

# NEWSLETTER



**13<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## **How to get in touch**



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

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



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

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

## **School Start Times**

*ALL children are welcome from 8:35am. The earlier the better!*

Year Group	Start Time	Pick up time
Nursery	Gates open at 8:35am Class starts at 9am	3pm
Reception Year 1 Year 2	Gates open at 8:35am Gates & Doors into school close at 8:55am  Registers close at 8:55am.	3:15pm
Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Any child arriving after 8:55am must go through the main office to be signed in and will be marked as late.	3:20pm

*Free toast will be served from the canteen between 8:35am and 8:50am.*

## **MORNING ACTIVITIES**

Sports and Fitness: Join us on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.20am on the KS2 playground for 15 minutes of fun and fitness games to start your day before heading off to class at 8.35am. We look forward to seeing you there!

Choir: Join us on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.15am for choir. Mrs Cooper and Mrs Shipstone will meet children at the front gate at 8:15am



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> January.

## Nursery

Arlo  
Mariam

## Reception

Keaton  
Amaya  
Bezawit  
Nevaeh J-R

## Year One

Isra  
Ariel  
Adam  
Yahya  
Harrison  
Tania  
Brodie  
Evander

## Year Two

Daria  
AJ  
Roman  
Ersyad  
Orla  
Ibrahima  
Khadija  
Margot

## Year Three

Agatha  
Noon  
Ethan  
Adam-Junior

## Year Four

Safina  
Myrtle  
Mia  
Helen  
Lara  
Nithal

## Year Five

Jeron  
Alfie  
Joseph  
Lilly

## Year Six

Joyce  
Stephanie  
Sara  
Rory  
Mais  
Ariana

## Rainbow Room

Pharo  
Kane





# School Dinner Menu

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger in a Bun	Chicken or Vegetable Quorn Curry with Rice and Naan Bread	Honey Roasted Gammon	Pizza Day	Beef Cottage Pie
Cheese & Onion Roll		Honey Roasted Quorn	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza	Quorn Cottage Pie
With Herby Diced Potatoes and Vegetables and Baked Beans	Cheese & Potato Pie	With Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	With Chips and Fresh Salad or Vegetables	With Potatoes and Vegetables
Strawberry Mousse	Apple Crumble & Custard	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Selection of Fruit Desserts
Daily Fresh Salad Bar				

## 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*

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~


Week 15: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 93.31%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: 88.54% KS2: 88.18% Whole School: 88.30%

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	91.49%		3A	88.89%
RL	81.11%		3S	84.52%
RW	90%		4H	94.44%
1B	94.44%		4N	93.10%
1O	96.55%		5H	97.85%
2FP	96.11%		5W	93.75%
2W	88.33%		6D	95%
RR	92.22%		6W	100% 
			6WO	85%



Congratulations to 6W who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to 1O had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance next week?

## 2022 – 2023 Academic Year

### Spring Term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 4N Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 3S Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – 3A Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 2FP Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - First day school open for children

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day – See details below

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 2W Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening (Details to follow)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 1B Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 1O Class Assembly 9am – Parents Invited

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Assemblies and EYFS & KS1 Bonnet Parade (times tbc)

Term Ends: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs Week

Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - First day school open for children

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Bell Heath

Residential

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Graduation AM & PM

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day at Woodhouse

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Ks2 Sports Day at Woodhouse

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production (times tbc)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concerts

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Parent drop in sessions to discuss reports if needed

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of school year for children

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Inset day, school closed to children

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





# Nursery request

*Our Nursery children love playing in the outdoors and getting mucky. At this time of year, especially when its wet, they get very dirty. With this in mind, we are on the lookout for any waterproof clothing and footwear; including all-in-ones, jackets, trousers, wellies, thick socks etc.*

*If you have any of the above items you no longer need, we would be very grateful of the donation. Please take any donations to the Nursery or to the main office.*



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## Earrings and PE

*This is a polite reminder that children shouldn't be wearing hooped earrings on their PE days. This is down to them been at risk of getting caught in clothing when active. Children often wear coloured bibs in PE when doing team games. Earrings are easily caught in bibs and could cause a fair amount of pain.*

*Studded earrings are advised or earrings that can be removed.*





# World Book Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

*For World Book Day this year we thought we would try something different! Rather than dressing up as a book character we thought we would give you two options!*

- Come in non-uniform but make sure you have a copy of your favourite book to hand!
- Come dressed as a word- this means you can make your own costume to represent your chosen word or wear clothes you already have to represent the meaning of your word.

*Have a look at the pictures if you need some inspiration!*



*The activities you will be taking part in are:*

*Visiting Quinton Library*

*Going on a book hunt rather than a bear hunt!*

*Having a whole day full of activities to explore and learn about a new book*

*Reading with children from a different year group*

*Getting your book token to swap for your book.*



If your child has any trouble choosing a book or thinking of ideas for a costume there will be a few lunchtime clubs available during February to help them! Please just let your child's class teacher know

# School Admissions

## Secondary School

*The application window is now CLOSED.*

*You can still make an application by using the link below. Any applications received after the 31<sup>st</sup> October deadline will be processed as late applications after the 1<sup>st</sup> March offer day.*

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

*National offer day is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. You will be notified by email.*

## Reception 2023

*If your child is currently in Nursery and/or is born between 01/09/2018 & 31/08/2019 then they will be due to start Reception from September 2023.*

*The application window opens on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.*

*NOTE: Attending our Nursery does not guarantee a place. An application will still need to be made.*

*Follow the link below for further information and to apply when the window opens:*

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

## Woodhouse Nursery

*If your child is born between 01/09/2018 & 31/08/2019 then they are eligible for a place in our school nursery.*

*You can apply by collecting a form from our main office, head to this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/zNmq2mVNBi> or scan the QR code below:*

*Speak to someone in the main office if you have any questions or need support with this.*





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NEIGHBOUR




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presents


# Explorers

**We invite adults with learning disabilities  
to explore the Christian faith.**

We will hear  
Bible stories  
and respond to  
God through




drama




art and  
crafts



dance



story  
telling



music

Wednesday afternoons  
2pm – 3.30pm  
starting February 8th

Gas Street St. Luke's  
Great Colmore Street  
B15 2AT

limited spaces – to book email [elisabeth.higgs@gasstreet.church](mailto:elisabeth.higgs@gasstreet.church)

# Love Your NEIGHBOUR

## Sensory story-zone

Wednesday mornings 9.30 or 10.30 am

Colmore Coffee  
Gas Street St Luke's Church  
Great Colmore Street  
B15 2AT

**for families of children with  
neurodiversity**

Run by Elisabeth Higgs,  
SEND and Inclusion  
Coordinator at Gas  
Street Church, specialist  
teacher and assessor.

Join with your child in the  
sensory room as we  
participate together in an  
interactive sensory story

The sensory stories are  
interactive and children  
are free to move and  
explore the space they  
are in.

for more information email [elisabeth.higgs@gasstreet.church](mailto:elisabeth.higgs@gasstreet.church)



**Revd. Canon Priscilla White**

**A thanksgiving for her life and ministry**

7pm, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

St Faith and St Laurence Church, Harborne

*followed by free refreshments*

**ALL WELCOME!**

In preparation for the service, anyone who wishes is invited to contribute some written memories of Priscilla – these can be emailed to [ssfaithlaurence@gmail.com](mailto:ssfaithlaurence@gmail.com), handed to one of the Ministry Team or left in the special box in church.



# Author of the Week

LAURA ELLEN ANDERSON



One of the 'Amelia Fang' series was Waterstones Book of the Month for October 2019.



Not only does Laura write her own books, she illustrates them as well! Her first series, 'Amelia Fang' now has 7 books, while her most recent series, 'Rainbow Grey', has 3!

If you like Abi Elphinstone or Jenny McLachlan, you'll love these books!

*Let your hair  
down and dig your  
fangs into a whole  
spectrum of  
POWER!*

*Laura Ellen Anderson says:*





# Tired of waiting forever, then rushing to get across?

Everyone should be able to get from A to B in a safe, direct and timely manner. Be it on foot, mobility scooter, bike or in a vehicle.

## Join our campaign to update pedestrian wait and crossing times across Harborne and Quinton!

We want to make the existing infrastructure better for everyone. We're taking a survey of Harborne and Quinton's pedestrian crossings. This will help us to find out exactly which crossings need updating. We'll compile a list for our local councillors to request changes.

**The best bit is it's free and easy for the councillors to request!**

**We need your help to collect information by 6 January 2023.**

RECORD YOUR WAITING &  
CROSSING TIMES HERE:



FULL CAMPAIGN DETAILS AT:

<https://betterstreetsforbirmingham.org/harborne-and-quinton-pedestrian-wait-and-crossing-times/>



[Twitter.com/for\\_harbquin](https://twitter.com/for_harbquin)

Facebook: Better Streets for Birmingham



*Many of you are already using our My Child At School platform to pay for visits, lunches and wrap around care and to receive messages from school.*

*We are in the process of becoming a cashless school so this will be the only way to pay for visits, lunches and wrap around care going forward.*

*The platform is simple to use and is available on all smart mobile devices via their app stores.*

*If you haven't set this up already, please come and see the main office or email us on [families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk)*

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*If you have an invitation code already, you can redeem this by visiting <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin> and selecting 'redeem invitation code'.*

*To do this, you need your username and invitation code from your invitation email and the school ID which is 12013.*

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*The main office will be your first port of call for any assistance with this.*



# MUSIC & DRAMA Turtle Opera



**A FREE Music and Drama creative project for young people aged 10-14 years who are on the Autism Spectrum and have an interest in the performing arts.**

Over the course of nine Saturday afternoons, the group of autistic young people will work together with a professional composer and director to create their own music and story for a sharing, on the final Saturday, with friends and family. A dedicated pastoral team from Turtle Key Arts will also support the group. They will make friends, create and have fun!

**28 Jan to 25 March 2023**

**Nine Saturday workshops (2pm - 5pm)**

**Birmingham Hippodrome  
Hurst Street, Southside, Birmingham, B5 4TB**

For further info & online application form, please go to:  
**[turtlekeyarts.org.uk/turtleopera2023](https://turtlekeyarts.org.uk/turtleopera2023)**

Turtle Opera is a Turtle Key Arts partnership with English Touring Opera in collaboration with Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham Hippodrome and funded by Children in Need.





Starting on 4<sup>th</sup>  
Feb.

See Mr  
Kennedy with  
any questions.

# **BRS MINI KICKERS**

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
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## **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.*

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

*Up to date school news.*

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

*The Food Pantry – Quinton*

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

*Support with housing*

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

*To purchase school uniform and PE kits.*

[School uniform also available from Somal Fashions at 11 Faraday Avenue, Quinton, B32 1JP – 0121 423 2969](#)

[https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/images/image\\_gallery/large/1664897398.pdf](https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/images/image_gallery/large/1664897398.pdf)

*Our updated uniform policy and guidance*