



Headteacher: Mrs. Claire Baldock

Weekly Memo 21st March 2025

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PLEASE READ ALL ATTACHMENTS

Important Dates

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

Week Beging 24th March – Year 5 Shakespeare Performances

Friday 28th March – Year 3/4 Cross country Team Compete in Trust Competition

Extra-Curricular Clubs do not run in the last week of term

Tues 1st and Wed 2nd April – Rearranged Yr1 Dobbies Trips

Wed 2nd April – Post Eid Family Dinner 6pm (ticket only)

Fri 4th April – Spring Colour Mufti, Easter Bonnets (EYFS and KS1), Easter Egg Competition (KS2)

Fri 4th April – School finishes at 2.30pm – No After School Club on this day.

Sat 5th April Final Cross Country Event 9.30am start Oasis Academy Coulsdon

Children return Tuesday 22nd April

Thurs 24th April – Reception to Polka Theatre

Sat 26th April – Woodcote Mini Marathon

29th April and 1st May – Parents Evening Appointments

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Well done to Years 5 & 6 for having the highest percentage of good attendance (over 95%) in the Spring Term. This will really support great learning outcomes.

New Information

High School Pupils

As you will be aware from previous communications we are limiting access for High School Pupils to the school site to siblings only. They are not allowed to bring friends on to site and we ask that you remind your High School Pupils (if relevant) that when collecting they are expected to behave in the same way we expect our parents to behave under our Parent Code of Conduct.

Following some incidents, from a very small group of High School pupils, we are being joined daily by members of the leadership team from Woodcote High. We are working in partnership to ensure all children and families feel safe and happy. To support this, we ask that you keep your children near you at all times when entering and exiting the school.

School Council Update

Year 5 and 6 School Council met with Nourish, and attached is a summary of the discussions for you.

Year 3 and 4 School Council met with Mr Russell to discuss the possibility of fixing the three raised beds by the back gate and turning them in to vegetable patches. We are now looking for parent volunteers who may be willing to lend their skills or muscles to this project. If you would like to get involved then please email head@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk and the School Council will be in touch.

Year 1 and 2 will be meeting to look at how we can further extend our extra curricular clubs offer.

Football is back

With the improved weather we are pleased to be able to reinstate football for classes on a rota at break and lunchtimes. This has been received well by children. However, if individual children do not behave appropriately at other times in school then they will have their personal access to this addition removed.

PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS – Spring 2025 Reception to Year 5 (Not Yr6, 1H or 5C)

Meetings will take place in the second week of the Summer Term. In these meetings the teachers will talk to you about how your child's attainment, progress and attendance over the Spring Term. We hope families will find this informative and supportive.

These meetings will take place in person on the Tuesday and via video call on the Thursday (you will need to log back into our Parents Evening System on the evening to attend this virtual meeting).

Meetings will take place on:

Tues 29th April 3.40 – 6.20 In-Person

Thurs 1st May 3.40 – 6.20 Video Call

The time available for each consultation is 9 minutes. Timings will be strictly adhered to for in-person meetings also. If you feel that more time is needed, a further or different appointment can be arranged with your child's teacher directly. Children in Years 3 to 5 should attend with their parent/carer, to take part in the discussion and review their personal targets.

To book an appointment you will need to access our online booking system. This system will allow you to book a time that is convenient to you and will allow you to book appointments across teachers/classes if you have more than one child. If you do have any problems please contact office@woodcoteprimary.croydon.sch.uk We do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

You can book appointments by going to <https://woodcoteprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Opportunities to view the children's work will take place at drop off time on the mornings the week after as shown below.

Mon 5th May – Years 1&2

Tues 6th May - Rec/Nursery

Wed 7th May - Years 5&6

Thurs 8th May - Years 3&4

Eco Committee

This week the Eco Committee counted out 230 batteries! They also bagged up 2 sacks full of crisp packets. As part of our efforts to be eco-friendlier, we encourage you all to bring in your old batteries and crisp packets which we will recycle. The bins for these can be found in the entrance to the main school office. Thank you, The Eco Committee

3 Easter hamper prizes to be won (including magnum of prosecco, chocolates, Gin gift set, bath bombs, scented candles, body and hand cream, herbal teas and much more!)

£2 for 1 ticket or £5 for 5 tickets – Prizes, raffle tickets and cash collection in the main office or via QR below – just add your name and child's class and we'll send you your numbers. **Draw taking place on 2nd April** (the only April fools here are the two-office staff running the London Marathon on 27th April!) be sure to set the tip to £0 and click no gift aid.

All proceeds going to the Surrey Care Trust – supporting families, young people, children and parents with complex mental health needs. Thank you for supporting us – Mrs Jeffers and Mrs Leaker



Scouting is thriving at the 25th Purley (St. Mark's) Scout Group

Our Scout Group consists of Beavers age 6 - 8, Cubs age 8 - 11 and Scouts age 11 - 14.5 and we will have a few places available starting late April. We are looking for young people who enjoy being outdoors and who are keen to take part in adventurous activities and camps and make new friends.

To join the adventure, apply for a place **NOW**, before the end of the Spring Term and we will be back in touch after the Easter holidays. Visit our web site at www.25thpurley.org.uk and click on join us.

PTFA Messages

Follow us on Facebook: @friendsofwoodcoteprimary, Twitter: @woodcoteptfa, Instagram: @friendsofwoodcoteprimary, Website: www.woodcoteptfa.org.uk

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

What fundraising events would you like the PTFA to hold? Complete this [short form](#) and share your ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

KRISPY KREME SALE - Friday 28th March (next week)

Last chance - Deadline this Sunday 23rd March

Pre Order your doughnuts [here](#) in batches of 3, 6 or a box of 12!

A limited number of single doughnuts and Coughlans vegan doughnuts will be available for £1.50 on the day in the KS1 and KS2 playground huts. Once they're gone, they're gone!

We're looking for volunteers to help set up from 2 pm on the day. If you can help, email admin@woodcoteptfa.org.uk to let us know.

KIDSPACE - Thursday 8th May

Join us for another exclusive event at Kidspace! Tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis. Be quick before they sell out! Book your tickets [here](#)

SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 21st June 2025

We will be bringing back the petting zoo as well as the inflatables all in one day! Book your inflatable tickets [here](#) for only £12.50! See the attached poster.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Weekly Draw – Every Saturday at 8PM.

Next draw prize: £25,000 jackpot. Buy your tickets [HERE](#)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

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

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.

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/ioeF9QmvzuhtB3Fc9>

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>

