



Woodcroft Primary School/ Newsletter



Friday 9th October 2026

Autumn Hamper Raffle

Help Us Fill Our Hampers with Colour!

We're excited to be holding a **Autumn Hamper Raffle** to raise funds for school trips and exciting opportunities for our children throughout the year. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes on **Friday 16th October** and bring along **one item in their class colour** to help us create our fantastic autumn hampers.

Suggested Donations: Chocolates, Sweets, Biscuits, Toiletries, Stationery, Small gifts and treats.

Class Colours

Year R - **Red**

Year 1 - **Orange**

Year 2 - **Yellow**

Year 3 - **Green**

Year 4 - **Brown**

Year 5 - **Purple**

Year 6 - **Gold**

Raffle Tickets: £1 per ticket, drawn on Friday 23rd October:

Tickets can be purchased via the Arbor App or Cash via the school office in a named envelope.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and generosity. Every donation helps make a difference and contributes towards enriching experiences for our pupils.

We can't wait to create some wonderful colourful hampers and look forward to a fantastic Autumn Raffle!

Good luck and thank you for your support!

Mrs Bowles

Free Breakfast Club

We are delighted that our **Free Breakfast Club** has proved so popular and has grown so successfully. Due to this fantastic response, the Breakfast Club is now **fully booked**.

If you have not already secured a place for your child but would like them to attend, please contact the school office to check availability. We will always do our best to accommodate requests where possible. We will also be operating a waiting list, so if a place is not immediately available, your child can be added to the list.

We would also kindly ask that, if you originally requested a place for your child but your circumstances have since changed and you **no longer require the space**, you let the school office know as soon as possible. This will allow us to offer the place to another child who may be waiting.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to ensure that as many children as possible are able to benefit from our Breakfast Club.

Attendance update

At Woodcroft, our classrooms are about so much more than just academic lessons. They are vibrant spaces where your children build lifelong friendships, discover new passions, collaborate on exciting projects, and grow their confidence every single day. From the morning buzz in the playground to the shared achievements in the afternoon, every day your child is here is a day they are connecting, learning, and thriving.

We know that life can be busy and the morning routine can sometimes feel like a steep hurdle. We also completely understand that childhood illnesses, anxieties, or unexpected family challenges can make getting to school tough. Please remember that we are a team, and our approach is always rooted in support and collaboration, never judgment.

Why Every Day Matters

When children attend school consistently, it does more than just keep them up to speed with the curriculum. It helps them:

- **Build Strong Friendships:** Being here every day allows children to navigate social circles, feel part of their peer group, and build a deep sense of belonging.
- **Reduce Anxiety:** Regular routines make the school week predictable, which significantly lowers anxiety and makes mornings smoother for everyone.

Develop Lifelong Habits: The consistency built during school years sets up brilliant foundations for high school, college, and future careers.

Navigating the "Should They Stay or Should They Go?" Dilemma

We often get asked by parents whether a child is too poorly for school. While serious illnesses mean staying home to rest, mild symptoms can often be managed. Here is a quick guide:

- **Green Light (Come to School):** Mild coughs, common colds, slight runny noses, and tiredness. We will always monitor them closely and call you if they worsen.
- **Amber Light (Talk to Us):** Mild tummy aches or headaches. These are often linked to morning anxiety. Let us know, and our team can greet them at the door to help them settle.

Red Light (Stay at Home): A high temperature (38°C or above), vomiting, or diarrhoea (children must stay home for 48 hours after the last episode).

How We Can Work Together

- **Celebrate the little wins:** Getting to school on time after a tricky morning is a huge victory—let's celebrate that effort!
- Keep us in the loop:** If your child is struggling or feeling anxious about coming in, please reach out to us early so we can put a personalized support plan in place before it becomes a habit.
- If you would like a friendly, completely confidential chat about routines or any worries you have, please reach out to **Mrs Stirling** directly on **dojo** and she will get in contact with you.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in making our school community such a supportive, vibrant place to learn and grow!

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!

- * **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 - Year R School Nurse in for 'teeth cleaning' workshop**
- * **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**
- * **Tuesday 3rd November - Year 2 Goodwood Farm Trip**
- * **Tuesday 3rd November - Parents Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm (Booking via Arbor)**
- * **Wednesday 4th November - Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00pm (Booking via Arbor)**



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.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



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

Charlie & Willow

Year 2 Squirrels

Archie

Year 3 Foxes

Rosie

Year 4 Badgers

Emily

Year 5 Pheasants

Phoebe

Year 6 Lynxes

Lola



Headteacher awards!



Reggie

Harrison

Arlo

Poppy

Mia

Alex

Mason

Lilly

Benson

Isla

Kayden

Freddie

Bowie

Kai

Mayson

Evie

Arthur

All of Squirrels Class

Tommy

Jack

**Well done to this weeks
attendance winners**

Bears

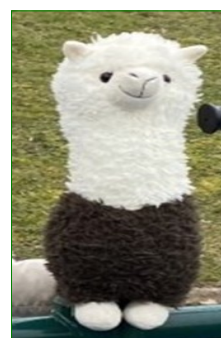
98.5%

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

Breakfast Club Award!

This weeks' winner

Charlie



Parent Workshop Emotional Regulation

Practical tips and strategies to help support your child's emotions at home and beyond.



Date:
15/10/26



Time:
9:00 – 10:15



Location:
**Woodcroft
Primary School**



Calmer
Children
Brighter
Futures

The workshop will cover:

- ✓ Understanding emotions and why they matter
- ✓ Practical strategies to support emotional regulation
- ✓ Ideas to try at home
- ✓ Sharing experiences and asking questions
- ✓ Support available through the MHST

Small steps
make a big difference

Mental health matters

NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST)
Helping children and young people to thrive
in school and beyond

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**9
OCT
13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and
impartial information to
guide you through the
process

**13
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13:00**

Responding to a draft
EHCP
If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

**14
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17:30**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide
through the appeals
process

**20
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13:00**

Ordinarily Available
Provision and SEN Support
Looking at support
available for those who do
not have an EHC

**28
OCT
10:00**

Responding to a draft
EHCP
If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

**21
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16:00**

Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a
suitable education in
relation to section 19 of
the education act

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops

NHS Dentist—Spaces

We are pleased to let you know that our dental practice is currently accepting new NHS child patients for routine dental check-ups during the October half term holiday.

Parents wishing to register their child or book an appointment can contact us using the details below:

MyDentist Havant

Phone: 02392475522

Email: havant-rec@mydentist.co.uk

Address: 193 Purbrook Way, Havant PO9 3RT

Please quote “NHS kids club” upon booking



School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu



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

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



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/



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/join/354505116391668?p=ndCJU9tfrlNd9ftn8
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/join/356353367789012?p=HXJs4757HdxW32RKNG
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/join/321157499781080?p=7SWQ5Fi64wiqKoZpkL
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/join/389695298498867?p=OiGLHL4VracqLWXeYw
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/join/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/join/353995337462083?p=sZA9iMLdJveGxN8iC>

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

the Sleep Charity

ADVICE SHEET

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

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!

BEST START IN LIFE

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



Hampshire County Council

hants.gov.uk