

March 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our March newsletter.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent parent meetings. Don't forget, if you were unable to make it, and would like to arrange an alternative date, please contact the school office by emailing admin@woodcotschool.co.uk

Last Day of Term

Early Finish

On the last day of term (Friday 27th March 2026), school will be finishing at 1:30pm.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at this time.



The first day back to school is Monday 13th April 2026

Easter Disco

Our Easter Disco is on Wednesday 25th March

Key Stage 1

4:00pm - 4:45pm

Key Stage 2

5:00pm - 5:45pm



Primary age children undertake the following National Assessment

Tests:

Year 1

National Phonics Check

Week commencing 11th June 2026

Year 4

Multiplication Checks

Week commencing 1st June 2026

Year 6

Key Stage 2 SATS

Mon 11th May – Thurs 14th May 2026

Please note - Guidance from Hampshire County Council states that parents will be fined if children miss a national test for any unauthorised reason.

On Thursday 26th March 2026, pupils will be taking part in our Easter competitions. There will be an assembly to announce the winners, and our Dance Club will also be performing a special routine.

KS1 – We will be holding an Easter Bonnet Competition for KS1 pupils. Children are invited to make their Easter bonnet at home and wear it into school on the day. Pupils should arrive in full school uniform, bringing their bonnet to wear for the competition.

KS2 – Pupils are invited to design and decorate a boiled Easter egg. Winners will be chosen on Thursday 26th March. (Please see examples below.)



Staffing Changes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Popham at the end of March. During her time with us, Mrs Popham has been a valued member of staff, and we thank her for the commitment and care she has shown to our school community. We wish her every success in the future.



World Book Day

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday 5th March! Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. As part of our celebrations, we are holding a special competition. Children are asked to create a "Book in a Box" – a story scene made inside a shoebox, depicting a scene from their favourite story-book. Please bring your Book in a Box into school during the week commencing Monday 2nd March. The entries will be judged on World Book Day. Winners from each year group



Summer School Uniform

Hopefully, after Easter, we can start to look forward to warmer weather and children may want to wear shorts, sandals and summer dresses. Just a reminder that our school dresses are yellow gingham and are widely available online. Sandals must be suitable for running around in safely during break and lunch time (no flip flops or crocs).



Extreme Reading Challenge

From **Monday 2nd March**, we will be running our Extreme Reading Challenge for two weeks. Children are invited to read in unusual or creative places and send in a photo of their "extreme" reading spot. We can't wait to see their imaginative ideas!



Diary Dates

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- Extreme Reading Challenge** - Monday 2nd March until Monday 16th March
- Year R Staunton Farm Trip** - Wednesday 4th March
- World Book Day** - Thursday 5th March
- Travelling Book fair** - Wednesday 4th March until Monday 9th March
- Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel** - 16th March until 27th March
- INSET Day** - Friday 20th March
- Values Assembly** - Wednesday 25th March 14:30pm
- Easter Disco** - Wednesday 25th March **KS1** 4:00pm—4:45pm & **KS2** 5:00pm -5:45pm
- KS1 Easter Bonnet Competition , KS2 Boiled Easter Egg Competition** - Thursday 26th March
- Last day of term:** Friday 27th March - (1:30pm finish)
- Return to School:** Monday 13th April
- Year 2 SeaCity Trip** - Thursday 16th April
- Year 5 Southampton Art Gallery Trip** - Thursday 16th April
- Year 3 Fort Nelson Trip** - Wednesday 22nd April
- Whole school assembly Olympic Sport Event** - Friday 1st May
- Year 4 Stubbington Study Centre Residential:** Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th May
- INSET Day:** Thursday 7th May 2025
- Year 6 SATs:** Monday 11th May until Thursday 14th May 2025



Attendance

If your child is unwell, please phone, text or email admin@woodcotschool.co.uk We must be notified on each day your child is absent.

The school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school

If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, within the last 100 possible sessions, a penalty notice (fine) can be issued.

Holidays will not be approved under any circumstances

Attendance Matters

At Woodcot, we believe good attendance is vital for a child to achieve their **full potential**.

We aim to promote good attendance by providing a **safe and motivating environment** for all children.

We believe that: **every child matters, every day matters, every minute matters**

Therefore, it is really important that your child attends school, on time, every day.

We monitor attendance and lateness closely. If we notice a concern , we will contact you via text, phone call or letter.

If you need support with your child’s attendance, or getting them to school on time, please reach out to a member of the attendance team or your child’s class teacher.

Every Minute Counts

Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning missed!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed

‘90% attendance’ or ‘only 5 minutes late’ may sound like small issues, but the amount of learning missed is huge!

Breakfast Club – Important Reminder

Please be reminded that only children who are **pre-booked** for Breakfast Club will be able to attend. Due to updated safeguarding requirements, our capacity has changed and we are unfortunately unable to accept additional pupils on the day.

Please also note that charges will apply even if your child does not attend, as staffing and provisions are organised based on confirmed bookings. However, no charge will be incurred if you notify the school office by **4:00pm on the previous working day**.

Holiday Dates

Click the link below for our school term time and holiday dates:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>



Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

New Strategy Based Films for parents/carers and Professionals New for 2026

What is Emotionally
Based School
Avoidance



Risk factors for
Emotionally Based
School Avoidance



Tips for Emotionally
Based School
Avoidance



Girls and ADHD



ADHD – order out of
chaos



Growing older and
changing ADHD
symptoms



Thriving with
ADHD in school



ADHD
and sleep



Reframing
ADHD



The importance of
sleep



Tips to support sleep
optimisation



To watch the videos,
scan these QR
codes

The School Nursing Team are holding clinic's **HERE** at Woodcot in our Woodland Community Room

School Nursing can offer advice and support regarding the following:

Physical and Emotional Health and well being

Healthy weights and lifestyles

Support during transition through school

Relationships, sexual health, and substance misuse

Parenting advice: accident prevention, sleep, behaviour and signposting for continence support

Children and young people with complex or additional health needs

They will be here on Thursday 5th March pm (**All now fully booked**), and **Thursday 19th March am** slots still available as follows,

Time slot				
9:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30	11:30-12:00

To book a clinic please contact the Office or speak to Mrs Wood, who will be in the Woodland Room or KS2 playground most mornings
(Slots will be booked on a first come first choice basis)