

# NEWSLETTER



26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The Woodhouse Support Hub

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## How to get in touch



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[families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- 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@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

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

## Woodhouse Nursery

We have a limited number of spaces available in our teacher led nursery for this academic year.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022 are eligible to join us from September 2025.

Children born between 01/09/2022 and 31/12/2022 are eligible to join us from January 2026, if we have spaces available still. These places are called 'Rising 3' places and would mean the child could do five full terms in Nursery.

Children born between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023 are eligible to join us from September 2026.

Speak to someone in the main office for further information.

# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## Year One

Ahmed  
Grace  
Ivy  
Betty

## Year Two

Dexter  
Sades  
Iris  
Layla J

## Year Three

Amrita  
Eldana  
Rosa  
Trishandeeep

## Year Four

Olivia B  
Benjamin  
Clara  
Micah  
Skylah  
Lily

## Year Five

Saira  
Ruby  
Orla  
Toyosi

## Year Six

Abdullah  
Rhyley Joe  
Violet S  
Noon

## The Zone

Bethany

Many of you go to clubs and take part in activities outside school. Share your achievements with us them with us in assembly on a Friday and have them posted in the newsletter.

# attendance MATTERS


**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 95.21%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **96.29%**      KS2: **93.89%**      Whole School: **94.70%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	91.15%		3A	96.33%
RB	98%		3H	95.71%
RD	98.67%		4H	91.33%
1B	89.67%		<b>4RN</b>	<b>96.77%</b>
1O	98%		5H	89.66%
2H	98.28%		5FP	91.11%
<b>2P</b>	<b>99.33%</b>		6D	90.71%
RR	95.88%		6WO	96.67%



Congratulations to **2P** who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to **4RN** had the best class attendance in KS2 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

## **Academic Year 2025 – 2026**



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – The Zone Theatre visit  
– Payments via MCAS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening 3:30 – 6pm  
– Bookings via MCAS will go live next week

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term Break**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – First day back for all children**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Nursery Nativity 9am

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas Fayre

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year One Dear Santa Theatre visit 1:30 – 3:30

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 9am & Afternoon performance TBC

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Choir Christmas Concert – Details TBC

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Theatre Visit ‘The Owl Who Came to Christmas’ – Payments via MCAS

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9am & 2:15

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – First day of Spring term for all children**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Break**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – First day back for all children**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer term for all children**

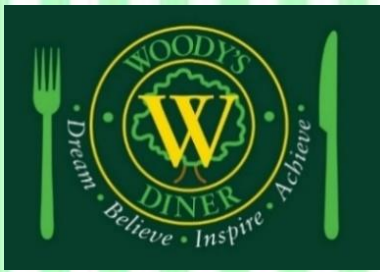
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day of half term**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Break**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – First day back for all children**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of Summer term**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day – School Closed to all children**



# School Dinner Menu

## 29<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**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.**

**Note the change of Pizza Day**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Honey Roast Gammon	<b>Pizza Day</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Fingers
Vegan Sausage Roll	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Roast Quorn	Cheese and Tomato, Pepperoni or BBQ Beef	New Potatoes or Savoury Rice
Herby Diced Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Mashed Potatoes	Roast Chicken	Peas and Sweetcorn
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Garlic Bread and Salad	Cauliflower, Carrots and Green Beans	with Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables	Chip Shop Curry or Parsley Sauce
Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle	Apple or Rhubarb Crumble and Custard	Chocolate Cracknel	Fruity Friday Fruit Pots
Fresh Fruit, Fresh Bread and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

## 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 us on [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

**Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL**



# Harborne Primary Schools Boys Football League

2025 - 2026

Recent Results and Fixtures



26/09/25 at Lordswood Boys  
School

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Team: Noah, George ©, Mathieu, Ryan, Senay, Ethan, Jakub, Courtney, Ibrahima & Ali A

Player of the match: George

## Match Report:

It was the boys' first game of the season and they started really strongly, dominating the ball in the early stages. George and Ryan linked up well in midfield and showed real composure throughout.

Jakub, Ethan, Courtney and Senay played well in defense and protected Noah's goal well.

Noah made his debut in goal and didn't have a lot to do in the first half but kept his focus and distributed the ball to good effect.

Ibrahima played well in midfield, putting tackles in and winning the ball back on multiple occasions.

A momentary lapse in concentration at the back allowed them to play a through ball in behind our defence and left Noah in a two on one, which gave them the only goal of the game with a little over 2 minutes to go.

Our next game is a cup game against St Michaels on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Year 4 have been inspired by Artist David Hockney to produce their own swimming pool pictures using paints and pencils.



The



Corner



# WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform and non-school uniform items free of charge to those who need them. You are more than welcome to come and help yourself anytime.

We also have shoes, trainers, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bags available.

Further items available but not out. Please ask at the main office.



## Fair usage

Please only take what you need and leave it ready for the next person

## Help with Laundry

Thanks to a company called Smol and their Suds in Schools project, we also have washing and drying facilities within school for families who are struggling with this where we can offer a discrete laundry service.



If this is of any help to anyone, please speak with Mr Kennedy.

# Household Support

We are also able to access support for a wide range of household items such as white goods, beds, bedding etc.

Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org) if you need support with any of this.



**Are you a permanent resident of Harborne, Quinton or Smethwick?**

**Are you struggling due to a restricted income or crisis?**

If so, Harborne Parish Lands Charity (HPLC) may be able to help provide you with essential items for your home such as white goods, beds, bedroom storage, or a whole host of support. This list isn't exhaustive but unfortunately, we cannot provide cash or debt relief or help with bills.

HPLC is a friendly local charity. Our mission is to help people who are in need and who live within the 'Ancient Parish of Harborne' (which even includes a large area of Smethwick)

Each case is always looked at on an individual basis and applications are always followed up with a home visit.

For an informal chat about your circumstances, please contact a member of staff at reception, or in the office, or one of our Support Officers.

## BABY BANK



There is a wonderful baby bank available that is run by Helen, a member of the Woodhouse community. They are able to support new and expecting mothers with a wide range of items.

If you would like to access this support, you can call or email using the details below:

**Helen** 07811070518 [Helen.childcare@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.childcare@gmail.com)



## Read aloud...

It is a common misconception that when children reach a certain age, or can read fluently by themselves, we should encourage them to only read independently. Although developing the skill to read independently is important, this doesn't mean that we should stop reading aloud to children too! In fact, continuing to do this really helps children become better readers by hearing a good model of reading from an adult.

**1** Listening to you reading aloud, your child is free to imagine the story for themselves and visualise what is happening, rather than having to worry about reading the words themselves. If you find that your child is reluctant to let you read aloud to them, don't give up. Keep suggesting it and hopefully you'll catch them at the right time. It's also fine if they aren't 100% focussed while you're reading.

**2** If they want to sit close to you and look at the pictures and words that's great, but if they would rather be doing something else while you're reading, like drawing or playing, this doesn't mean they're not actually listening and engaged. Try and tempt them with a new book or ask them if they'd like to choose a book for you to look at together. Make the book sound exciting and get their attention by pointing out something about the front cover. For example, "Oh wow! Let's have a look at these pictures together!", "Shall we find out some facts in this book?", or "Look at this monster! Shall we find out what's inside?"

**3** Apart from all the ways that reading aloud can help develop your child's reading skills, it can also have a profound effect on their wellbeing. Even if it's only for 10-15 minutes a day, during this bonding time you share an emotional connection with your child, free from any other distractions where you can both focus fully on the book you're sharing together.





**LITTLE NETTERS**

# Fun Netball Sessions

**Sundays 11am - 12 Noon  
Four Dwellings, Quinton**



**Girls and Boys  
Ages 7-11**

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Available**

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## THINKING ABOUT YEAR 7?

We invite parents and carers to come and see what Hillcrest School and Sixth Form Centre has to offer.

✓ Outstanding Progress & Results

✓ OFSTED Good School

✓ High Standards of Behaviour

✓ Academic Curriculum

✓ Building Character and Kindness



**CHOOSE  
EXCELLENCE  
FOR YOUR  
CHILD**

# HILLCREST SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

## OPEN EVENING

### 2 OCTOBER 2025

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Or sign up to join our **Open Mornings** by emailing [enquiry@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk)

09:30 - 11:00am: **03/10/25** or **07/10/25**

**WORK HARD | BE KIND | AIM HIGH**



# Brownies

Girls have nonstop  
fun, learning and  
adventure

for ages 7 to 10



Girlguiding



'I like doing things  
outside... we get  
to learn about our  
environment and  
how to care for it'

Jessica



Brownies is full of  
firsts: she might  
grow her first plant,  
bake her first cake,  
put up (and take  
down) her first tent,  
light her first fire,  
go on her first fun-packed  
weekend away with  
guiding friends.

There's something for every girl  
at Brownies, and plenty of  
moments she'll never forget.

**To find out more search Brownies  
at [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)**

Contact Sharon 07968221171

Registered charity number: 306016

