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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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NO INSET DAY AFTER HALF TERM

Please remember that there is no INSET Day after half term. The children are back into school on Monday 23rd February, 8.55am!



YEAR 2 AT THE BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Mrs Baikie writes: Year 2 became woodland detectives for the day this week on their class trip to the Barnet Environment Centre.

As part of their science topic, animals and habitats, the children spent the day finding minibeasts under logs, learning about woodland microhabitats and pond-dipping for newts and water boatmen.



It was great to see how many different animal habitats we have right on our doorstep!



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WORLD BOOK DAY - UNUSUAL READING & DRESS UP WARNING!

Heads up - it is World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and this year and we would like everyone to dress up as an adjective, which is a word that describes a noun. Eg. hot, sparkly, strong, blue, healthy, sleepy, sporty or blotchy. There will be prizes for the best and most creative outfits. Have a think about this over half term!



adjective
A word that describes a noun

Also, over half term, take a photo of your child doing some *Unusual Reading* (see letter sent earlier this week). Photos should have the title of the book visible.



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YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

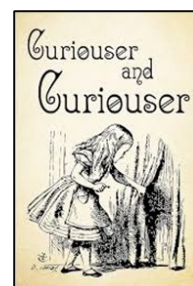
This week, it was Year 3's turn to share what they have been learning in recent weeks at school. The assembly began with maths and an enthusiastic M.C. Grammar rap, followed by key learning Year 3 have done in English about descriptive writing and non-chronological reports. The children then told us lots of facts and concepts relating to rocks and fossils In science, Ancient Egypt in history and deserts in geography.

Well done Y3 and thanks to Mrs Hooper and Y3 team for organising a lovely assembly, full of facts and with some very clear speaking from the children.



ARTSWEEK & SCIENCE WEEK - 'Curiouser and curiouser.'

From 2nd March there will be a two week, double header - Artsweek followed by Science Week with the theme 'Curiouser and Curiouser.' During these two weeks there will be a performance for the whole school of Alice in Wonderland and science workshops for each class.



As of the date of this Newsletter we have received only 50% of the voluntary contributions needed to cover the cost. Please help us with this.



CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Thursday a team of 12 children from Years 4 to 6 took part in a wet and muddy cross country competition around Oakhill Park. Each race had 40 participants and Woodridge had lots of runners in the top 10. Congratulations to Sacha Y5 for winning the Y5 boys race and receiving a GOLD medal. This is a Woodridge first in cross country.

The school overall team places will be calculated in the next few days.

Thanks to Mr Mapes and to the parent helpers.



COFFEE MORNING AND ANXIETY WORKSHOP

Mrs Sperber is hosting a coffee morning for all parents about how to support children with anxiety.



This will be on Wednesday 11th March from 9.00am to 10.00am.

A workshop will be led by a member of **bics**, a service available to Barnet families which aims to support children and young people's wellbeing and mental health.

A yellow poster with a blue border. At the top is the Woodridge Primary School logo. Below it is a box with 'COFFEE MORNING'. In the center is the 'It's OK to talk bics' logo with the tagline 'Supporting Children and Young People's Wellbeing and Mental Health Service'. Below that is a split image: a white coffee cup on the left and a yellow box with 'Anxiety' and various symbols on the right. At the bottom is a white box with the event details: '9-10am Wednesday 11th March 2026', the title 'Understanding and Managing Anxiety', and a description: 'A workshop looking at children's experiences of anxiety and how we can support them.'

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bics
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Anxiety

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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 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**.

SPRING TERM	Fri 27th Feb – Y4 to Verulamium
Mon 5 th Jan – INSET Day 3	WC 2 nd March - ARTSWEEK
Tues 6 th Jan - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 3 rd March – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Show pm
Fri 23 rd Jan - Y4 British Museum	Thurs 5 th Mar – World Book Day
Thurs 29 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	WC 9 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 3 rd Feb - Y3 Tring Museum	Thurs 12 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
Weds 4th Feb - Y6 Docklands Museum	Fri 13th Mar - Y6 to Imperial War Museum
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
Fri 27th Feb – Y3 to Buddhist Temple Kennington	
SUMMER TERM	Thurs 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly Two
Monday 13th April – INSET Day 4	Fri 26 th June – End of Year Reports home
Mon 4 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Tues 30 th June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Weds 6 th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Thurs 2 nd July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Mon 11 th May – Y6 SATs week	Fri 3 rd July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Sat 18th April - WSA Quiz Supper Night	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
WC 25 th May – HALF TERM	Fri 10 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Mon 1 st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 14 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 8 th June – Y6 to Condoover Hall	Fri 17 th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 17 th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two	Fri 17 th July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish

WIDER WOODRIDGE ALLOTMENT PROJECT

This term, one of the KS2 Wider Woodridge projects is to create an allotment to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables. This will be in the rectangle of grass beside the staff car park where the children are not allowed to play during playtimes.



The profits from the Friday Widerness Café will this term go towards financing the £300 cost of making the flowerbeds and buying seeds, plants and compost.

So we need cake donations on Fridays to make this happen this happen. Thank you.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 13th February 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	Gabrielle for showing great cooking skills when making pancakes. Arin for showing lots of enthusiasm and making good progress to learn his Phase 3 phonics.
Year 1 Willow	Jude for fantastic contributions during carpet time discussion during the science topic. Lavin for being such a kind, compassionate and caring friend.
Year 2 Rowan	Hugo for excellent writing this week, focusing on a super, detailed recount. Reuben for enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions in the new R.E. topic.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Raffi was making an excellent effort in maths this week. Neil for always giving great explanations in maths.
Year 4 Ash	Kyna and Aum for excellent focus and teamwork during computing, completing your task, challenging themselves and supporting each other so brilliantly.
Year 5 Lime	Aishini for producing work of a high standard in all subjects. Sara for working hard to read important information, plan and write a newspaper report.
Year 6 Maple	Sebi for such creative designs writing his biography of a fashion designer. Emily G for her well-structured writing and vocabulary. Alice for a beautifully presented biography.
Value of The Month	February - Tolerance

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Shreya YR, George YR, Ella Y2,
Jude Y1 and Emily G Y2
Gym - Cai Y3 and Chloe G Y4



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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.

Top Primary Schools in London

1. Thomas Jones Primary School, Kensington and Chelsea – Regional 1 / National 1 Primary School of the Year in London
2. Hampden Gurney CofE Primary School, Westminster – Regional 2 / National 5
3. St Andrew's RC Primary School, Streatham, Lambeth – Regional 3 / National 6
4. Courtland School, Barnet – Regional 4 / National 7
5. Christ Church Bentinck CofE Primary School, Westminster – Regional 5 / National 8
6. Cleves Primary School, East Ham, Newham – Regional 6 / National 11
7. Merton Park Primary School, Merton – Regional 7 / National 13
8. Hampstead Parochial CofE Primary School, Camden – Regional 8 / National 14=
9. Woodridge Primary School, Barnet – Regional 9 / National 16
10. Fox Primary School, Kensington and Chelsea – Regional 10 / National 17

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