

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Welcome Back 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to working with you again to ensure we provide the best possible care, support and education for our children. One of our key areas for development this year, is parental engagement. We have listened to your feedback and will be offering even more opportunities to get involved in your children's learning and the wider life of the school. I hope you take up the opportunity to get more involved this year.

This letter outlines some key dates and organisation for the beginning of the school year. Please make a note of these dates and attend the school meetings that are relevant for your child. All dates can also be found on the calendar, on the school website.

Return Dates

School reopens for children in Y1-Y6 on Thursday 4th September at 8:45am.

Children in Reception, Nursery and the Nest have been allocated their starting dates and times. It's important that all children return on time for their first day of school so that they don't miss out on the key settling in time with their new teacher.

Drop Off

Parents in Y1-Y6 are asked to drop off their children at the school gates, where members of staff will take them to class. Nursery and Reception parents are asked to take their children to their classroom and enter the school through the Dartford Avenue gate.

From Thursday 4th – Wednesday 10th September all staff will be in the playground to welcome children back into school and ensure they find their way safely to their new classrooms. From Thursday 11th September, teachers will be in their classrooms but Teaching Assistants and the Senior Team will still be in the playground and in the corridors to ensure children get to their classrooms safely.

End of School Pick Up Time

Just a reminder that the school day has been extended for children in YR-Y6. Children will be dismissed from school at **3:25pm**.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day. Y2-Y6 children are collected from the playground at the end of the day.

Parent/Teacher Information Meeting

Please attend your child's 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. This is a great opportunity for you to find out what the children will be learning this year and provides you with an opportunity to talk with the class teacher. All meetings start at 9am and tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Date	Year Group	Time	Location
Friday 5 th September	Year 1	9-10	Upper School Hall
Monday 8 th September	Year 2	9-10	Upper School Hall
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 3	9-10	Upper School Hall
Wednesday 10 th September	Year 4	9-10	Upper School Hall
Thursday 11 th September	Year 5	9-10	Upper School Hall
Friday 12 th September	Year 6	9-10:30	Upper School Hall
Meet the teacher and Secondary Transfer			

Y6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting

All year 6 parents are invited to a meeting to discuss secondary school choices and the process for applying for secondary schools. This is an important meeting and all parents are encouraged to attend. This meeting will take place straight after the Meet the Teacher meeting on Friday 12th September at 9:45am. The Secondary Transfer session will be repeated again at 6pm on the same day.

Heron Hall Open Evening

Our secondary school – Heron Hall Academy, will host an open day on Monday 29th September, 5:30-7:30pm, for all year five and year six parents. This is a great opportunity to look at the brilliant facilities and the new sixth form.

Arbor App- Parent Portal

All parents need to download the **Arbor Parent Portal App** to their smartphone, as this is the main way that the school sends important messages and updates.

The App is simple and easy to use and it allows you to pay for school trips and you can book your child's place on after school clubs and activities.

The office will be able to support you with setting this up. If you have any difficulties please pop in and a member of the team will be happy to help you.



After School Clubs and Activities

On Friday, the school office will be sending out the list of school clubs for children to sign up to for this half term. Please take a moment to look at the list and ask your child if they would like to attend any of them. There are a range of activities for each year group from Y1 to Y6. Some of these are delivered by school staff and other are delivered by HES sports company. To access these clubs please use your Arbor Parent App.

Class Names and Teachers for 2025-2026

Last Year 2024-2025	Classes 2025-2026	Class Teacher	Teaching Support Assistants
Nursery			
	Puffins 2-3 Mixed	Lervonne Angus , Mayeto Matondo Nilay Sert, Sharon Johnson	
	Finches 3-4PT	Selma Hassan-Errol (Co-YGL) Sevda Atakli	Afshan Hussein Marta Cichocka
	Bluejays 3-4FT	James Mansfield (Co-YGL)	Kirsty Danes Alida Culaj
Reception			
	Willow	Karima Telmoune	Elida Brucaj
	Hazel	Rochanne Davis	Becky Cooper
	Holly	Polly Janata (YGL)	Saima Ahmed
Year 1			
Hazel	1E	Kayley Putz (YGL)	Melina Ozay
Willow	1O	Seniz Hacet x4 Days Georgianna Ioannou x1 Day (Zerda Celik - Trainee Teacher)	Helin Meric
Holly	1B	Yeliz Ertogrul	Demi Venis
Year 2			
1O	2E	Sabrina Salkey	Julie Woolmer
1E	2B	Sarah Dhuny	Nazil Bekir
1B	2O	Oyku Bulbul	Siobhan Kane
Year 3			
2O	3O	Shelly-Ann Goulbourne	Lina Fiore
2E	3B	Serpil Fistik -YGL	Gio Deprima
2B	3E	Rozerin Pinar	Kelly Lockyer
Year 4			
3E	4O	Molly Hawthorne	Jo Osman
3O	4B	Paolo Delfini (YGL)	
3B	4E	Anna Cacioppo x4 Days Georgianna Ioannou x1 Day	
4E	5O	Isobel McCartney	Rob Hartnell
4O	5B	Yasmine Jerome x4 Days Georgianna Ioannou x1 Day	
4B	5E	Melissa Ellis (YGL)	
Year 6			
5M	6E	Pherone Griffiths	Segi Banjaw
5B	6O	Jodi-Ann Forbes (YGL)	

5O	6B	Rhianna Anderson Ikpa	
5E	6M	Ben Roberts / Beth Hiley	
SEND Provision			
Ks1 Cherry Class		Brooke Bennette	Leanne Fortune Yeliz Korucam
Ks2 Rowan Class			Loren Clifford
KS1 (Nurture) pm		Brooke Bennette	Siobhan Kane
The Nest			
Starling	Stacy Crow		Louretta Pleki Zen Zenon
Dove	Berfin Koc		Bozena Mills Nellie Chalashar
Swan	Kavita Bhogun		Shardia Bennet Kelis Pinnock

Parent Governor

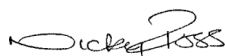
We are looking to appoint a new member of the school community to join our Governing Board as we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you feel you have some time and would like to get more involved in the strategic direction of the school, please get in touch to find out more.

Friends of Woody

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) need your help. We need parents to volunteer to help us run events throughout the year. We don't expect you to organise these events but just be available to help out at them. With a greater number of parents involved, we will be able to offer more events to our children. If you have a bit of spare time, let us know and we can give even more opportunities to the school community.

I look forward to working with you again to ensure our children have a happy and successful year.

Kind Regards



Nicky Ross
Headteacher Woodpecker Hall Academy
NSCT Leader of Primary Education