

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Welcome Back 2026-2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a great summer break and are looking forward to another school 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 Monday 7th September at 8:45am.

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. Children in Reception, Nursery and the Nest have been allocated their individual starting dates and times.

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 Monday 7th – Friday 11th 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 Monday 14th 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 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.

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. 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. Please give your name to the school office.

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
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 5	9-10	Upper School Hall
Wednesday 9 th September	Year 3	9-10	Upper School Hall
Thursday 10 th September	Year 2	9-10	Upper School Hall
Friday 11 th September	Year 4	9-10	Upper School Hall
Monday 14 th September	Year 1	9-10	Upper School Hall
Tuesday 15 th September Meet the teacher and Secondary Transfer	Year 6	9-10:30	Upper School Hall

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 Tuesday 15th 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 28th September**, 5:30-7:30pm, for 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

Fusion Activity clubs start next week. Fusion Activity are our new sports provider and they will manage all bookings and payments for after school sports clubs. Please click this link to book your child into one of their clubs. <https://fusionactivityclubs.magicbooking.co.uk/>

School based clubs will run from Monday 14th September. An email will be sent on Monday 7th. Please use Arbor to book your child into a club that they are interested in attending.

Class Names and Teachers for 2026-2027

Last Year	2026-2027	Class Teacher	Teaching Support Assistants
		Nursery	
Puffins (2-3 year old)		Wahida Rahman (Room Leader)	Sharon Johnson Zohre Acar Victoria Vaughan Bikash Kanti Nath
Finches (3-4year old PT)		Selma Hassan-Errol (Year Group Leader)	Afshan Hussein Jessica Simon
Bluejays (3-4 year old FT)		Kayley Putz (Associate Assistant Headteacher)	Catalina Cojan Sarah Raudhay
		Reception	
	Willow	Karima Telmoune	Grace Sike
	Hazel	Sultan Kuyar	Elida Brucaj
	Holly	Yasmine Jerome (Associate Assistant Headteacher)	Kirsty Danes
		Year 1	
Hazel	1E	James Mansfield (Year Group Leader)	Melina Ozay
Willow	1O	Zerda Celik	Julie Woolmer
Holly	1B	Yeliz Ertogrul	Becky Cooper
		Year 2	
1B	2E	Beth Hiley (Associate Assistant Headteacher)	Naz Bekir
1O	2B	Sarah Dhuny (Year Group Leader)	Helin Meric
1E	2O	Alice Mansur	Siobhan Kane
		SEND Provision	
Ks1 Cherry Class		Brooke Bennett	Leanne Fortune
Ks2 Rowan Class		Brooke Bennett	Alida Culaj Yeliz Korucam
KS1 (Nurture) pm		Brooke Bennett	Siobhan Kane
		Year 3	
2O	3O	Shelly-Ann Goulbourne	Marta Chiocka
2B	3B	Georgianna Ioannou (Year Group Leader)	Marta Chiocka
2E	3E	Rozerin Pinar	Gio Diprima
		Year 4	
3B	4O	Francesca Savage	Jo Osman
3E	4B	Paolo Delfini (Year Group Leader)	
3O	4E	Anna Cacioppo (Associate Assistant Headteacher)	
		Year 5	
4B	5O	Serpil Fistik (Year Group Leader)	Segi Banjaw
4O	5B	Pherone Griffiths (Curriculum Middle Leader)	
4E	5E	Ben Roberts-(Associate Assistant Headteacher) Isobel McCartney	
		Year 6	
5E	6O	Jodi-Ann Forbes (Year Group Leader)	Rob Hartnell
5O	6B	Rhianna Anderson Ikpa (Curriculum Middle Leader)	
5B	6E	Melissa Ellis (Curriculum Middle Leader)	
		Additional Teachers	
Cover Teacher		Tia Johnson	
EAL Teacher		Sabrina Salkey	

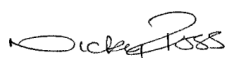
The Nest Provision		
Starling	Kavita Bhogun	Louretta Pleki Kellie Lockyer/Sevtap
Dove	Althea Powell	Nellie Chalashar Lina Fiore Sahra Omar
Swan	Berfin Koc	Bozena Mills Heba Baghdadi
Flamingo	Stacy Crow	Shardia Bennet
Additional Support Staff		
Jonathan Maurice Arju Akther-Suborna Helayna Perifimou Zohre Acar Noble Ejeh		

Attendance

This year we are monitoring attendance even more closely. Every day matters and even missing a few days of schooling has a negative impact on children's academic and social development. I know it's cheaper to go on holiday outside of the school term. However, the Law states that children must be in school. Anyone with low attendance or those taking extended holidays will attend meetings with the Attendance Lead and Headteacher to ensure improved attendance this academic year. These meetings will take place in September.

I'm proud to say that this is my 9th year as Headteacher at Woodpecker (Cuckoo) and every year I see improvements in all areas of school life. I have just worked with the Woodpecker team on staff training, during our Inset days, and they never cease to amaze me. Their dedication to this school and your children is second to none. We are all looking forward to working with you again and making this school year the best yet!

Kind Regards



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NSCT Leader of Primary Education