

NEWSLETTER



22nd October 2021

How to get in touch



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



families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

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



sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

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



homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

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



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,

We come to the end of our first half term of the 2021-22 school year. I have been delighted with the way in which your children have flourished this half term as they have settled into their new classes. There has been wonderful work, fantastic friendship and incredible intelligence from all of our children in school. I am very proud of the super effort and commitment they are showing and want to thank you as parents and carers for the significant support you give to our school. We are a team and I feel very fortunate to lead a school where we collaborate and work together in the best interests of the children. Thank you for the way in which you encourage and support the adults in school - I know you appreciate the dedication and hard work which all the adults in school give each day.

It has been great to catch up with you about the progress and learning of your child at the parents' evenings - both in person and on the phone. If for any reason you have been unable to speak with your child's teacher, please speak to them and arrange this. It is vital - for the child, for you and for school - that you hear how well they are doing, how they can improve and how you can support and help them at home. If there is anything which concerns you or you would like support with, then you only need to let us know. We will **always** do everything we can to help and assist.

There remains the spectre of coronavirus in our local area and our country. Within school we have not been too negatively affected so far this term, other than through unavoidable staff absence. I am grateful that those staff, children and families affected have not been too ill with the virus. We have managed to successfully return to a more normal way of running school after the restrictions of the past 18 months, which has made a significant positive impact on the children. However, it is crucial that we continue to take the virus seriously and to do our best to protect each other, our school and our community. You can help this by taking a test if someone in your child is a close contact of a positive case, testing your child if they display any symptoms which **might** be coronavirus and remaining cautious. As a reminder a negative Lateral Flow Test, which you do at home, is for testing without symptoms - it is always safer to take your child for a PCR test at a walk in/drive through test centre (our closest remains Woodgate Valle). A negative LFD is not a certainty that symptoms are not coronavirus - use your judgement, but I would encourage you to be cautious. The virus has not gone away, so we need to remain vigilant so that school is not too negatively affected. Thank you in advance for your support and help with this.

As a reminder, please remember that the school finishes for half term at the end of today, Friday 22nd October and the children return to Woodhouse on **Tuesday 2nd November**. On Monday 1st November there is a school training day, so children will not attend. Our Autumn term ends on Friday 17th December. All other details of our term dates, including inset days are always available through our newsletter and through the school website here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>

I hope you have a wonderful half term break as a family, and that you are able to rest and spend some quality time together. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd November.

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 22nd October.

Nursery

Aiyana
Arlo

Reception

Lewis
Effie
Beau
Doklejd

Year One

Ersyad
Majd
Stephen
AJ

Year Two

Rhyley-Joe
Shona
Zyannah
Reon

Year Three

Lewis
Madison
Helen
Jacob
Lara

Year Four

Laith
Arfah
Logan
Sarah M
Maryam

Year Five

Harry B
Lily
Reegan
Asiyah
Ruth

Year Six

Donte
Ibrahim
Eesah
Iffah
Taran
Tanisha

Rainbow Room

George
Alfie
James

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

2nd — 5th November

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

We are currently experiencing supplier issues, similar to the supermarkets. Some of the menus have had to be altered slightly as a result.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed for INSET day	Fish Fingers	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Mild Beef Chilli	Pizza Day
	Vegetable Samosa	Roast Quorn and Stuffing	Mild Quorn Chilli	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza
	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans			
	Savoury Rice and Chip Shop Curry Sauce	Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Herb Pasta	With Chips and Fresh Salad
	Peas & Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetables	With Rice and Tortilla Chips	
	Apple Crumble and Custard	Jam Doughnut	Chocolate Concrete and Custard	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

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.



11th – 15th October 2021

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **94.13%**

Last Week's attendance was: **94.06%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	92.97%		3A	94.29%
RS	93.33%		3N	94.10%
RW	92.28%		4H	94.67%
1L	97%		4SO	96%
1O	91.28%		5H	93.13%
2C	95.67%		5W	93.51%
2G	94.33%		6D	97.75%
RR	75.83%		6W	95.24%
			6WL	97.88%



Congratulations to **6WL** who had the best class attendance this week.

Can your class have the best attendance this week?

Secondary School Applications – Year 6

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is October 31st. Please come and speak to us if you need any assistance in applying or any advice.

You can speak directly to the Year 6 staff, the main office or contact us via phone on 0121 464 1769 or email us on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk for assistance.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place

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 25th October to Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 1st November – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 2nd November – School open for children

Friday 12th November – Children in Need (details to follow)

Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day to mark anti-bullying week

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Dinner Day

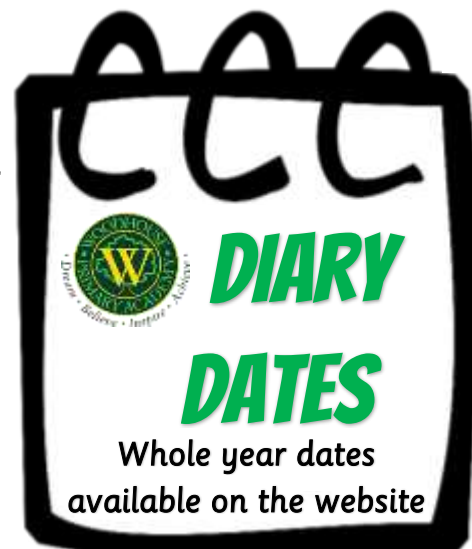
Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13th December – Year 1 visit to Cadbury World

Wednesday 15th December – Whole School Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 17th December – Last day of term for all children

Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January – Christmas Break



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January – First day school open for children

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – Dress up day

Friday 8th April – Last day of term for all children

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – First day school opens for children

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of school year for children

Thursday 21st July – Inset day, school closed to children



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.

Autumn Challenge 2021



<p>Get crafty this autumn with natural items. Make an autumn Mandala and find out the meaning behind mandalas and write your interpretation.</p>	<p>Pumpkin carving—pick up a pumpkin from your local supermarket or go pumpkin picking and carve a funny or scary pumpkin. Be sure to display it in your window for Halloween!</p>	<p><u>Make people feel better about themselves.</u> It is always nice to be kind to others so why not walk along a popular trail or field and leave kind notes for people to find to make them feel happier.</p>	<p>With the darker nights creeping in, why not go star gazing and read about astrology and write about your favourite star constellation.</p>
<p>Write your own spooky Halloween poem. Think about what you like Halloween and have a go at rhyming.</p>	<p>With bonfire night round the corner have a go at making your own rocket out of recyclable items in your house</p>	<p>Harvest time— The harvest season falls at different times of the year depending upon region, climate, and crop. Find out about different harvest times around the world and write about one. Or draw a picture about different harvests over the world.</p>	<p>Make different harvest style foods. Why not try pumpkin and make a pumpkin pie / cupcakes or toffee apples for Halloween and bonfire night.</p>



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



Pregnant? Children under four?

Don't miss out on **HEALTHY START**
food and vitamin vouchers worth
over £900 per child*

FREE

fruit, veg, milk
and vitamins for
you and your family.
Worth up to

£8.50

per week**

You may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers if
you're **at least 10 weeks pregnant** or have
a child under four years old. Your family
must also receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with a family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (with a family take-home pay of £408 or less per month).

You also qualify if you are
under 18 and pregnant, even
if you don't get any of
the above benefits.

Sign up today www.healthystart.nhs.uk
or telephone **0345 6076823**

Healthy Start

Give your family a Healthy Start

* If you sign up at the first opportunity, when you are ten weeks pregnant

** If your child is under one, you'll receive two £4.25 vouchers per week.

If your child is 1-4 years old, you will receive one £4.25 voucher per week.





Healthy Eating/Recipes

- [Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](http://startwell2020.startwellbirmingham.co.uk)
- www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes
- <https://my.whisk.com/feed>
- [Healthy eating on a budget | BHF](#)
- [Diabetes-UK-African Caribbean-Guide.pdf \(nhsforhvalley.com\)](#)
- [FINAL A5 Healthyeating SAsian7.qxd \(diabetes.org.uk\)](#)
- www.tomkerridge.com/full-time-meals/
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-2gPJUOiqM&list=PLb1P0NWdnLLMAWayc9IbIm-8abQ8oHcG8> - healthy eating webinars

Keeping Active

- [Disney Shake Up Games | 10 Minute Shake Up | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Startwell being active - [180 Katie - Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](#)
- [PE With Joe | 2021 - YouTube](#)

Useful sites

- Pregnancy start4life: www.nhs.uk/start4life/
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership: [Home - Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership \(lscpbirmingham.org.uk\)](#)
- Birmingham Forward Steps: [Birmingham Forward Steps – The best start for our children \(bhamforwardsteps.co.uk\)](#)
- Supporting children's mental health: [Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families \(place2be.org.uk\)](#)
- Mental wellbeing: [Home - Kooth](#)
- ICON: [ICON - Babies cry you can cope - Advice and Support | ICON \(iconcope.org\)](#)
- Food Banks: [All Food Banks | Find FoodBanks Brum](#)
- Healthy Start webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko3TP07EurE>

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.

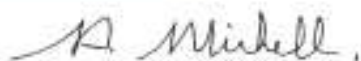
We would ask you to visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions** and submit an online application from 1 October 2021 and by **15 January 2022** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting 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

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

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

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
or call **0800 169 5901**

Registered charity number 10403



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