

# NEWSLETTER



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school after the Easter break. Children have returned full of the joys of spring and have enjoyed telling me which of their Easter Eggs was their favourite.



As we start the summer term, we have some exciting news. Next week, the children will meet a very special lady who will be working with our school; not only will she be working with our school, but her dog will be too! Woodcock Hill Primary School's dog mentoring programme will begin next week! Included in this newsletter are the benefits for our pupils when engaging with dog mentoring.

Some of you may have noticed the introduction of our new **Parent Library**. No, this is not where children can exchange their parents for different ones but rather a free book library for you to use. It is in the Infant Foyer and it's a place for you to enjoy a book, take a book home or donate a book or two back to the library. We would like you to enjoy books as much as we do.



With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

# DIARY

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April Lunch Menu:  
**Week One**

## SUMMER TERM

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Summer Term<sup>1</sup> starts for children

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
Autism Workshop:  
Structure and routine

6<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Autism Workshop:  
Supporting sensory needs

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 9.10am  
Year Five's Class Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – 9.10am  
Year One's Class Assembly

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026  
PTA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Teacher Training Day

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Half Term week

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Summer Term<sup>2</sup> starts for children

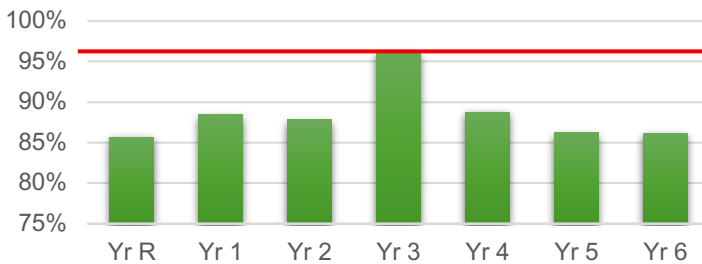
10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Autism Workshop:  
Social understanding

12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – 2.30pm  
PTA Summer Fair

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
School Grounds Week

## Attendance

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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

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

This year's attendance, to date, is

**92.1%**



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## Easter Egg Competition Winners

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Decorate an Egg Competition at the end of last term. The very worthy winners were:

**Finley** (Reception), **Jacob** (Yr1), **Klara** (Yr2),  
**Emma** (Yr3), **Amelia** (Yr4), **Scarlett** (Yr5)  
and **Willow-Mae** (Yr6)

## Dog Therapy

From 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, Woodcock Hill Primary School will be running a dog mentoring programme with a fully trained dog and their mentor. Pupils will be able to interact in 1:1 sessions, small group sessions as well as the wider whole school.

Several scientific studies have proven the benefits of dog mentoring programmes. Dog mentoring in schools help children with:

- Stress levels
- Cognition
- Language
- Behaviour at home
- Self-esteem
- Anxiety



The name and details about our school therapy dog and their mentor will take place in a special assembly on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Breakfast Club

Our **Breakfast Club** is now open from 8am. This service is **completely free of charge**, as it has been for several years. Children receive a range of breakfast foods and drinks to prepare them for the school day. They also have some time to meet with other children and interact before the school day begins at 8.55am

## Our Next Autism Workshop:

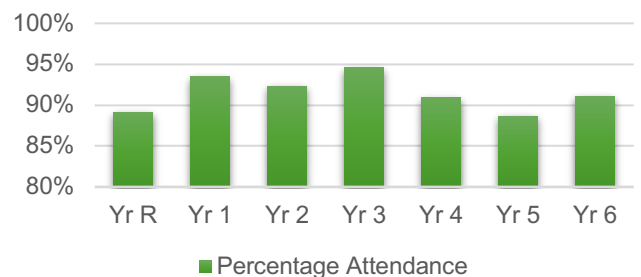
Structure and Routine - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026, 9am.

## Attendance and Punctuality

It is important that all children attend school regularly and on time. In school, we have an attendance shop, where it is always wonderful to see children exchanging their weekly points for prizes. **Please help your child to achieve this by making sure that they are in school, every day and on time.**

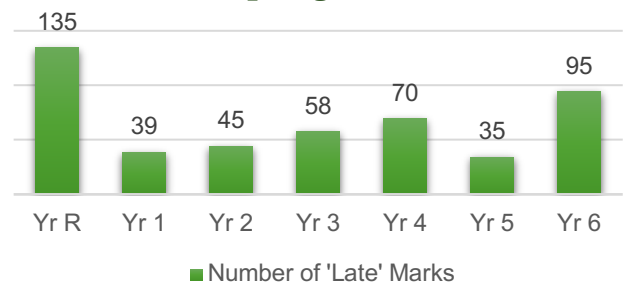
Attendance for last term was disappointing as no class achieved our goal of 96%. **Well done to Year Three** who almost achieved it with 94.56%

### Spring 2026



**Well done to Years One and Five** who each had less than 40 late marks in the spring term.

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**Our School Expectations: *Here Everyday, Ready, On time and Engaged to Strive for success.***