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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING TERM TRIPS

In response to some feedback from last year's Parent Survey, we have been trying to give parents more notice of the dates of school trips.



Please have a look at the updated list on p2 of this Newsletter to see the latest trips that are booked. A couple more may follow.

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

Amelia Y3, Sadie Y3, Sophie Y2 and Ophelia Y2 are running a Book Drive at school, inspired by the *Children's Book Project* charity. This is a really great idea!

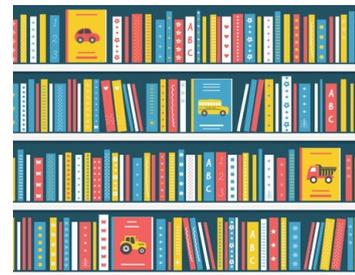


The Children's Book Project works with settings across the UK to redistribute thousands of new and gently used books to children and their families. It seeks to tackle **book poverty** and to give every child **the opportunity to own their own book**.

So between Friday 16th and Friday 30th January, please send in unwanted children's books in good condition. The condition of donated books is really important.

The project cannot accept:

- Old or tatty books
- Encyclopedias, textbooks, revision books, religious texts, DVDs or CDs
- Ex-library or reading scheme books



Thank you!



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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26



Below is a list of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2025-26 year. Further dates, including class trips will be added as the year progresses. **New events or any changes are in red.** The term dates for **next year** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

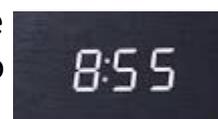
SPRING TERM	Fri 27th Feb – Y3 to Buddhist Temple Kennington
Mon 5 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Fri 27th Feb – Y4 to Verulamium
Tues 6 th Jan - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	WC 2 nd March - ARTSWEEK
Fri 23 rd Jan - Y4 British Museum	Tues 3 rd March – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Show pm
Thurs 29 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	Thurs 5 th Mar – World Book Day
Tues 3 rd Feb - Y3 Tring Museum	WC 9 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Weds 4th Feb - Y6 Docklands Museum	Thurs 12 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 5th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly One	Thurs 19 th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 5th Feb – Y5 Science Museum	Thurs 19 th Mar - Y5 to Sound Out Concert
Tues 10 th Feb - Y2 Barnet Environmental Centre	Fri 20 th Mar – Y1 to Y6 Mid-Year reports home
Thurs 12 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly Two	Weds 25 th Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
WC 16 th Feb – HALF TERM	Thurs 26 th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly Two
Mon 23 rd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 27 th Mar – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
SUMMER TERM	Fri 26 th June – End of Year Reports home
Tues 13 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 30 th June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Mon 4 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 2 nd July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Weds 6 th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Fri 3 rd July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Mon 11 th May – Y6 SATs week	Mon 6 th July – Junior Production Dress 1.45pm
Thurs 21 st May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 7 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Weds 8 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Thurs 9 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

Currently, we have lots of children arriving to school late. There were at least 30 late children today, which is a whole class!



Please ensure that your child is in the playground for the start of the school day at 8.55am, since it helps them and the rest of the class to settle quickly into work and they don't miss any learning.



FOOTBALLS

Just a reminder that children should not be bringing their own footballs into school for playtimes. We have enough in school!



ADAM'S KARATE WARM-UP

Adam in Y4 asked if he could lead a karate warm-up in PE lessons.

Mr Mapes obliged, and Adam, who has a karate brown belt with three white tags, led his warm up brilliantly.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 16th January 2026

Each Friday we hold an Achievement Assembly where two children from each class are awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the week. These recognise hard work, great behaviour or exceptional progress, as well as our Woodridge Values.

Reception Oak	Haydar for working very hard on a beautiful picture over this week. He has shown concentration and perseverance. Elle for working hard on a maths game to explore the number bonds to 5.
Year 1 Willow	Ava and Shiv for writing fantastic captions for our story of the week.
Year 2 Rowan	Akira for your fantastic work in Science, producing really super fact-files and posters. Lara for beautifully-written, thoughtful and imaginative writing for our Informal Letters topic in English.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Asad for working really hard in Maths. Jana for making positive contributions to class discussions.
Year 4 Ash	Daniel for his excellent use of formal language in our writing for formal letters. Harry for his perseverance and writing independently when practicing writing a formal letter.
Year 5 Lime	Adiel for always taking part in class discussions and making valuable contributions. Aimee for always having a positive attitude to her learning and for showing greater resilience.
Year 6 Maple	Bareera for her excellent introduction in her diary entry, trying to include lots of informal vocabulary. Ruben for his fantastic attitude to learning and challenging himself in lessons.
Value of The Month	January - Responsibility (A WPS Core Value)

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting stars:

Multisports - Noa Y3 and Emma Y5

Gym - Lottie YR, Dorian Y2, Amba YR and Joshua Y1



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TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 November First day back for pupils
Friday 19 December Last day of term: 1.30pm finish

Please note the earlier finish times on the final day of each term.

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 6 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February First day back for pupils
Friday 27 March Last day of term: 1.30pm finish

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 14 April First day back for pupils
Monday 4 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June First day back for pupils
Friday 17 July Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Four INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 1st September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 13th April 2026

(Plus Monday 4 May 2026 - Bank Holiday)

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Spring Term 2027

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Wednesday 6 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Monday 22 February First day back for pupils
Thursday 25 March Last day of term: 1.30pm finish

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 13 April First day back for pupils
Monday 4 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Monday 7 June INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 8 June First day back for pupils
Thursday 22 July Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

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Tuesday 5th January 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

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Year B (2025-26)

September	Kindness
October	Freedom
November	Understanding
December	Co-operation
January	Responsibility
February	Tolerance
March	Thoughtfulness
April	Perseverance
May	Compassion
June	Courtesy
July	Humility

Woodridge Vision 60

Our strategic objectives

1

Through quality teaching and learning, to improve outcomes for all children by building a culture of achievement through progress across the curriculum.

2

To extend the Woodridge curriculum to create wider opportunities for all children to develop their skills and talents.

3

To develop sustainable, high quality and accountable leadership at all levels throughout the school.

4

To work in partnership with other schools, parents and the wider school community to enrich our school.

The 10 best primary schools in London for 2026, according to the *Telegraph*

1. St Mary's Bryanston Square CofE School, Westminster
2. Park Academy, Merton
3. Stockwell Primary School, Lambeth
4. Hampden Gurney CofE Primary School, Westminster
5. St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Lambeth
6. Merton Park Primary School, Merton
7. Woodridge Primary School, Barnet
8. Benedict Academy, Merton
9. St Luke's Church of England School, Camden
10. St Mary Magdalene Academy, Islington

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