worry, please speak to one of us so we can do what we can to sort things out.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful weekend,

Mrs Bowen

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

All about Mrs Bowen



Mrs Bowen is our interim headteacher. This is her fourth interim headship after being a permanent headteacher for 8 years in another school. Being an interim headteacher means that she is standing in - in between Mr Fannin g leaving and the governors appointing a new headteacher. They hope to do this for January, but sometimes it takes a bit longer to find the right person for the school. Mrs Bowen loves helping children and teaching, and playing Dobble, Scrabble and other board games. She is quite competitive! She also loves sports and being outdoors, going camping and sailing in a dinghy. She is a big football fan too! Mrs Bowen is married to Mr Bowen who is also a teacher, and they have two grown up children and a 12 year old greyhound called Mouse. As the headteacher, she has the responsibility for helping all the other staff keep the children safe, terach good lessons and make sure we spend the money we have wisely.

School Uniform

It has been wonderful to see children back and dressed smartly in their school uniform. Just to give you a reminder, here is what children should be wearing at Woodcroft. Children are also required to have a PE kit in school, so please ensure that they have this with them.

Our school uniform comprises of:

- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore **no jeans, leggings or tracksuit bottoms**
- White polo shirt or polo top
- In the summer months, green gingham dresses or grey/black school shorts may be worn
- Bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes or plain black trainers **no sandals**
- PE - white t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. For outside P.E, leggings or track suit bottoms may be worn.

It is school policy that **no make-up, false eye lashes, nail varnish, false nails, hair extensions or coloured hair** are to be worn at any time. If your child comes to school wearing any of these, or incorrect uniform you will be contacted and may be called up to the school to remove them or provide the correct uniform. Hair styles should be smart with no art work or bleaching.

Earrings are to be studs only, and on P.E. days must be removed. If your child cannot remove their earrings themselves, please make sure that they are removed before school.

Wearing uniform helps for children to be identifiable when walking to and from school, especially those in years 5 & 6 who may walk on their own. It also gives the children a sense of belonging to our school community and being proud to come to Woodcroft.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Secondary school applications (Year 7 2027)

The applications for applying for a secondary school place opened on Monday 7th September 2026. If your child is currently in Year 6 and will be moving on to secondary school in September 2027 you can apply for a school place online here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

Applications close on Saturday 31st October 2026.

Cleverchef Kanpla App

Our lunch order system is now up and running and is live for all year groups so please go in and upload your child's meal choices from now onwards. These must be logged by 8:00am each morning but you can do this up to 3 weeks in advance.

If you do not order online it will be assumed that your child has brought in a packed lunch

Thank you for your patience over the last week and a half.

Open Classroom Event

We would like to invite you to visit your child's classroom on **Wednesday 16th September from 3:15pm to 3:35pm.**

Children will have the opportunity to show you around their classroom, share their learning so far and chat to their teacher.

Please collect your child/ren from their classes at the usual time of 3:15pm and once all children have been collected, the teachers will then invite you in

We look forward to welcoming you!

Dates to remember!

- * **Wednesday 16th September 3:15pm-3:35pm - Open Classroom Event**
- * **Tuesday 22nd September—The News in to take a picture of Year R for the paper**

More dates to follow.



Inset days 2026/2027

Monday 4th January

Friday 5th March

Friday 25th June

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

Safeguarding at Woodcroft

Safeguarding the pupils of Woodcroft is our number one priority. It is the legal responsibility of individuals that work in schools to safeguard pupils. If a child makes a disclosure that may mean they are at risk of harm or have suffered harm, we must report this to Children's Services. As a school, we do not decide what steps are then taken, this responsibility sits with Children's Services or the Police.

Our Designated Safeguarding leads are:

Mrs Bowen

Mrs Sherwell

Mrs Hawkins

Mrs Stirling

What should you do if you suspect a child may be at risk of harm?

Although school staff have a legal responsibility to protect children, we should all raise concerns if we suspect a child may be at risk. Anyone can do this and it can be anonymous. ***If you believe a child is in immediate danger then you should call the police.*** If you have concerns that a child is at risk, but not in an immediate danger then you can make a referral to children's services directly.

To report a concern about a child in Hampshire, you can contact Hampshire Children's Services by:

- **Phone: 0300 555 1384, Monday to Thursday 8:30 AM–5 PM, Friday 8:30 AM–4:30 PM**
- **Out of hours: 0300 555 1373**
- **Email: childrens.services@hants.gov.uk**



Stars of the Week!



Year 1 Woodpeckers

Cody

Year 2 Squirrels

James

Year 3 Foxes

Jayden

Year 4 Badgers

Paige

Year 5 Pheasants

Toby

Year 6 Lynxes

Ray

The Nest

Mason

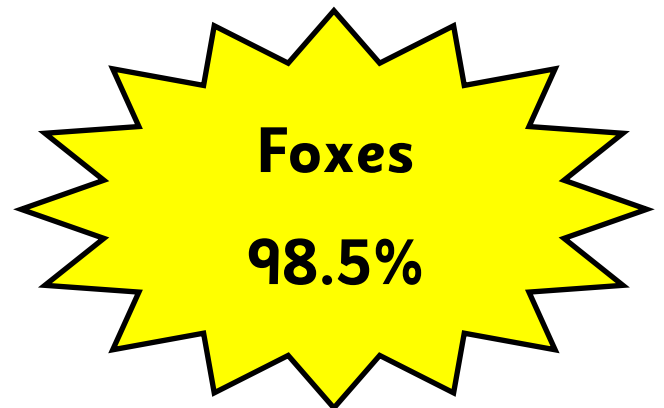


Headteacher awards!



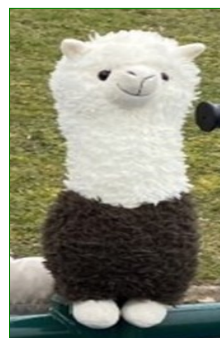
Mayson	Kai	Coen
Bowie	Lola	Austin
Arthur	Ashley	Toby
Benson	Kim	Ruby
Kayden	Arnie-George	Ethan
Mia	Esmay	Teddy
Mason	Annada	Katy
Reggie	Miley	Logan
Marlayah	Anvita	Jayden
Riley	George	Edgar
Kirsley	Phoebe	Bonnie
Oaklee	Ralphie	Greyson

**Well done to this weeks
attendance winners**



**They get to have Magnum the
attendance alpaca in class**

**this
week!**



Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winner

**Lilly &
Annada**





MHST Parent & Carer Training 2026-2027

As voted for through our WSA survey the below are the most popular Staff training module requests. Each lasts 1.5 hours and are delivered via Microsoft Teams. They are open to any parent or carer with a child in an MHST school. No sign up is required, simply join the link at the time of delivery. We encourage you to share this poster with your school's parents & carers.

Module	Information
Managing Behaviours	Offers helpful approaches and strategies for supporting emotional regulation, building routines, and strengthening parent-child communication when children present with challenging behaviours. Friday October 2 nd 2026, 11am-12:30pm https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/354505116391668?p=ndCJU9fwrINd9fTn8
EBSA & Transition	Explains emotionally based school avoidance (EBSA), why it happens, and how parents can help children feel safer and more supported with school transitions. Wednesday October 28 th 2026, 11am-12:30pm https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/356353367789012?p=HXJs4757HdxW32RKNQ
Autism	An autism-affirming workshop introducing sensory needs, communication differences, and practical ways parents can support their autistic child. Tuesday February 16 th 2027, 11am-12:30pm https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/321157499781080?p=7SWQ5Fj64wigKoZpkL
Wellbeing	This workshop explores how parent wellbeing can be affected when a young person is struggling with their mental health, and how caring for yourself directly supports your child's emotional wellbeing too. Parents learn simple, practical self-care strategies that can be used day-to-day to reduce stress, build resilience, and create a calmer environment at home. Friday April 9 th 2027, 11am-12:30pm https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/389695298498867?p=OiGLHL4VracqIWxeYw
Sleep	Covers common sleep challenges in CYP and teaches evidence-based strategies for parents to build healthier, more settled sleep routines. Tuesday June 1 st 2027, 11am-12:30pm https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/350754129690359?p=7DTcFP4arcNWNb7pZr

Coping & Resilience Education (CARE)

This workshop teaches simple, effective, practical skills to help build coping and resilience in children and young people. It is based on the same principles used in our Child CARE Workshop for pupils in Years 5 and 6. By understanding these shared ideas, parents can reinforce the skills at home, support emotional regulation, and strengthen their child's ability to manage challenges.

Tuesday July 13th 2027, 11am-12:30pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/353995337462083?p=sZA9iMLdJyeGxN8iC>

MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT TEAMS

You are invited to join us this September at our:

Open Events at HTC

Open Evening and Open Morning Tours 2026

For Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils and their families.
All are welcome!

All morning tours must be booked in advance.

Tours - Monday 21 September
Tours - Tuesday 22 September
Tours - Wednesday 23 September

Open Evening - Thursday 24 September. 6-8.30pm
No need to book for Open Evening, just come along!

Morning tours run from 8.45am-10am

Tours - Monday 28 September
Tours - Tuesday 29 September
Tours - Wednesday 30 September

Scan to book a tour >



Book a Morning Tour now at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/htc-events

ticket source

NOW OPEN

Charity #: 278768

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM CLOSET

Supporting local students together



We're building a shared bank of school uniforms and supplies for families who *need a little extra support this year.*

We accept:

- Pre-loved uniforms (primary & secondary)
- Stationery
- School bags
- Pencil cases
- Lunchboxes
- General donations



Donors receive
early access



Opening August

The Acorn Community Centre

3 The Kestrels, Wecock Farm, Waterlooville
Hampshire, PO8 9GX
023 9225 8423



Acorn Community Centre, Wecock Farm