

NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th September 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy first full week in school for the children; they have settled well into their new learning environments with their class teachers and teaching assistants. As I have visited classrooms, the children have been fully engaged in their lessons and the new topics that they are exploring. With this in mind, please scan the QR code below to access your child's class page and the curriculum information for their year group.

In July, our Governors met with our senior leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school for this academic year. Our priorities for the year ahead are set out in this newsletter.

Finally, this newsletter contains all the key dates, from our PTA, for the year ahead so please keep it safe.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



DIARY

w/c 15th September Lunch Menu:
Week Two

24th September 2025 – 9.10am

Year Six Parent Workshop:
KS2 SATs

1st October 2025 – 9.10am

Parent Workshop: SEND

8th October 2025 – 9.10am

Year One Parent Workshop:
Phonics

13th October 2025 – 3.20pm

PTA Toy and Book Sale

17th October 2025

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

October 2025

Black History Month

23rd October 2025 – 9.10am

Macmillan Coffee Morning

23rd October 2025

Parents' Evening

24th October 2025

Teacher Training Day

27th-31st October 2025

Half Term Week

31st October 2025

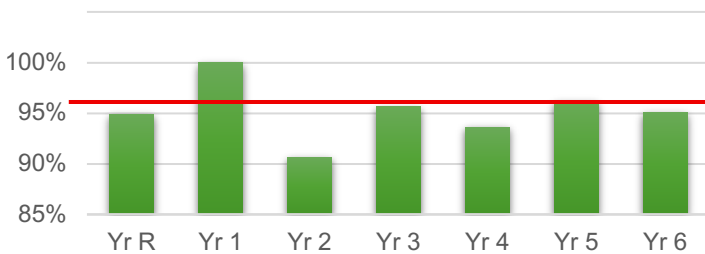
Deadline for Secondary
School Applications

3rd November 2025

Autumn Term² starts for children

Attendance

w/c 1st September 2025



96% is our **MINIMUM** expectation for attendance.

Did your child's class reach 96% last week?

This year's attendance, to date, is

95.4%

■ Percentage Attendance



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Vision, Ethos and Strategic Direction

In July, our Governors met with our senior leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school for the academic year 2025/26. They also reviewed our overall vision, values and ethos which we call The Woodcock Way and which we established at the beginning of the last academic year!

Our Governors meet regularly throughout the school year; one of their responsibilities is to review the school's progress towards its priorities.

Our priorities for the year ahead are:

Key Issue One: *Strengthen Governance in order that all governors understand the school's data and key performance indicators to effectively challenge and support the school.*

Key Issue Two: *Further strengthen the schools' strategies of working with pupils and families, to identify and address barriers, in order to improve pupils' attendance and punctuality.*

Key Issue Three: *Strengthen teaching and learning through improved curriculum provision, in core subjects, to raise standards across all key stages*

Key Issue Four: *Establish a clear programme of personal and collective career development to positively impact on teaching and learning, pupil outcomes and whole school development.*

The Woodcock Way

VISION

Woodcock Hill Primary School will create a happy and nurturing environment where ambitions are unlimited.

VALUES

We are
RESPECTFUL
AMBITIOUS
CREATIVE
INCLUSIVE
INDEPENDENT
and we
PERSEVERE.

MISSION

Together we
EDUCATE and
MOTIVATE
each other to
ACHIEVE,
regardless of
background, in a
modern, diverse
United Kingdom.

EXPECTATIONS

Here
Everyday
Ready,
On time and
Engaged to
Strive for Success.



A Polite Reminder

We would like to respectfully remind all parents that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere in the school grounds. This is a policy of **Birmingham City Council** for all its sites including schools.

We would also respectfully ask you not to smoke or vape around the school entrance as children have complained to teachers about the smell of cigarette smoke and having to walk through it.

Birmingham City Council also prohibits dogs from school sites, and they will issue a **£65 fixed penalty notice** to anyone who brings a dog onto our school site.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Year Six Parents

Applications opened on 1 September 2025 for secondary school places for entry in September 2026. **The closing date is 31 October 2025 at 11:59pm.**

It is important that you apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools.

Applications received after the 31st October 2025 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 2nd March 2026.

Remember to list six different secondary schools. To make your online application go to:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Our School Values: *We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.*

PTA DIARY

13th October 2025 – 3.20pm

PTA Toy and Book Sale

17th October 2025

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

27th November 2025 – 2.30pm

School Christmas Fair

PTA Christmas Craft Fair

28th November 2025

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

12th February 2026

2.30pm – 3.15pm

PTA Valentine's Disco for
EYFS/KS1

12th February 2026

3.30pm – 4.15pm

PTA Valentine's Disco for KS2

13th February 2026

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

5th March 2026 – 3.20pm

PTA Book Sale

26th March 2026 – 9.30am

EYFS & KS1 Easter Assembly
with PTA Cake Sale

27th March 2026

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

21st May 2026

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

12th June 2026 – 2.30pm

PTA Summer Fair

3rd July 2026

PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

10th July 2026 – 5pm

PTA Year Six Prom

All dates are on our school
website diary page.

Year One Parent Workshop

Last week's diary section omitted our Year One's Parent Workshop. This was on the Website Diary but not on the newsletter. The Year One Parent Workshop will take place on 8th October at 9.10am and will help you to support your children with phonics.

House Groups

In school every child is part of a House Group: Emerald, Sapphire or Ruby. Each House Group competes to be the best each week – with scores announced in our Friday Assembly.

Every child is in the same House Group as their brother and/or sister.

Once every half term we have a House Group meeting where each group meets to explore our school value for that half term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for siblings to work together in school.



Pupil Voice

Each class will shortly elect two school councillors. Our School Council meets regularly, with each school councillor representing the views and opinions of their classmates.

Our School Council gives our pupils a voice in decisions about school life. Members of the School Council learn leadership, teamwork and communication skills while contributing to a positive school environment.

Our School Council is led by Mrs Clarson.

Toy and Book Sale

Our PTA, Friends of Woodcock Hill, are holding a Pre-Loved Toy and Book Sale on 13th October 2025 at 3.20pm in the KS2 Hall.

With Christmas approaching this is a great opportunity to clear out some un-used toys and books and create space for the new arrivals at Christmas!

If you have any good quality toys and books you would like to donate, please leave them in the Foyer at school in a bag/box marked PTA Toy Sale.



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