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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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SCOOTER DAY

The Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed Scooter Day this week on Tuesday.

They learnt skills such as how to slow down and stop using the brake, how to manoeuvre around obstacles and people, how to 'push and glide' and finally how to stop safely, dismount and walk next to the scooter to cross a road.



Thank you to all the parents for sending in scooters and helmets to make the day a success. Happy scooting in the Easter holidays!



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FIRST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

The first day back for children after the holidays is Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am.

Have a great Easter everyone!


**Summer
Term**



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON

stars
Gold level accreditation

THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL - 1st IN BARNET!

In the last fortnight (up to yesterday)) there had been 1,404 non-car journeys to school at Woodridge. That's 87.3% journeys over the last two weeks that were scooted, walked, cycled or even skate-boarded!



According to the tracking database for the Big Walk and Wheel, Woodridge were:

30th out 1072 medium sized schools Nationally
7th out of 45 medium sized schools in London
and.....

1st in Barnet out of 6 schools taking part!



Everyone must be a little bit fitter and the air a little bit cleaner!

Thanks to everyone who put in the effort to avoid a car journey over the last 14 days and a big thank you to Mrs Wheatcroft for organising the event.

BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who bought something from the Book Fair this week. It was a great success with over £650 taken in. A percentage of this will allow us to claim free books for the school.



Thanks to Leader of English Mrs Hooper for organising the Book Fair and being at the stall each day. Before this week we had raised £1200 this way for school books.

MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations also to Emma Y5 who achieved three awards for her piano playing recently at a music competition.



Emma achieved Grade 6 gold and silver awards and a special prize for Expressive Performance at the London Young Musician Competition.



Y6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week it was Year 6's turn to tell us about what they have been learning about in school in recent weeks. The class talked about their research work on fashion and their bin-bag designs, how to spot if something is AI generated and read out some facts about WWII along with some linked persuasive writing. The assembly ended with a song all about fractions.

Thanks to Mrs Norman and the Y6 Team for such an engaging assembly.



BOLLYWOOD ASSEMBLY



Very well done to the children of Bollywood Dance Club who performed for us in assembly this week.

The whole school also got to practise some Bollywood Dance moves.

Thanks to Archita for preparing the children.



SWIMMING COMPETITION

Well done to the Y4 to Y6 Woodridge swimming team who took part in a competition on Monday. Out of 15 schools, Woodridge finished 8th.

There were wins for Jude Y4 and Zack Y4, with Aki Y4 and Bea Y4 finishing second.

Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising and to the parent helpers.



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KARATE SUCCESS

Well done to Emelyn Y1 for passing the 7th Kyu in Goju-Ryu Karate-Do through the Kaishi Karate School. Emelyn now gets to wear a green belt.



SWIMMING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following children for achieving awards with Oakleigh Park School of Swimming:

Haruto Y1 - 5 metres

Lavin Y1 - 20 metres

Adrina Y1 - Junior Swimmer award (swimming and diving)

Zuri Y3 - Bronze Standard Award



Also, congratulations to Esme Y1 for achieving a diving in award with Swimtank.

SWIM TANK
LEARN TO SWIM

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Well done to Adrina Y1 for achieving a Bronze Medal and certificate for Vault and Floor in a recent gymnastics competition with Perform Better Sports Club.




WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

Below is a list of all the key events and dates for the Summer Term. Further dates, including class trips will be added as the term progresses with **new events/changes in red**.



The term dates for **next year** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

SUMMER TERM	Weds 17 th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two
Monday 13 th April – INSET Day 4	Thurs 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly Two
Mon 4 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 26 th June – End of Year Reports home
Weds 6 th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Tues 30 th June - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Mon 11 th May – Y6 SATs week	Thurs 2 nd July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Tues 12th May - YR to Bekonscot	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 25th May – HALF TERM	Fri 10 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 29 th May - Y5 Secondary Transfer Mtg 7pm	Tues 14 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 1 st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 17 th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Mon 8 th June – Y6 to Condoover Hall	Fri 17 th July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish




The Woodridge Supper Quiz

Saturday 18th April at 7:30 pm

£20 per person - Max 10 people per table

**Fish & Chips included (or veggie option)
BYOB!**

Prizes:
A full year's bragging rights
A write-up in the newsletter
Medals & Chocolate



Be quick! - Almost half the tables for the Supper Quiz have gone!

WOODRIDGE SUPPER QUIZ

The Annual WSA Woodridge Supper Quiz is back, and this year it's on a Saturday evening. So, if you want to test yourself at a gathering of Woodridge's finest minds, be sure to sign up quickly - spaces are limited!

<https://forms.gle/qsHu61eU6Tiw6jRT7> .



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 27th 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	Oliver for showing good drawing and cutting skills to make a shape snake. Chloe for working so well in the Nature Reserve and making a great 'magic stick' with threaded beads.
Year 1 Willow	Haruto for sharing his scientific findings in a fantastic home made book about the planets. Summer for being such a great friend, being always kind and thoughtful.
Year 2 Rowan	Lulu and Seina for both writing fabulous, wonderfully imaginative Twisted Tales stories.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Arjun and Karina for writing fantastic Tinga-Tinga tales.
Year 4 Ash	Matilda and Arthur for their creativity and imagination when writing their final fantasy stories.
Year 5 Lime	Solly for working so hard to improve his handwriting. Sasha for excellent use of vocabulary in his Beowulf inspired legend.
Year 6 Maple	All of Year 6 for their fantastic assembly - learning all their lines and speaking really clearly.
Value of The Month	March - Thoughtfulness

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

- Multisports - Adrina Y1, Summer Y1, Noemie Y2
Mizuki Y2, Vinnie YR, Reuben Y2, Tom Y1
and Sophie G Y2
- Gym - Matilda Y4 and Aimee Y5



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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

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

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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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