

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter of the new academic year. It was such a joy to see the children again after the summer break and it was lovely to see so many of you smiling as you brought them through the school gates.

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming several new children to our school and some new members of staff too. Today, we welcomed our new Reception children who astounded me with how well they came into school on their first day and immediately began engaging in their learning. I know that our school community will make all of our newcomers feel welcome.

Here at Woodcock Hill, the needs of the children are always paramount in the life and decision making within the school. We strongly believe in providing children with exciting, creative, and meaningful learning experiences which build their enthusiasm for learning and help them to grow and develop positively in a variety of ways. With this in mind, staff have been busy improving the school environment over the summer and I am extremely appreciative of the amazing staff team I have here at Woodcock Hill. On behalf of the governors and myself, I would like to thank them for giving up so much of their own time to benefit the children.

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

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins



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## DIARY

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> September Lunch Menu:  
**Week Two**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**

First Day of Autumn Term  
for children (Yrs 1-6)

**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 – 9.10am**

Year Six Parent Workshop:  
KS2 SATs

**30<sup>th</sup> September –**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Year Six Residential

**October 2026**

Black History Month

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – 9.10am**

Year One Parent Workshop:  
Phonics

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – 9.10am**

Reception Parent Workshop

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Harvest Food Collection

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2026 – 9.10am**

Coffee Morning in support of  
Cancer Charities

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

Parents' Evening

**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026**

Teacher Training Day

**26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Half Term Week

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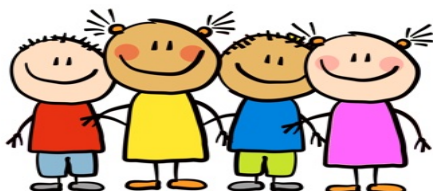
# Friends of Woodcock Hill Primary School

Our PTA organise a huge number of events throughout the school year as well as supporting families with a uniform swap shop. This invaluable work is undertaken by a small number of our parents. If you would like to get involved, please contact our PTA via the school office.

## Our School Values

In 2022, we worked with the whole school community to select our school values. Our values underpin our relationships with one another, our curriculum and everything that we do.

Each term we will focus more deeply on one of our values through our assembly themes.



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| Autumn Term <sup>1</sup> | <b>Inclusivity</b>    |
| Autumn Term <sup>2</sup> | <b>Creativity</b>     |
| Spring Term <sup>1</sup> | <b>Ambition</b>       |
| Spring Term <sup>2</sup> | <b>Perseverance</b>   |
| Summer Term <sup>1</sup> | <b>Respectfulness</b> |
| Summer Term <sup>2</sup> | <b>Independence</b>   |

## Calling all go-getters.

## Ready to try something new?

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Come along to discover Scouting and try exciting new activities! Rea Valley Scout District

**Who**  
All young people aged 4 to 17 years old

**When**  
Sunday 20th September 2026 at 12pm-2pm

**What**  
Opening celebration and community celebration

**Where**  
Bartley Green Scout Hut, Lutley Grove, B32 3PN

**Contact**  
bartleygreenscout@reavalleyscouts.org.uk to find out more

[scouts.org.uk/join](https://scouts.org.uk/join)

**#SkillsForLife**



## End of the School Day

Lessons end at **3.20pm** for Reception children and **3.25pm** for children in Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2). Children are dismissed shortly after these times.

## At a Glance: Term Dates 2026 - 2027

### Autumn Term 2026

#### Term Starts:

Tuesday 1 September 2026

**Half-term:** Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

#### Term ends:

Friday 18 December 2026

### Spring Term 2027

#### Term Starts:

Monday 4 January 2027

**Half-term:** Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

#### Term ends:

Friday 25 March 2027

### Summer Term 2027

#### Term Starts:

Monday 12 April 2027

**Half-term:** Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

#### Term ends:

Wednesday 21 July 2027

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

# DIARY 2026-2027

## AUTUMN TERM

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**31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**

Deadline for Secondary  
School Applications

**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026**

Autumn Term<sup>2</sup>  
starts for children

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Children in Need  
What will Mr Higgins  
have to do this year?

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Non-uniform:  
Bottle Donation Day

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Odd Socks Day

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Anti-Bullying Week

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

Non-uniform:  
Chocolate Donation Day

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2026 – 9.10am**

Year Two Parent Workshop

**27<sup>th</sup> November 2026 – 2.30pm**

Christmas Fair  
PTA Craft Fair

**4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2026**

Christmas Jumper Days

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

School Christmas Lunch

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

Christingle Service  
in school for children

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2026 – 2.30pm**

Carols on the Playground  
led by KS2

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2026 -**

**9.30am**

KS1 Nativity

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

Christmas Parties & Disco

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2026**

Last Day of Autumn Term

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 –**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**

Christmas Break

## SPRING TERM

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

Teacher Training Day

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2027**

Spring Term<sup>1</sup> starts for  
children

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – 9.10am**

Year Four Parent Workshop:  
MTC

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – 9.10am**

Year Three Parent Workshop

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2027**

Odd Socks Day

**1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

Children's Mental  
Health Week

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

Parents' Evening

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – 9.10am**

Year Five Parent Workshop

**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

Half Term week

**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027**

Spring Term<sup>2</sup> starts  
for children

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2027**

National offer day for  
secondary school places

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

World Book Day

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2027 – 9.10am**

Year Four's Class Assembly

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2027 – 2.45pm**

EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet  
Parade

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2027**

Last Day of Spring Term

**26<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

Easter Break

## SUMMER TERM

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

Teacher Training Day

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2027**

Summer Term<sup>1</sup> starts for  
children

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – 9.10am**

Year Five's Class Assembly

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**Our School Vision:** *Woodcock Hill Primary school will  
create a happy and nurturing environment  
where ambitions are unlimited.*

## Class Teachers 2026-27

This year, your child's class teachers are as follows.

### **Launch Pad** (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

Mrs Ghahremani, Miss Croft and Miss Narey

### **Reception Class** (EYFS)

Mrs Shannon, Mrs Winkett, Mrs Rees,  
Miss Mills and Miss Boswell

### **Year One** (KS1)

Mrs Beranová, Mrs Evans and Mrs Meddings

### **Year Two** (KS1)

Mrs Patel, Mrs Falaschi and Mrs Meddings

### **Year Three** (KS2)

Miss James, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Meddings

### **Year Four** (KS2)

Mrs Keating, Miss Tildesley and Mrs Meddings

### **Year Five** (KS2)

Mrs Clarkson, Mr Roy and Mrs Winkett

### **Year Six** (KS2)

Mrs Mitchell, Mr Whitcombe,  
Miss Silvester and Mrs Winkett

## Need Help?

Mrs Attwood and Mrs Hogan are available in our school office to support you with many aspects of school life. Miss Gardner is available to support you and your child with any pastoral needs.

## Leadership Team

Woodcock Hill Primary  
School's leadership team is:

### **Head Teacher**

Mr D Higgins

### **Assistant Head Teachers**

Mrs H Mitchell & Mrs S Nash

### **EYFS and KS1 Leader**

Mrs W Shannon

### **KS2 Leader**

Mrs V Clarkson

## Our School Governors

The Governing Body of Woodcock Hill Primary School is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds. The school governors are a group of individuals who are elected by parents and staff or co-opted by Birmingham local authority.

The role of a governor is to contribute to the work of the whole governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction. Our Chair of Governors and our Clerk to Governors can be contacted via the school office.

### **Our Governors are:**

Mr M Clancy  
Mr P. Court  
Mr J. Dakin (Chair)  
Mr D. Higgins  
Mrs J. Jones  
Mr A. Kirkman  
Mrs S. Nash  
Mrs G. Simm (Safeguarding Governor)  
Mr M Singh

### **Our Clerk to Governors is:**

Mrs S. Nolan

## SUMMER TERM

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**27<sup>th</sup> May 2027 – 9.10am**  
Year One's Class Assembly

**31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027**  
Half Term week

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2027**  
Summer Term<sup>2</sup> starts for children

**14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June 2027**  
School Grounds Week

**24<sup>th</sup> June 2027 – 9.10am**  
Year Three's Class Assembly

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2027**  
Sports' Week

**29<sup>th</sup> June 2027 – 11am**  
Sports' Day and Family Picnic

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2027**  
Transition Morning  
(EYFS – Year 5)  
Secondary Transition Day  
(Year 6)

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2027 – 9.10am**  
Year Two's Class Assembly

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2027**  
Parents' Evening

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2027 – 9.30am**  
Reception Class  
Graduation Assembly

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2027 – 9.10am**  
Year Six Leavers' Assembly

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2027**  
School year ends for children

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