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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, join the Big Garden Birdwatch, by counting the birds in your back garden, balcony or local park for ONE HOUR on one of those days.



This information will help the RSPB plan to help our native birds cope with the challenges of nature and climate change.

You can find a simple form to record this at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) and then submit your results online. In assembly this morning, the children were shown a video of how to take part, which is also on the website.

Reception Class have been doing great work about this too - see page 2.

## WIDER WOODRIDGE IS BACK

Last week, we re-started Wider Woodridge in the juniors for the last 30 minutes of Friday afternoon. During Wider Woodridge, we mix up the children across Y3 to Y6 in mixed aged-groups to take part in wider-curriculum activities led by staff. This includes *The Widerness Café*, run by Y6 out on the green until 3.40pm.

This term's activities:

- *Debating Club*
- *Lego Masters*
- *Board/Card Games*
- *Just Dance*
- *The Allotment Project*
- *Darts*
- *Ipad Art*
- *Design*
- *\*The Widerness Cafe*



\*CAKE DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME!



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## RECEPTION AND THE BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

This week, Reception class have been talking about and looking at birds. They also have a live bird webcam running on the screen in the classroom.



The children have drawn some amazing pictures of common British birds and made some wonderful bird feeders out of pumpkin seed covered apples.

Here are pictures by Emily, Haydar, Nora, Chloe, Kira, William and Oliver.



## 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 with **new events/changes in red**. The term dates for **next year** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

Please note - INSET Day 4 is **MONDAY** 13th April (not a Tuesday as it stated in the last two Newsletters!) **WSA Quiz Supper night is SATURDAY 18th APRIL.**

<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 to Buddhist Temple Kennington</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 to Verulamium</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	WC 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - ARTSWEEK
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan - Y4 British Museum	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Show pm
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - Y3 Tring Museum	WC 9 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y6 Docklands Museum</b>	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y1 Class Assembly One</b>	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y4 Class Assembly Two
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 Science Museum</b>	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar - Y5 to Sound Out Concert
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Y2 Barnet Environmental Centre	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y1 to Y6 Mid-Year reports home
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 Class Assembly Two	Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
<b>WC 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM</b>	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y6 Class Assembly Two
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly Two
<b>Monday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June – End of Year Reports home
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY	Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April - WSA Quiz Supper Night</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Dress 1.45pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
<b>WC 25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 to Conover Hall	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly Two	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish

## SINGING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Sienna in Y3 for passing her Grade 2 singing exam. It is great to hear of an exam in singing. Well done Sienna.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

We have received lots of donations for the Children's Book Project, run by Amelia Y3, Sadie Y3, Sophie Y2 and Ophelia Y2. This aim of this is to redistribute thousands of new and gently used books to children and their families who don't have any.



The deadline is Friday 30th January. NB: The project **cannot** accept old or tatty books, encyclopedias, textbooks, revision books, religious texts, DVDs or CDs or ex-library or reading scheme books.

# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 23rd 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	Ben for being polite, kind, thoughtful, caring, helpful and a good friend. Noah for god listening, careful work and for being a brilliant friend to play with.
Year 1 Willow	Emi for fantastic writing in English—writing an alternative ending for Jack and the Beanstalk. Liam for showing kindness, compassion and a helpful spirit towards others.
Year 2 Rowan	Maral for being such a hard working, resilient and kind pupil. Ryan for your fantastic work in English this term-you always go the extra mile and produce such a high standard of work.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Adam and Sami for being really enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the Ancient Egyptians.
Year 4 Ash	Year 4 were on a school trip today.
Year 5 Lime	Arun for making good progress with his handwriting. Hussain for taking part in class discussions and showing good levels of concentration.
Year 6 Maple	Florence for her fantastic presentation and always trying her best at tricky challenges. Anya for her brilliant efforts with her homework, showing her creativity.
Value of The Month	January - <b>Responsibility</b> (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 - Benjamin YR, Akira Y2, Chloe YR & Daigo Y1

Gym - Aki Y4 & Florence Y6



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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)

Please do not book holidays during term time. Fixed penalties fines from August will now be £80 per child, per parent.



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## TERM DATES 2026-2027

### Autumn Term 2026

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

Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Monday 2 November      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 3 November      First day back for pupils  
Friday 18 December      Last day of term: 1.30pm finish

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

### Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5 January      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
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

Tuesday 1st September 2026  
Monday 2nd November 2026  
Tuesday 5th January 2027  
Monday 12th April 2027  
Monday 7th June 2027

(Plus Monday 4 May 2027 - Bank Holiday)

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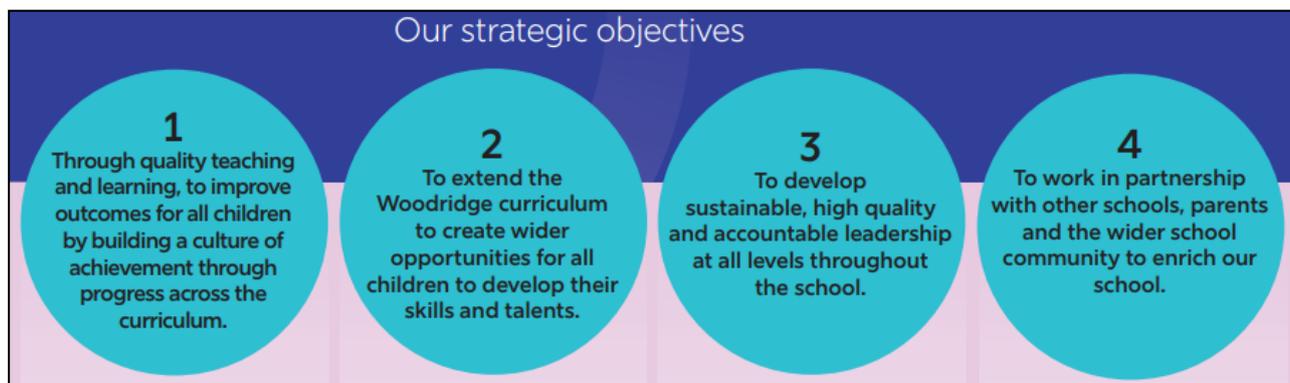


## Year B (2025-26)

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

## Woodridge Vision 60

### Our strategic objectives



### 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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