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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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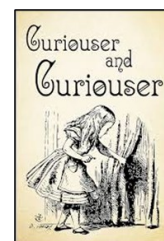
## ARTSWEEK - 'Curiouser and curiouser.'

We have had a terrific **Artsweek** at Woodridge this week, with the theme 'Curiouser and Curiouser.'



The children have taken part in the following arts-themed activities:

- Listened to a live trombone performance and heard from professional musician Dave Whitehouse
- Watch the musical of Alice in Wonderland
- Heard about the Royal Ballet and Opera and arts-based careers
- Watched some Royal Ballet performance
- Heard mystery storytellers and World Book Day live-lessons
- Created Alice-themed art pieces for our Mad Hatter's Tea Party display



Next week's Newsletter will have the reports of the activities, written by our WPS Arts Correspondents.

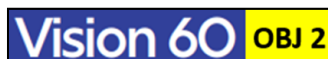


## YEAR 4 CHAMPIONS!!

It's been coming...and today Woodridge won our first football tournament in over 20 years!

Well done to the Year 4 team who won eight straight games, scoring 17 goals and conceding just 1, in a competition with 24 schools.

Congratulations to the team and to Mr Mapes for his high profile championing of all things sporty.



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## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you parents (and staff) for facilitating so many great adjective-themed World Book Day costumes. We had a WBD themed assembly and engaging book-themed activities.



Here's an (almost) whole school photo.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Just a reminder that last minute bookings for After School Club, should be made by 1.00pm, so that we have time to adjust staffing levels, if needed.



Also, for the same reason (and to help the school budget), if you have booked After School Club and then you no-longer need a place, please let us know. We had five children not attend yesterday who were booked in!

## THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

A big well done to Elira in Y3, who recently donated 13 inches of her hair to Little Princess Trust, to support children with hair loss.



Elira has also raised over £600 so far for the charity. Amazing. This is such a lovely thing to do.

### 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. Below that is a graphic with a coffee cup on the left and a yellow box with 'Anxiety' and various symbols on the right. At the bottom is a box with the date '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.'

### Y5 SECONDARY TRANSFER

On a similar theme to the above, just a reminder to YEAR 5 parents about the secondary transfer information that was emailed yesterday.

### **SECONDARY TRANSFER**

Do look at this and add it to your planning file! If you have any queries, please email the office or speak to Mr Dowland or Miss Monro and we will try to help.

## 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 – Y4 to Verulamium</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	WC 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - ARTSWEEK
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Show pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan - Y4 British Museum	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	WC 9 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb - Y3 Tring Museum	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - Y6 Docklands Museum</b>	<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar - Y6 to Imperial War Museum</b>
<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
WC 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM	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>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 to Buddhist Temple Kennington</b>	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly Two
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4</b>	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
WC 25 <sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM	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 Condover 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

## 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!

## ARTSWEEK Achievement Awards

Friday 6th March 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	Vinnie and Nora for showing lots of enthusiasm and making great collages of The White Rabbit and a flamingo respectively.
Year 1 Willow	Oliver and Rosie for their sensible and thoughtful attitudes towards choosing their 'funtivities' during the KS1 'Artsweek Crafternoon.'
Year 2 Rowan	Sophie G for an imaginative witches' spell and cauldron drawing. Isaac for the spectacular design of an Alice in Wonderland-themed cake
Year 3 Silver Birch	Abdullah and Clementine for such creative ideas for their artwork this week.
Year 4 Ash	Oscar and Mahi for amazing, creative teacup design work inspired by Alice in Wonderland.
Year 5 Lime	Afra and Ella, for brilliant hat designs and character descriptions linked to our World Book Day book - 'The Café at the Edge of the Woods.'
Year 6 Maple	Zack and Ruhaan for their fantastic creativity when designing an alternative front cover for the class book. Ayaana for her thoughtful homework on The Forgotten Army.
Value of The Month	March - <b>Thoughtfulness</b>

## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

# The Year 4 Football Team



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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

**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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