

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th June 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

After 11 years, Mr Bates is hanging up his set of school keys and departing the green open spaces of Woodcock Hill Primary School for another primary school. The staff and I have enjoyed working with him and will miss his cheery smile each day. I know the children will miss him too as many of them have repeatedly said to me, 'Did you know Mr Bates is leaving?' Although Monday will be his official last day with us, we said goodbye to him in our celebration assembly this morning. On behalf of the staff, governors and children I'd like to thank him for 11 years of service to our school.

Next week will be a busy week in school for staff, children and parents. Our Year Six children will be venturing off to spend the day at their secondary schools, children in years R to 5 will be spending time with their new teachers, our new Reception children will be paying us a visit and it's our Sports' Day and Family Picnic.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended this week's Children and Anxiety workshop.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



DIARY

w/c 30th June Lunch Menu:
Week Three

2nd July

Transition Morning

3rd July

Sports' Day and Family Picnic with
PTA Refreshments Shop

8th July

Annual School Reports

10th July

Year Two's Class Assembly

11th July

PTA: Year Six Prom

16th July

Parents' Evening

17th July

Reception Class
Graduation Assembly

18th July

Year Six Leavers' Assembly

18th July

Last Day of Summer Term
for children

21st July

Teacher Training Day

1st and 2nd September

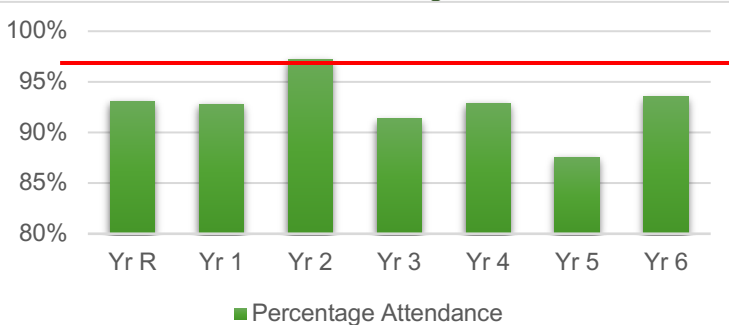
Teacher Training Day

3rd September

First Day of Autumn Term
For children

Attendance

w/c 16th June 2025



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

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

This year's attendance, to date, is

92%



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Sports' Day and Family Picnic 3rd July

These arrangements are subject to weather conditions and may have to be changed or cancelled at short notice.

11.00am Parents arrive and join their child's class. Each class will rotate around several sporting activities. If you have more than one child, you can remain on one activity until your other children arrive at it, or you can rotate around different activities ensuring you see all your children at least once.

After these activities, children will return to their classrooms.

12.15pm (approx.) children can be collected from their classrooms and join you and your family outside in the school grounds to eat their school lunch and any picnic foods you have brought with you. **Nuts should not be included in any foods brought onto the school site.** We encourage you to join with other families and enjoy this communal event. Please bring a picnic, a blanket to sit on and an umbrella for shade. Children handed into your care will be your responsibility.

Any children who do not have family and friends present will sit with staff from their own class. Alternatively, you can nominate them to sit with another family; do this by speaking to your child's class teacher and the other parent **before 3rd July.**

At 1pm, children return to their classes for the afternoon session of school. Parents and families leave the school site. **Children will not be permitted to leave school early.**

Alcohol, smoking, vaping and dogs are not permitted on the school site.

Celebration Assembly

In our assembly today, we celebrated the achievements of:



Reception
Amna-Rafat and Ivy-Lyn

Year One
Amjad and Zakirah

Year Two
Ellie-Rose and Emma

Year Three
Lola and Rogan

Year Four
Angelo and Rofayda

Year Five
Harris and Marayha

Year Six
Ryan^o and Suard

Teachers 2025/26

Early Years Foundation Stage

Reception:

Mrs Harris and Mrs Winkett
with Miss Mills and Mrs Rees

Key Stage One

Year One:
Mrs Shannon
with Mrs Evans

Year Two:
Mrs Beranová
with Mrs Charles

Key Stage Two

Year Three:
Mr Whitcombe
with Mrs Cullen and Mrs Meddings

Year Four:
Mrs Clarson
with Miss Tildesley

Year Five:
Mrs Keating
with Mrs Falaschi and Miss Narey

Year Six:
Mrs Mitchell
with Miss Silvester

Early Years Foundation Stage / Key Stage One / Key Stage Two
Launchpad:
Mrs Nash
with Miss Boswell, Miss Croft and Mr Hasnine

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10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Transition Morning 2nd July 2025

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, children in Year Six will visit their new Secondary Schools; their new schools should have communicated this information to parents.

Also on this day, children at Woodcock Hill will spend the first part of their morning in their new classrooms, with their new teachers. A list of teachers and teaching assistants for next year has been included in this newsletter.

Children joining Woodcock Hill's Reception Class in September 2025 will be visiting our school between 9.15am and 10.30am; we are looking forward to welcoming them to our wonderful school.



Free Cycling Lessons



Bike Right are offering free cycle lessons this summer holidays which are funded by Birmingham City Council. They are expecting these free courses to be very popular and suggest booking your space as soon as possible. To book your child's place please follow the link below:

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=birmingham&course=child-group>

Bulls in the City

This summer, Birmingham will welcome an exciting new art trail to the city. The iconic **Birmingham Bullring Bull** will be joined by 40 large bull sculptures, as well as around 85 calves. We're keeping their exact locations secret for the moment, but the trail promises to be a fun family activity. It will take families around the city to find one decorated bull after another, with each design created by a local artist or sponsored by a local business.

This art trail will celebrate our city and raise awareness of Birmingham Hospice and the care it provides for the people of Birmingham and their loved ones. The trail is a great way to get outside, get active, and give back to Birmingham Hospice, offering a fun, free summer holiday activity for families. The trail will be in **Birmingham from July 16 to September 14, 2025.**

You can find out more about the trail here: <https://bullsinthecity.co.uk>



Medieval Day: Weoley Castle

Join Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery staff for a special event where you will learn what life in medieval Birmingham was like. Re-enactors will perform battle displays and there will be guided tours, face painting, Warhammer activities and much, much more!

The Portable Antiques Scheme work to record archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales. They'll bring along some objects and activities to take part in.

The event costs £3.50 per person and will take place on 19th July between 11am and 4pm.

Further details and tickets can be found at <https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/events/medieval-open-day>

Baseball Caps

We have a small number of black baseball caps for sale at £2 each. These can be purchased via our online app.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT: Your child's school report will be sent home on **Tuesday 8th July 2025**

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