

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 16th May 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week in school, our Year Six children have undertaken their end of key stage tests (SATs). We are immensely proud of their independence and perseverance in undertaking these tests. Whilst SATs form part of the educational landscape, they do not measure the true worth of the children here at Woodcock Hill.

*SATS don't measure sports, SATS don't measure art,  
SATS don't measure music or the kindness in your heart.*

*SATS don't see your beauty, SATS don't know your worth,  
SATS don't know the reason you were put upon this Earth.*

*SATS don't see your magic, how you make others smile,  
SATS don't time how quickly you can run a mile.*

*SATS don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,  
SATS are just a **tiny** glimpse of who you really are.*

*(Unknown author)*

This is also true for children undertaking their KS1 SATs, Phonics Check and Multiplication Tables Checks in the forthcoming weeks.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



# DIARY

w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May Lunch Menu:  
**Week One**

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
KS1 SATs Week (2)

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Week

12<sup>th</sup> June  
PTA Summer Fair

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Year One Phonics Check  
Year Four Times Tables Checks

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June  
School Ground's Week

25<sup>th</sup> June  
Children and Anxiety Workshop

27<sup>th</sup> June  
Non-Uniform Fundraiser

3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Sports' Day and Family Picnic with  
PTA Refreshments Shop

10<sup>th</sup> July  
Year Two's Class Assembly

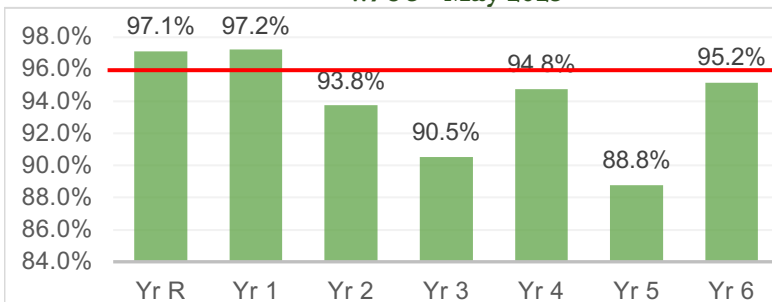
11<sup>th</sup> July  
PTA: Year Six Prom

16<sup>th</sup> July  
Parents' Evening

17<sup>th</sup> July  
Reception Class  
Graduation Assembly

## Attendance

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025



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

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

This year's attendance, to date, is **91.9%**



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## Art Competition CLOSING DATE: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Cupboard Fillers

We have a large number of food items in our food bank which we would like to donate to families at our school.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May we will be running another **Cupboard Fillers** event where you can choose items from our food bank – free of charge.

What you need to do:

- ✓ Come to the infant hall from 3.15pm
- ✓ Bring a couple of carrier bags
- ✓ Select up to **10** food items
- ✓ Take them home

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 3.15pm in the Infant Hall**

**Strictly limited to parents of children at  
Woodcock Hill Primary School**

### Year Five Parents

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham or the West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2026).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The test will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

[www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk)

### Free Support for Grammar School Tests

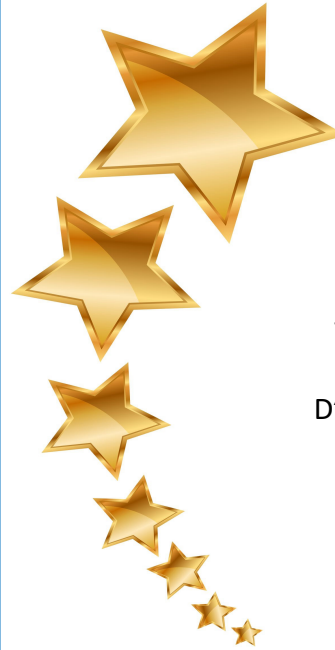
Did you know the King Edward VI Foundation has partnered with Atom Learning to provide Free Entrance Test Support for eligible pupils? Atom Learning is an online familiarisation platform designed to help children become familiar with what to expect from the Birmingham Grammar Schools' Entrance Test and therefore feel better prepared on the day. Pupils can access material on this platform at any time, and for as many hours as they may wish to use it.

The free Atom Home account is available to children who are eligible for the Pupil Premium, in Year 3, 4, or 5, at primary schools across the West Midlands.

Further details have been included with today's newsletter for parents of children in years 3, 4 and 5.

## Celebration Assembly

Today in our assembly we celebrated the achievements of:



#### Reception

Elodie and Jacob

#### Year One

Damian and Miya

#### Year Two

Avira and Emma

#### Year Three

Jensen and Muneeb

#### Year Four

D'Angelo and Lily-Janet

#### Year Five

Elliott and Olivia

#### Year Six

Whole Class

### Term Dates 2025-26

The following dates are for indicative purposes only; 5 teacher training days, have yet to be allocated.

#### Autumn Term 2025

##### Term Starts:

Monday 1 September 2025

**Half-term:** Monday 27 October 2025 to  
Friday 31 October 2025

##### Term ends:

Friday 19 December 2025

#### Spring Term 2026

##### Term Starts:

Monday 5 January 2026

**Half-term:** Monday 16 February 2026 to  
Friday 20 February 2026

##### Term ends:

Friday 27 March 2026

#### Summer Term 2026

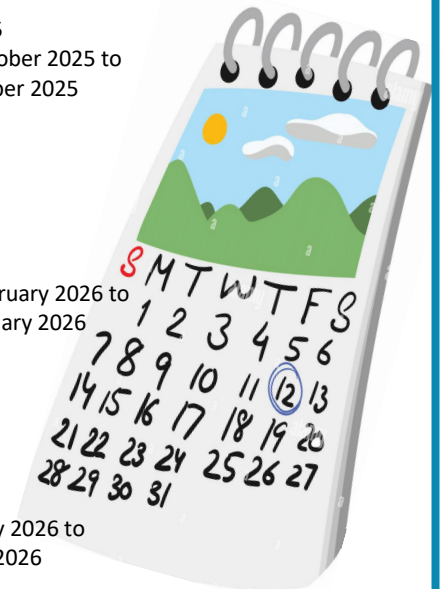
##### Term Starts:

Monday 13 April 2026

**Half-term:** Monday 25 May 2026 to  
Friday 29 May 2026

##### Term ends:

Monday 20 July 2026



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