



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

Weekly Memo 14th February 2025

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Important Dates

You can synch to our new website calendar <https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/calendar/>

17th – 21st Feb – Half Term!

Children return Monday 24th February

Mon 24th Feb – 1D and 1H to Dobbies

Mon 24th Feb – 2B to Coulsdon Library

Fri 28th Feb – 2R to Coulsdon Library

Tues 25th Feb – 1A and 1S to Dobbies

Thurs 27th Feb – Year 5 Hamlet – KS2 Hall

Fri 28th Feb – SEND Coffee morning

Mon 3rd March – KS1 Dog's Trust Assembly

Wed 5th March – Year 4 Dog's Trust Workshops

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day – Children to dress as their favourite character!

Sat 8th March – Year 3 to 6 Farthing Downs Cross Country

New Information

Parents and Gates

Thank you to all the parents/carers who are supporting our school staff in keeping our children safe. Unfortunately, we are requesting again that parents/carers do not enter the school gates apart from the times below. This week we have had staff report that a small number of parents/carers have been rude when they have been asked not to follow staff through the gate or to not use the car park gate for Breakfast and After School Club Drop Off. As stated in our Parent Code of Conduct this behaviour is not acceptable.

For the safety of the children the gate timings are as follows.

7.30am – 8.15am – Pedestrian Gate Opens for Breakfast Club (Not Car park gate)

8.30am – 8.45am – All gates open for Entry to school as learning starts promptly at 8.45am

12pm – 12.15pm – Pedestrian Gate Opens for Nursery Lunchtime Pick Up

3.00pm – 3.10pm - Pedestrian Gate Opens for Nursery Pick Up

3.10pm – 3.30pm - All gates open for Exit to school

3.30pm – 6.00pm - Pedestrian Gate Opens for After School Club (Not Car park gate)

4.10pm – 4.40pm – Inner Vehicle Gate Opens for Extra Curricular Club Collection

Thank you for your support with this.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March with a range of exciting activities.

We invite children to come dressed as a book character on Thursday 6th March. If you have costumes you're no longer using (e.g. that don't fit) that you would like to donate to others, a table will be placed next to the staffroom (by 2R) from Monday 24th February up to Wednesday 5th March where these can be left. If you need a costume, please do feel free to take from this table.



Science Competition for Year 4 & 5

Please see attached information for Trinity School's Science Competition. The top 12 entries from Year 4 and Year 5 will be selected to attend a special event at Trinity on Monday 10th March. **Deadline for entries is Tuesday 27th February.**

Woodcote Family Post Eid Dinner

Following on from the success of our Family Post Eid Dinner last year, we are planning to host this again on Wednesday 2nd April at 6pm. This is an opportunity for families to come together for a free meal and some activities.

We have 120 places available and will offer on a first come basis. Spaces are limited so we can only offer tickets to a maximum of two adults per family and only to children who attend our school. This event is open to all families and not just those who celebrate Eid.

We ask that families dress in their best traditional clothing or in smart attire to join us for the evening. If you would like to request tickets, then please do so by completing the form [here](#).

Woodcote Mini-Marathon 26th April 8.30am

All children, staff and parents (if registered) will be taking part in the first of what we hope to become a regularly sporting fixture to achieve the Woodcote Mini Marathon Medal. Watch this space for the **Medal Grand Reveal**.

This event is being organised by two of our office staff who are running the London Marathon this year and our very own Year 3 Parent and World Tri-Athlete Mr Stanton. So much expertise to support your children develop a love of exercise and running. Please note, all money raised will be going to our chosen charity, the wonderful Surrey Care Trust, details to be found in the sign-up form (link above).

Even if you decide not to sign up, you can still sponsor all our wonderful mini marathon runners by going to: <https://gofund.me/8128c4fd>

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can sign up to the mini marathon event to run, walk or jog a distance of 2.6 miles on Saturday 26th April at Woodcote Primary School and Sports Field.

Children in Year R to Year 2 sign up to the 1 mile event with (or without if you are brave enough) your parent/carer running with you.

Staff – come and challenge yourself to the 1 mil or 2.6 miler – you know you'll feel better for it!!!

Sign up and registration payment of £20 for this is needed by Friday 28th February (parents, staff if you'd like a medal too we will need your registration payment also please)

<https://forms.gle/EAtdcPQgz8SMgHY5A>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

KRISPY KREME SALE - Friday 28th March (at school pickup)

Watch this space for more information!

SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 21st June 2025

We will be bringing back the petting zoo as well as the inflatables all in one day! More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Be prepared for an afternoon of fun!

Uniform Donations

We are now taking uniform donations of the below (in good condition):

- Jumpers 7-8
- Jumpers 9+
- Cardigans 7-8
- Cardigans 9+
- Trousers 4-6

Second hand uniform

Buy second hand uniform online [HERE](#) (Collection is from the school office).

OTHER EVENTS:

- **School Lottery:** Weekly Draw – Every Saturday at 8PM. **Next draw prize: £25,000 jackpot. Buy your tickets [HERE](#)**

RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

Ink Cartridge Recycling Fundraiser

Stop ink cartridges from going to landfill by simply popping your used ink cartridges (sadly no toner or laser cartridges) into the box in reception (without any packaging) and we will do the rest.

Stikins name labels

30% off the order price of your multi-purpose labels will go to the PTFA fund. Visit www.stikins.co.uk and quote our school fundraising number 25740.

Reminders

Eid-al-Fitr

In view of the forthcoming Eid-al-Fitr celebrations, we would remind parents to complete the '[Absence From Learning Request](#)' on the school website ([Woodcote Primary School - Parental Forms](#)) in advance if you wish your child to attend the celebrations which potentially fall on Monday 31st March. If the form is not completed prior to the date, we will be unable to authorise this absence. We would like to take the opportunity to wish all our families the happiest of celebrations.

Ramadan/Fasting

If your child will be fasting from 28th February during Ramadan, please email the school office so that we are aware in advance. Thank you.

Volunteering

We would love to recruit some more parent/carer volunteers to listen to readers & to support with activities in the classroom. If you are able to commit to at least one morning/afternoon every two weeks, please complete and return the form in our Volunteer policy <https://woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk/volunteers-and-work-experience/> . In accordance with our safeguarding procedures, a DBS check & references would be required.

Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Checker

Whilst we understand all children are receiving a free meal, or may not want a free meal, we ask that if you are in receipt of benefits that you check your child's eligibility using the link below. This not only provides additional funds for the school but can entitle you to supermarket or holiday club vouchers, uniform, or support with payment for trips and/or clubs for at least six years. Please log on to the website below and complete the check. The school will be updated if you are eligible. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

A chance to say Thank You!

Everyone enjoys receiving positive feedback. On the form below we invite parents, carers, visitors, children and other staff to share experiences of a staff member who has gone over and above. All responses are read by Mrs. Baldock and shared with staff. Thank you for taking the time. <https://forms.gle/joeF9QmvzuhtB3Fc9>

Contacting Members of Staff

If you want to contact members of staff via email, then all staff can be contacted on 'surname'@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk (for example baldock@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk) . Please do not send communications through ClassDojo.

Rate our School 2024 – 2025 (we need you to complete this for this year)

Please take 5 minutes to rate our school on the Ofsted ParentView Website. Each parent can share their views, and we really value the feedback this gives us and prospective parents. Each parent/Carer can complete. If you would prefer a paper copy, then please do contact the school office <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>