



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

All about Miss Evans



Hello, I'm Miss Evans. The Year 2 Squirrels class teacher!

It has been a lovely, and busy, first few weeks at Woodcroft and everyone has been so welcoming. I've started learning some names of other children around the school, and I'm looking forward getting to know everyone else.

This is my 12th year of teaching and I have worked in Year R, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as well as an SEND school. My favourite subjects are art and maths, especially fractions! So if you want to challenge me to Timestable Rockstars, please do!

Outside of school, I enjoy paddle boarding, reading, long walks, going to the beach and running.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead, and to getting to know everyone in the Woodcroft community!

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

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.

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

Dates to remember!

- * **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 products.

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



Safeguarding Information for Parents & Carers

Safeguarding Update

The NSPCC have shared new information this week around the dangers of children using online platforms and how they can put young people at risk of online sexual abuse and introduce them to inappropriate material.

Between April 2025 and March 2026, during counselling sessions with Childline, Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, WhatsApp and Discord are the highest-mentioned platforms in which children have experienced some form of grooming or have been exposed to harmful content online. This is a 19% increase in concerns amongst young people in a year!

Did you know that online harm such as grooming, sexual extortion and online child sexual abuse usually starts with a child sharing a single nude or semi-nude image?

The government is currently asking tech companies to create content blockers for children to prevent the risk of harm but in the meantime, here are some things you can do to keep your child safe online:

- **Check your child's phone/tablet regularly.** Make this a routine and go through it together, discussing any concern you may come across. It's a great way to communicate your concerns and educate them on the right thing to do and the type of content they can watch.
- **Ensure you have installed parental controls on technology devices,** this could also include your Wi-Fi.
- **Keep your child of social media.** Children are currently not allowed to access social media until they are 13 and this is soon to increase to 16.
- **Monitor their gaming platforms.** Most children play games online and with online games comes chatting to friends. Sometimes, children add people online without knowing who they are. This can be on consoles or on games such as Roblox.
- **Keep the conversation open and comfortable.** The world is changing at a lightning pace and even as adults we are learning new things. Your child won't know how to deal with things online and might not even know what is good and bad. Keeping the conversation open helps and honest communication is a great way to build a trusting relationship. The more you talk about it, the easier the conversations become.

For more information on how to keep your child safe, please follow the links below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Stars of the Week!



Year 1 Woodpeckers

Izzy

Year 2 Squirrels

Charlotte

Year 3 Foxes

Ropa

Year 4 Badgers

Lennox

Year 5 Pheasants

Christabel

Year 6 Lynxes

Ruby

The Nest

Mia



Headteacher awards!



Kingsley

Stanley

Marlayah

Ehab

Zachary

Matthew

Joel

Arthur

Tommy

Charlotte

Mylah

James

Amelia

Evelyn

Mollie

Bentley

Jack

Tommie-Bleu

Joey

Daysha

Greyson

Presley

Tegan

Dexter

Arlen

Tadi

**Well done to this weeks
attendance winners**

Foxes

99.6%

Breakfast Club Award!

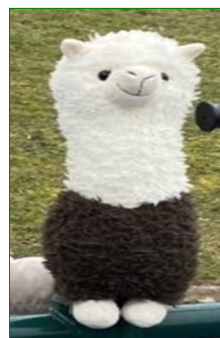
This weeks' winner

Cherri



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

**this
week!**





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**



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

Creating a good bedtime routine

Why a Bedtime Routine Helps



A routine helps your child **relax**



Doing the same things every night
helps their body know it's
time to sleep



Keep the routine for at least **2
weeks** to see if it works

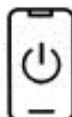
Easy Steps for a Good Bedtime Routine



Plan a **60 minute routine**



Keep **set times** for bed
and waking



Turn off **screens**



Offer a **light snack**
(if needed)



Dim the lights



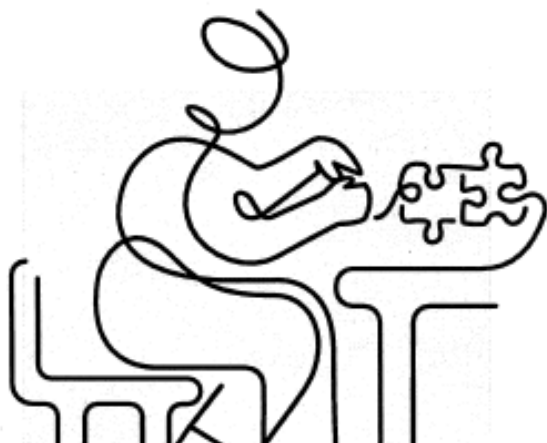
Calming activities e.g.
puzzles, colouring, board
games, crafting



Warm bath, 30 minutes
before bed



Read or share a
bedtime story



For more information visit
thesleepcharity.org.uk