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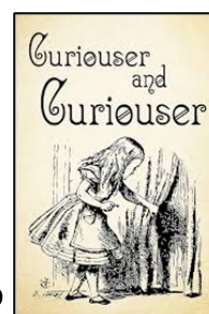
WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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ARTSWEEK - 'Curiouser and curiouser.'

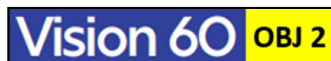
Next week it is **Artsweek** at Woodridge. This year's theme is 'Curiouser and Curiouser,' which is also linked to next week's Science Week.



On Tuesday there will be a performance for the whole school of *Alice in Wonderland* along with a whole school art project linked to the story.

There will also be Arts-based assemblies, including World Book Day on Thursday.

As of the date of this Newsletter we have received only 65% of the voluntary contributions needed to cover the cost. Please help us with this.



WORLD BOOK DAY - UNUSUAL READING & DRESS UP WARNING!

Heads up - next Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and this year 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!



Also, don't forget to take a photo of your child doing some *Unusual Reading* (see letter sent before half term). Photos should have the title of the book visible. These should be submitted as a **HARD COPY** (not email please), by next Friday.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
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YEAR 3 AT THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Mrs Hooper writes:

Y3 had a fantastic trip to the Jamyang London Buddhist Centre in Kennington. The children were all very well behaved on their first school tube journey. At the centre, they learnt about Buddhist beliefs, the story of Buddhism and tried a short meditation.



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FREE CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS – FRIDAY 6 MARCH

Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to help ensure children are travelling safely on our roads.

Two trained experts from Good Egg Safety will be on site at Brent Cross Hendon Way Superstore (NW2 1LZ) on 6 March, between 10am and 3pm, to carry out checks, correct any fitting issues and answer any questions.



Your child doesn't need to be with you for the check, although advisors can also ensure they are seated correctly if they are present. No booking required. To check waiting times before you travel, you can call on the day: **07483 474617**.

MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to Noah Y5 who Noah took part in the Watford Music Festival last week.

He was awarded 1st place in the Grade 6 piano category and 2nd place in the piano Under-14 category for playing music from the romantic period.



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 white box with 'COFFEE MORNING' in bold black text. In the center is the 'It's OK to talk bics' logo. Below that is a graphic of a white coffee cup on a saucer next to a yellow box with 'Anxiety' in bold black text and various icons like a question mark, exclamation mark, and a lightning bolt. At the bottom is a white box with the date '9-10am Wednesday 11th March 2026', the title 'Understanding and Managing Anxiety' in bold, and a description: 'A workshop looking at children's experiences of anxiety and how we can support them.'

MEASLES

Yesterday you should have received a letter about rising cases of measles across London, particularly in our neighbouring borough of Enfield.



Measles is a serious illness and can lead to hospitalisation and, tragically, in rare cases, death. If you or your child are not fully protected against measles with two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine, then you are at risk of developing measles. **Please see the letter for further details.**

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 Condover 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 27th 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	Scarlett for making very good progress with her phonics. Karnie for lovely writing about the things needed to make a vegetable stir-fry.
Year 1 Willow	Alaia for showing resilience and hard work in all areas of learning. Ridhee for fantastic caption writing in English.
Year 2 Rowan	Amaya for a beautifully written retelling of Hansel and Gretel. Roy for a phenomenal improvement in writing with a retelling of Hansel and Gretel.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Year 3 were on the school trip to the Buddhist Temple.
Year 4 Ash	Year 4 were on the school trip today to Verulamium.
Year 5 Lime	Charlie for showing independence, enthusiasm and excellent computer skills when designing a game maze. Richie for excellent opening lines for a myths and legends story homework.
Year 6 Maple	Miguel, Oli, Termeh and Emily S for fantastic work in computing - producing brilliant blogs and following instructions carefully.
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 - Lara Y2, Lulu Y2, Haydar YR, Esme Y1
and Ayaz Y2

Gym - Ella Y5, Kaian Y4 and Arthur 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

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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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