Woodcock Hill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today, was my annual children in need challenge; at the time of writing this letter I have no idea what your children have planned for me – but I'm sure they will let you know!

Next week in school is anti-bullying week. This is a nationally recognised week where schools across England, Wales and Northern Ireland encourage children, young people and adults to start conversations about bullying. It encourages us all to speak up, listen and take action together.

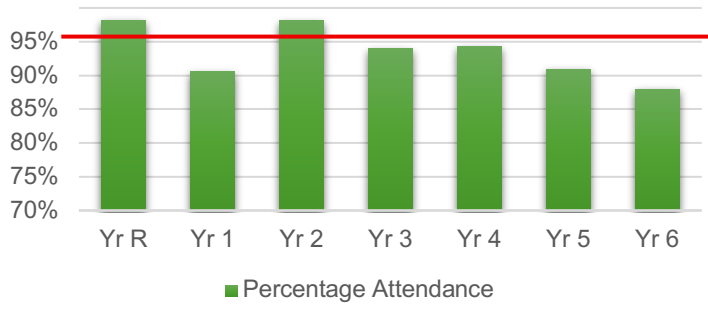
In today's world, bullying can happen in new and complex ways. It happens face to face, on line and through new technologies. With this in mind, we encourage children at Woodcock Hill to speak and share their experiences so that we can appropriately support them.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

Attendance

w/c 2nd November 2026



96% is our MINIMUM expectation for attendance.

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

This year's attendance, to date, is

92.9%

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DIARY

w/c 16th November Lunch Menu:
Week Three

16th November 2026
Odd Socks Day

16th – 20th November 2026
Anti-Bullying Week

20th November 2026
Non-uniform:
Chocolate Donation Day

26th November 2026 – 9.10am
Year Two Parent Workshop

4th December 2026
PTA: Christmas Discos
EYFS/KS1 **2.30pm – 3.15pm**
KS2 **3.30pm – 4.15pm**

4th, 11th, & 18th December 2026
Christmas Jumper Days

9th December 2026
School Christmas Lunch

14th December 2026
Christingle Service
in school for children

15th December 2026 – 2.30pm
Carols on the Playground
led by KS2
PTA: Refreshments

16th & 17th December 2026 - 9.30am
KS1 Nativity

18th December 2026
Christmas Parties & Disco

Non-Uniform Days

As we run up to our Christmas celebrations, we kindly ask for voluntary donations towards our Christmas Fair. Next Friday is 'Chocolate Day'; children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation of an item of chocolate.

Throughout December Fridays will also be Christmas Jumper days for which we do not request any donations.

Year Two Workshop

Our next parent workshop was due to take place on 26th November 2026. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone this workshop until the new year.



Apply Online for your Child to Start Reception Class in September 2027

To apply visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions** and submit an online application from 1 October 2026 and **by 15 January 2027** (the final closing date).

Online applicants who submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2027.

Celebration Assembly

In this week's celebration assembly, we celebrated the achievements of:



Reception
Dawn and Alvey

Year One
Remy-Rae and Eliza

Year Two
Hope and Elodie

Year Three
Sounounkoun and Leo[K]

Year Four
Scarlett and Tommy

Year Five
Malayah and Ahmad

Year Six
Richard and Evie

Sickness in School

We are currently seeing a higher number of staff and children with sickness in school. To help reduce the spread of illness, we are increasing our cleaning routines, encouraging regular handwashing, and ensuring good ventilation in classrooms.

Please help us by keeping your child at home if they are genuinely unwell and follow NHS guidance on when they can return to school after sickness.

If your child is absent from school, please expect a home visit from a member of school staff to check whether you and your children need any additional support.



Children In Need

If you would like to support Mr Higgins in raising money for Children in Need, you can make a donation via the ParentPay App. All donations for this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated.

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