



NEWSLETTER

10th December 2021



How to get in touch



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0121 464 1769



www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk



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

- 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/>



School Dinner

Menu

13th – 17th December



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Fish Fingers	Roast Dinner Day	Mild Beef Chilli	Pizza Day
Pork Sausage Hot Dogs	Vegetable Samosa	Roast Chicken or Gammon		Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza
Vegetable Fingers	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Baked Beans	Roast Quorn	Mild Quorn Chilli	
Mini Waffles	Savoury Rice and Chip Shop Curry Sauce	Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Herb Pasta with Garlic Bread	With Chips and Fresh Salad
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Peas & Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetables	With Rice and Tortilla Chips	
Arctic Roll	Lemon Iced Sponge and Custard	Jam Doughnut	Festive 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

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

22nd – 26th November 2021

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **93.92%**
Last Week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **92.31%** KS2: **92.96%** Whole School: **92.75%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	87.32%		3A	93.79%
RS	96.00%		3N	95.49%
RW	93.62%		4H	97.98% ★
1L	96%		4SO	96.67%
1O	93.93%		5H	84.36%
2C	90.67%		5W	97.74%
2G	92.00%		6D	90.94%
RR	77.31%		6W	94.18%
			6WL	89.67%



Congratulations to **4H** who had the best class attendance last week.

Will your class have had the best attendance this week?

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success this week.
 A BIG thank you must go to Mrs Scott for organising the entire event.

All of the children seemed to be having lots of fun, especially on the 'snowball the teacher' game.

Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise over £1300, which will be going towards new playground equipment for the children.

Congratulations to our prizes winners: Caiden in Y3, James in RR and Grace in Y5 won prizes in the raffle. Amaari in Y6, Isaac in Y6 and Adam in Y4 won prizes in the penalty shoot-out.

If you haven't entered already, there is still time to have a go at the 'dress up your pet' and 'guess the teacher' online games, just follow the link below:
 Winners will be announced on Wednesday next week.

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/xmasfair2021/home>



Christmas Festivities

Here's a few snaps from the fayre and our Christmas dinner day.



Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

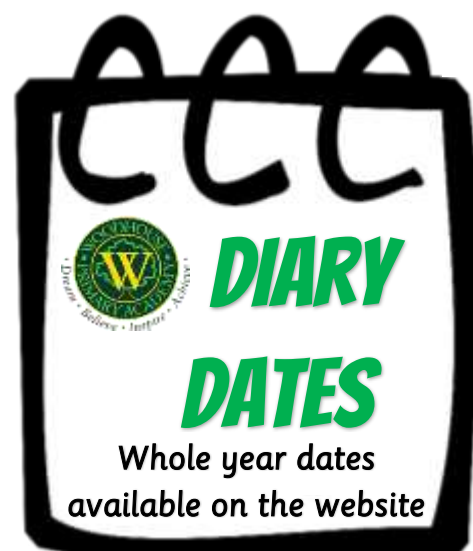
Monday 13th December – Year 1 visit to Cadbury World

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

Woodhouse PE kits

Here at Woodhouse, we know that our children are AMAZING in their PE lessons. They have also been fantastic at remembering to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. We think it's about time we all looked just as good whilst doing PE.



How smart do Lewis and Ella look modelling our new PE kits? These can be purchased via the link to our supplier, Cicada Sports. There is a discounted price for purchasing the full set too.

We are going to be encouraging our staff to take advantage of our new kits too so that we can all look incredibly smart together.

Here's the link to the website for purchasing new PE kits if you would like to do so:

<https://www.cicadasports.co.uk/index.php?route=product/search&search=woodhouse>

Where's Wendy?

Wendy can be found working with pupils. She can support pupils with their emotional well being.

Wendy can be found working with staff.
She is trained to help staff with a variety of issues that are affecting their life.



Did you know Wendy is a qualified therapist?

She is qualified in Counselling and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.

If you'd like to speak to Wendy ask at Reception.

Wendy is in school on Thursdays.

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



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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.

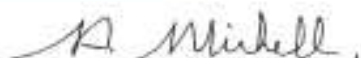
We would ask you to visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions** and submit an online application from 1 October 2021 and by **15 January 2022** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting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

From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it can get harder over Winter, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.
2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.
3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.
4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).
5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).
6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).
7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.

