



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2026

Our learning at Woodcroft is in full swing and I am giving out a lot of stickers and certificates every day! It is fantastic to see such resilience and enthusiasm for learning across the school, although I have had to ask Mrs Hawley to order some more stickers!

Thank you to those parents who supported our Open Classrooms event on Wednesday. I know the children love showing you how proud they are of their learning and when parents/carers come in to events it helps children to know you value their education.

In our staff training this week Mr Ducellier reminded all the teachers of the expectations relating to the planning and teaching of Maths. We follow a consistent approach to the teaching of all subjects across the school so that the children build on familiar learning and strategies as they learn new concepts.

Year 4 have started their weekly sessions at Billy's Lake for their Forest School session. We highly value the way this experience helps children to grow in their own confidence, and helps their mental health, physical skills and team work. We are looking for a funding partner to help us to continue to offer these sessions after February, and if you know of any companies or charities we could approach, please let Mrs King know.

We are currently booking personal tours for many families with children due to start school next September. Please let your friends and families know to call the office to book a visit in.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Bowen
Interim Headteacher

All about Mrs Richards



Hello,

I'm Mrs Richards, and I've had a wonderful first few weeks at Woodcroft. The school, the children and the parents have all given me such a warm welcome, so thank you!

I have two young children, so my weekends and evenings are usually spent chasing after them and handing out the next snack! I love a Sunday car boot and also enjoy going for runs along the seafront.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming part of the Woodcroft community.

Bikes and Scooters

Please be reminded that bikes and scooters must not be ridden anywhere on the school site at any time. This rule applies to all children, including siblings.

This is a safety requirement and is in place to protect pupils, parents, staff and visitors, particularly during busy arrival and collection times. If anyone is seen riding a bike or scooter on the school grounds, they will be asked to dismount immediately and may be prevented from bringing the bike or scooter onto the site in the future.

We have received complaints and there have been a number of near-misses. We must insist that everyone follows this rule to help keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

After School Clubs

The clubs currently running are:

- Thursdays: 3.15pm—4.15pm Mr Ducellier's Football Club- Years 5 & 6. ***(This club is currently full and there is a wait list)***
- Tuesdays: 3.15pm—4.15pm Miss Smith's Netball Club - Years 4, 5 & 6. ***(Limited spaces available)***

School Start and End Times

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the timings at Woodcroft Primary School:

The school gates will open at **8:30am** and doors to classrooms at **8:35am** allowing children to go straight to their classrooms. Please do not arrive earlier than **8:30am** unless attending Breakfast Club as the school will not be held responsible for your children before this time. Classroom doors and gates will be closed at **8:45am** and after this time your child will need to enter via the school office.

All children need to be in school by **8:45am**. Any child that arrives after **8:45am** but before **9:00am** will be marked late. Any child arriving after **9:00am** will be marked as an unauthorised absence. All unauthorised and late absences will have appropriate action taken where needed.

The end of the school day is **3:15pm** and children are to be collected from their classroom or unless in years 5 or 6 and other arrangements have been made. If you have an **emergency**, you must call the office to advise us that you will be late in collecting.

Please collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. Where late collection is persistent and/or significantly late, a member of staff will contact parents. If no contact can be made, a member of the Senior Leadership team will remain with the child and contact Children's Services for further advice. We have a duty of care to ensure all of our children are safe in school and are collected by the appropriate adults.

Informing the school that your child is ill

If your child is unwell and not able to attend school, you must phone the school office as soon as possible. The office is manned from **8:15am**, and there is an answer machine that is checked throughout the day. If we have not heard from you by **9:15am**, I will contact you by phone as to why your child is not in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stirling

Attendance and Safeguarding Officer

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.

Dates to remember!

- * **Monday 21st September - Year 3 Stone Age Day**
- * **Tuesday 22nd September - The News in to take a picture of Year R for the paper**
- * **Friday 2nd October - Macmillan Coffee Morning**
- * **Wednesday 14th October - Year 1 Haslemere Toy Museum Trip**
- * **Friday 16th October - Year 5 Mary Rose Trip**
- * **Tuesday 20th October - Year 4 Sea City Museum Trip**
- * **Wednesday 21st October - School Photos, individual and siblings**
- * **Friday 23rd October - Last Day of School**
- * **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term**
- * **Monday 2nd November - First Day Back at School**
- * **Monday 2nd November - Flu Vaccination Day**



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

Roman

Year 2 Squirrels

Joey

Year 3 Foxes

Edgar

Year 4 Badgers

Phoebe

Year 5 Pheasants

Esmay

Year 6 Lynxes

Oaklee

The Nest

Mayson & Reggie



Headteacher awards!



Lydia

Tommie-Bleu Arlo

Joel

Joey

Dennis x 2

Evie

George

Isabel x 2

Willow

Rosie

Olivia

Patsy

Levi

Penelope

Ivy

Annabel

Charlie

Remi

Greyson

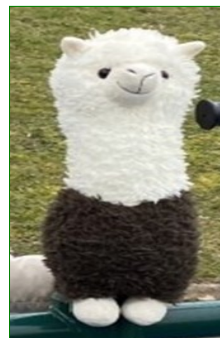
**Well done to this weeks
attendance winners**

Woodpeckers

98.7%

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

**this
week!**



Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winner

Alba





School Age Immunisation Service



Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.



The Immunisation team will be coming to the school to administer the flu nasal spray* to the students on:

Monday

02nd November 2026



*A porcine free injection is available



Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

SH135529

For more information, visit our website:

www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

Starting school in September **2027**

If your child is 4 or
will turn 4 before
1 September 2027,
they can start school
in September 2027

Applications open for
Hampshire residents on
1 November 2026

THE NATIONAL CLOSING
DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027
DON'T MISS IT!



**For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions**

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

Service delivered in partnership with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System.



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