

# NEWSLETTER



**1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

## **How to get in touch**



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[enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)



07950368561 – Families mobile to call or text with any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



[families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



[sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



[homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this for any support with home learning or using Google Classroom.



[Newsletter@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:Newsletter@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

- Use this to send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.

## **Useful links**

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

Additional learning resources and activities.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

Our parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.

Up to date school news.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-news>

Access our latest risk assessment, detailing our safety measures.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>

The Food Pantry – Quinton

<https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

Support with housing

<https://www.theprojectbirmingham.org/housing-advice/>

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for another good week at Woodhouse. I have been delighted by some of the amazing writing I have seen this week - especially from our superb Year 6 children. It has been a pleasure to see the brilliant work from across the school and to witness the progress being made. Thank you for your continued support with this.

I am grateful for your patience with dismissal in poor weather. As we did on Thursday, we will move Year 3 to the KS1 playground entrance by the Year 3 classrooms if the weather is wet. In good weather, the Year 3 children will be on the KS2 playground as they have been so far. Thank you for your patience and supportive response as we get to grips with making this work effectively and safely for all families and children. As the weather worsens, it is important that children are appropriately dressed. They will need an outdoor coat. If for any reason this is difficult, then please speak to me and I may be able to assist you. You only need to let me know.

Thank you for your support with the children's PE kit days. There remain a few children who do not come in their PE kit, and this is causing them to miss out on being able to fully access their PE sessions. We pride ourselves on our PE provision at Woodhouse, and it is crucial that children are ready for this important part of our day. May I also remind you that children should wear their school jumper on PE days. They may bring an additional top/coat for outside if they wish, but they should all have a school jumper on first. A few children are having to keep non-uniform jumpers on all day, as they do not have their school jumpers with them. There is not a uniform PE top, but this is only because I expect to see school green jumpers. Can I also ask that when buying tracksuit bottoms, dark colours look the smartest on the children please. We may be in a position to offer some WPA PE bottoms if this is something you would be interested in. Let me know if this is something you would want please.

I would also like to share a few key pieces of information which are on our school website:

Parents with Year 6 children have until the 31st October to complete their applications for a secondary school place. For more information see here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/secondary-school-places---september-2022>

Parents with children who hope to join our reception in September 2022 have until January to submit their preferences for Primary school admissions. Last year we had 199 first choice preferences for our 60 Reception places, so it is crucial that parents apply within the time frame. More details can be seen here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/reception-places-for-september-2022>

I also want to share the opportunities for support from Birmingham Children's Partnership for families in Birmingham. More details can be seen here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/birmingham-children--s-partnership-families-early-help-information>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend when it arrives,

Take care and stay safe,

Mr O Wilson – Head Teacher

Woodhouse Primary Academy



The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Nursery

Summer  
Keaton

Reception

Akkad  
Ayub  
Ryan  
Micah J

Year One

Faith  
Theo  
Orla  
Peeches

Year Two

Courtney  
Adam Jnr  
Sascha  
Jakub

Year Three

Rae'y  
Aaryz  
Kais  
Laura-Jane  
Nahom  
Helen

Year Four

Dexter  
Lexi  
Nyia  
Mila J  
Adam B  
Aryas  
Laith

Year Five

Ariana  
Jake  
Falay  
Heidi

Year Six

Aaliyah  
Dana  
Rashi  
Liyana  
Adele  
Raihan

Rainbow Room

James  
Bethany

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?



# School Dinner

## Menu

### 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October

**NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.**

**Menus may change at short notice due to ongoing supplier issues.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Fish Fingers	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza	<b>Picnic Day</b>
Breaded Vegetable Fingers	Vegetable Samosa	Roast Quorn and Stuffing	Beef Burger in a Bun	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich with Vegan Sausage Roll
Mini Waffles	Savoury Rice and Chip Shop Curry Sauce	Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chips	With Crisps and Fresh Salad
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Peas & Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans or Fresh Vegetables	
Arctic Roll	Iced Lemon Sponge and Custard	Jam Doughnut	Ice Cream	Selection of Fruit Desserts
Daily Fresh Salad Bar with Bread				

## Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email the Inclusion Team on [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

**Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.**



**20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **94.16%**

Last Week's attendance was: **92.82%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	96.09%		3A	94.67%
RS	95.97%		3N	94.48%
RW	91.03%		4H	85.86%
1L	92.76%		4SO	97.24%
1O	90.48%		5H	91.61%
2C	96.28%		5W	97.71%
2G	92.18%		6D	87%
RR	66.94%		<b>6W</b>	<b>98.94%</b>
			6WL	96.77%



Congratulations to **6W** who had the best class attendance for the second week running last week.

Can your class have the best attendance this week?

## Secondary School Applications – Year 6

We are running two workshops in the coming weeks to support parents in completing the application for a place at secondary school.

If you would like support with this or have any questions, please come along.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 3:20 – 4pm

Alternatively, speak to the main office or email

[families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk) for assistance.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1778/apply\\_for\\_secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_place](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place)

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## Glass Jars needed for BASC

Before and After School Club are after any unwanted glass pudding jars for a craft project they are doing later this year.

They are only after small glass jars such as baby food and pudding jars. If you have any to donate, please donate to BASC or the main office. Thank you.



## Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6**

**Secondary School Application workshops – 3:20 – 4:00pm**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening in School – 3:45 – 6:00pm**  
(Details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Parents Evening Telephone Appointments**  
– 3:45 – 6:00pm (Details to follow)

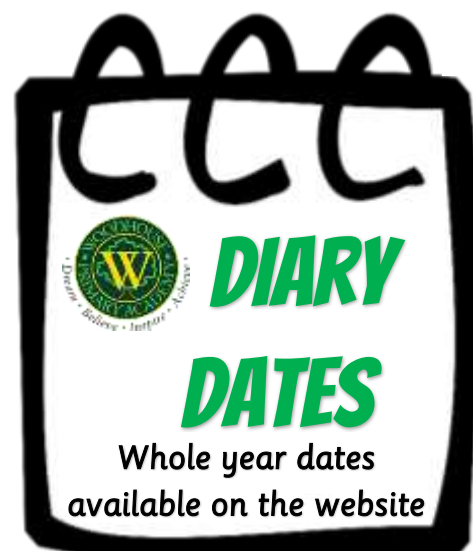
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Inset day, school closed to children**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – School open for children**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term for all children**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas Break**



## Spring Term 2022

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Inset day, school closed to children**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – First day school open for children**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day – Dress up day**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term for all children**

## Summer Term 2022

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – First day school opens for children**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school year for children**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Inset day, school closed to children**



# Harvest Festival



Our Harvest celebrations this year will be virtual due to the larger numbers of parents who usually attend these assemblies. This is to minimise unnecessary contact in school.

Each class will film their harvest performance and these will be posted onto their Google Classrooms on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are able to collect donations for the Quinton and Oldbury Foodbank, if you are able to do so you can make donations from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**At present the Foodbank are particularly short of the following items:**

Jam, Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned fish, Long life sponge puddings, Instant mash, Tinned meat including chicken, Long life fruit juice, Fruit squash, Long life milk, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Sweet and savoury treats, Toiletries of all types: shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste

**Items always useful are:**

Tea, Coffee, Toilet rolls

**They do not need any pasta, baked beans or soup**

**ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE DATED WELL WITHIN THEIR USE BY DATE OR BEST BEFORE DATE, PLEASE.**



Children's University has now resumed at Woodhouse and children can now begin to collect points once again. All children from years three up who are new to the scheme have been given a passport for learning. Those who already hold a passport can continue to collect points. Lost or completed passports can be replaced for £6.

### What is Children's University?

Children's University is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. We do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

### How do children collect points?

Children can collect points by completing each hour of extra-curricular activities. All points must be from a validated learning destination such as school or an outside agency that has agreed to take part in the scheme. All learning destinations can be found online and there are plenty to choose from in the West Midlands. Children can collect points by visiting museums or the library or by taking part in dance, sport, music or acting clubs. They can also gain points from Brownies or Scouts if they are completing badges. Each outside club must be agreed by Mrs Ali who can validate outside agencies. Children are encouraged to take part in lots of activities rather than just one. It is now recommended that one activity makes up no more than 30 hours per year.

### Passports

Each week children will be asked to provide evidence in their passports about clubs they have attended. Children will need to show a Children's University stamp or signature as evidence. It is also possible to record a set of weeks that can be submitted before for the half term deadlines. E.g. Art club 6 weeks.

### Graduations

At the end of each year, a Children's University graduation will take place to celebrate the children's achievements. Children who gain 30 hours or more will qualify for a bronze certificate. Children who have taken part previously will continue to a higher level.



# Help for all families in Birmingham



Food  
& Energy



Youth  
Support



Domestic  
Abuse



Emergency  
Funding



Money &  
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's  
Support



School Uniforms  
& Clothing



Parenting



Special Needs  
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual  
Health



Mental  
Health



Play

**Birmingham**  
Children's Partnership



# Birmingham

## Children's Partnership



### Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org  
0121 456 7821

### Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk  
0121 748 8199

### Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk  
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

### Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk  
07976 199894

### Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk  
07764 977636

### Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org  
07516 918 133

### Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1900

### Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com  
0121 441 4556

### Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org  
0121 752 1860

### Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk  
0121 289 4875



# Healthy Start Scheme

Healthy Start <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> aims to reduce child poverty and health inequalities by providing free vitamins, nutritional advice and weekly vouchers to buy food or formula milk to low income families with pregnant women and children up to the age of 4.

April 2021 the value of vouchers increased from £3.10 a week to £4.25 (£8.50 for a child under one year)

February 2021 data shows there was 61% uptake of HS Vouchers in Birmingham

**Approx. 7,631 eligible families are missing out on £64k of free food.**

- Healthy Start Website - [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)
- Healthy Start telephone number – 0345 607 6823 (applications can be made via phone – interpreter available if required)
- Healthy Start application form - [ES1042332 CCS155 CCS1120511728-001 HS01A Application Form Booklet.pdf \(healthystart.nhs.uk\)](#)
- HS retailers - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Healthy-Start-retailers.xlsx> (put first 3 digits of post code into find & select)

If you are eligible for support from the Healthy Start Scheme and aren't already receiving vouchers, take a look at the website for further information or speak to a member of the Inclusion Team.

14<sup>th</sup> July 2021





Our ref: AAJT/Oct2021

October 2021

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2022**

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

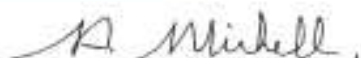
We would ask you to visit **[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)** and submit an online application from 1 October 2021 and by **15 January 2022** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold virtual open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2022, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 19 April 2022. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 19 April 2021 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell  
Head of School Admissions and Fair Access

# The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse from September



Miss T Mason  
SENDCo  
Assistant Head



Mr R Kennedy  
Learning Mentor  
DSL



Mr C Oakley  
Assistant Head  
Key Stage 1



Miss C Lavelle  
Assistant Head  
Key Stage 2



Mrs H Sumner  
Year 2 TA  
Pastoral Support

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of the team regarding your child or children's learning, behaviour, well-being, health or anything else then please get in touch. [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at [sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.

We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also there for our families and the wider school community. If we can help in any way: with food bank support, support with uniforms and clothing or with any other aspect of life, then please get in touch. If we cannot help directly, we can often sign post to the support needed and help you to access assistance. Please don't suffer in silence.

## Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to cope?



**Anna Freud**  
National Centre for  
Children and Families

**Text AFC to 85258**

### Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers,  
with support from experienced clinical specialists







## *Help for all families*



We've all been through a tough time recently.

The following organisations have partnered to provide services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

Birmingham Children's Partnership includes: Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Police and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council.

There is support available for domestic abuse, parenting courses, mental health support, financial help, alcohol and drug problems, bereavement support and more.

Follow these links to find out more:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham\\_children\\_s\\_partnership/2156/birmingham\\_children\\_s\\_partnership\\_-\\_resources](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_children_s_partnership/2156/birmingham_children_s_partnership_-_resources)

Alternatively, speak to a member of the Inclusion Team for more advice / support.

In most cases, you can self-refer for support.

One example of support they can offer is with emergency food and supplies grants of up to £100.

# The fun starts here



**Rainbows** learn by doing - they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

For girls aged 5 to 7  
(4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)

**Brownies** offers girls exciting opportunities take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

For girls aged 7 to 10.

**Brownies**



*'I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people'*  
Laura, Guide



**Guides**

**At Guides** you can explore new places, get involved in leadership opportunities and learn a huge range of new skills.

For girls aged 10 to 14

**In Rangers** you'll have exciting opportunities to travel the world, get your voice heard, support your community, and build skills for the future.

For young women aged 14 to 18



Rainbows - 5 to 7 years old

Brownies - 7 to 10 years old

Guides - 10 to 14 years old

Various venues in Quinton

edgbastundivision@gmail.com



## Join us today

[girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)  
or call **0800 169 5901**

Registered charity number 10403



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

**Girlguiding**



# SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

October 2021



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

## Occupational Therapy

### Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly

#### Speakers

**Ellie Steer & Sarah Gallagher**  
(SEND Occupational Therapists)

This Family Webinar will explore the impact the environment has on your child's ability to process sensory information. You will learn how to adapt your home to make it Sensory Friendly.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 10.00am – 11.00am**

**Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/ot-sensory-tots-making-your-home-sensory-friendly-5th-october-10am/>

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Sensory Tots - Making Your Home Sensory Friendly**

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/ot-sensory-tots-making-your-home-sensory-friendly-6th-october-630pm/>

The presentation and recording will be sent within 24 hours after the webinar when you book a ticket.

