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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Y6 AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On Tuesday, Y6 spent the day at the Royal Albert Hall, in the lead up to a huge BEAT gala concert featuring a choir of 900 and 300 other musicians from Barnet music groups. It was a fantastic evening of music making with our very own Ms Savournin leading the massed choral items. It was one of those evenings that will live with Y6 forever.



Thanks go to Mrs Hooper, Mrs Tait and Miss Pattani for taking the children and staying to a late night finish. See photos on page 2.

SAD FAREWELLS

Today we say a sad farewell to several members of staff.

A huge thank you goes to Interim Co-Headteacher Ms Donaghy who has done a brilliant job covering for Miss Monroe whilst she has been on maternity leave. Ms Donaghy has made a big impact on mentoring new staff, the School Council, the Learning Ambassadors, our Ofsted inspection and many, many other things since September. Next term she returns to Queenswell Federation where she is a Head of School.



We also say thank you to Miss Boden who taught Year 3 this term, prior to Mrs Norman returning from maternity leave. We wish Miss Boden all the best in her next position.

Teaching Assistant Miss Saleh also leaves us today having been at Woodridge for a year. She will be pursuing a new career in marketing. We thank her for all her work, largely in Y3 and Y5. Teaching Assistant Mrs Diab also leaves us today having been with us for a term, supporting in Year 5. We wish her well in her next role.



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Y6 AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL



At the Albert Hall, Year 6 performed in 5 musical numbers as part of a 900 strong choir, accompanied by Barnet orchestras and bands. They also took part in the World Premiere of a piece called 'All Under One Sky' which was commissioned for the concert. Very well done to all of you.

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BOLLYWOOD DANCE ASSEMBLY

It was lovely to watch the end of term performance of the Bollywood Dance Club this week.

Well done to all the performers and thank you to Mrs Goenka for preparing the children so well.

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Y1 FAIRY TALE DAY

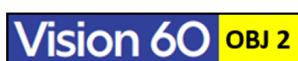
Mrs Glynn writes:

We had a great Fairy Tale Day in Year 1.

The children shared their favourite fairy tales, The Jolly Postman (Mr Dingivan) came to visit the class and collected all of the children's letters to their favourite fairy tale character which he said he would deliver in person.



Finally we baked gingerbread men.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Last Friday the girls' football team played against Alma.

The Woodridge team started really well, going 3-0 up in the first half after goals by Rufia Y6 (2), Kelsey Y5 and Neve Y6.



In the second half, Alma came back every strongly, eventually winning 5-4.

It has been a good season for the girls, without regular training. They scored more goals this season than last season. Well done girls.

Y5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week it was Year 5's turn to share with everyone what they have been learning about this term, after a postponed assembly due to Ofsted.



The children told everyone about their geography work on rainforests, science topics of reversible reactions and animal life cycles and the study of legends in English.

We don't have a photo of this assembly!

Thanks to Miss McCleneghen and the Y5 team for organising the assembly.

WELCOME BACK MISS MONRO & MRS NORMAN

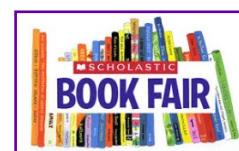
Miss Monro returns from maternity leave after Easter as Co-Headteacher.

Mrs Norman also returns from maternity leave as Year 3 class teacher and Maths Leader.



THE BOOK FAIR

As a result of last week's Book Fair, the school benefits by being able to choose over £500 worth of books. Thanks everyone for buying so many books and thanks to Mrs Hooper for organising.



TTRS - BATTLE OF THE BANDS

After two weeks of intense battling, today Mrs Hooper announced the winners of this term's Battle of the Bands - a times tables competition across Year 3 to 6.

1st Place - Millie Y4 (for the second year running!)

2nd Place - Daniel Y3

3rd Place - Emma Y4

Class with the most points - Year 4



SCIENCE WINNERS

Well done to the winners of Miss McCleneghen's Science Week science experiment competition who were all awarded with a science-based prizes in assembly today.

The winners were a joint entry from Sadie and Amelia in Y3 who explored which things flushed down the toilet most effectively!



Well done also to the other winners - Yasen Y2, Luna Y1, Reuben Y1 and Hana Y5

GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ofek in Year 6 who won 1st place in his category at the London Gymnastic Competition last weekend.

Ofek needed to perform a routine on the dance mat and performed springboard vaults over a box. He won a trophy and gold medal. Well done Ofek.



NOWRUZ IN Y1

Luna's mum came in to teach the children about Nowruz. She even brought a real goldfish. The children learnt the meaning of each object on the tray and the special words in Farsi.



Thank you Mrs Goodarzi.

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THE FIRST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM

The first day back after Easter for pupils is Wednesday 23rd April 8.55am.

Have a great holiday everyone. Thanks for all your amazing support.



WSA QUIZ NIGHT

The WSA annual Quiz Supper will take place on **27th April @7.30.**



You can buy a table for £250 (which includes 10 seats and 2 bottles of wine) or individual tickets will cost £25 per person. Also, as ever, it is BYOB. All tickets include a light supper and some sweet treats too!

To book your table and tickets simply use the QR code here. It couldn't be easier! <https://bit.ly/WSAQuiz25>



Y5 AT THE SOUND OUT CONCERT

Last Friday, Year 5 went down to the Royal Festival Hall to watch and hear the London Sinfonietta at the Sound Out concert.

As you will know from last week's Newsletter, Rojeen in Year 5 had her musical graphic score chosen as the stimulus for a specially composed piece for the musicians to play. She also made a video explaining how she came to make up her graphic score.



Thanks to Mis McCleneghen for organising, Ms Savournin for coordinating the music element and the Y5 team and parent helpers.



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AN ASSEMBLY REPORT ABOUT MP DAN TOMLINSON

Dan Tomlinson is the MP for Chipping Barnet. He is a member of the Labour Party. Barnet is divided into 3 sections: Hendon, Finchley and Golders Green and Chipping Barnet. He was elected by the locals in July 2024. He won the election with 21,000 votes! He is also the first ever Labour MP to represent Chipping Barnet.



Dan works in the Houses of Parliament. There are two different sides of the Houses of Parliament: the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Famously the House of Commons only has green seats, whereas House of Lords has red seats. He works in the House of Commons with all the other MPs where they decide laws. He goes there on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and sometimes Thursdays.

There are two sides of the House of Commons: one in favour of the decision and one against. There is a big seat in the middle of the sides. This is where the speaker sits. The speaker decides on who is allowed to speak. If you want to speak you have to stand up and catch his eye. When you are speaking you can't say the word 'you' to keep the sides from having an argument. When they are voting, MPs have 10 minutes to get from their offices to the House of Commons before the doors close to place their vote. To vote there are two rooms you can go to: one to vote yes and one to vote no.

Dan does lots of visits to help people. He wanted to be an MP because when he was younger in secondary school he couldn't afford to live and his family asked the council to help his family's needs. This inspired him to want to help the citizens and make a difference and since then wanted to be an MP. He studied economics to make the country a better place. As well as economics, all the MPs have very diverse backgrounds.

He had a few ideas of his to improve the area: make roads safer by making the junctions smaller and pavements wider; make school lunches free; electric cars, wind turbines and solar panels. Finally, he wants more police on patrol because 14 years ago there were 200 police officers in Chipping Barnet and now there are 80.

It was a great speech and we learnt a lot!

Report by Ethan Y6

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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

- **Monday 2nd June is NOT an INSET Day - pupils need to be in school that day**
- **There are new class visit dates for your diaries in red**

SPRING TERM	Thurs 13 th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly
Mon 6 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Mon 17th March – Y4 to the Sikh Temple
Thurs 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Thurs 20 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly
Weds 29 th Jan – Y6 to London Central Mosque	Fri 21 st Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Thurs 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 25th Mar - School Council Enterprise Day
Thurs 13 th Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 25th March - Y1 to Capel Manor
Fri 14 th Feb - WSA Non-uniform Day	Weds 26 th Mar – Workshare Evening 5.00-7.00pm
WC 17th Feb – HALF TERM	Thurs 27 th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly
Mon 24 th Feb - INSET Day 4	Fri 28 th Mar - Y5 to <i>Sound Out</i> Concert
WC 3 rd March - ARTSWEEK	Tues 1 st April – BEAT @ Royal Albert Hall + Y6
Tues 4 th March – ‘Pinocchio’ Show pm	Thurs 3 rd April – Spanish Assembly
Thurs 6 th Mar – World Book Day	Fri 4 th April – Last Day of Term (Finish 2.30pm)
WC 10 th March – SCIENCE WEEK	
SUMMER TERM	Weds 18th June - Y3 to River Thames
Tues 22 nd April – INSET Day 5	Thurs 19 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Thurs 24th April - Y4 Roman workshops	Tues 24th June - YR to Bekonscot
WC 28 th April - Y3 Swimming Wv 1	Weds 25 th June – Sept '25 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Mon 5 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 26 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
WC 6 th May - Y3 Swimming Wk 2	Thurs 3 rd July – Spanish Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 8 th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Fri 4 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Thursday 15 th May - Y3 to Science Museum	Tues 8 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 22 nd May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 8 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Weds 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Thurs 10 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Thurs 22 nd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Fri 11 th July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
WC 27th May – HALF TERM	Mon 14 th July – Junior Production Dress 2pm
Mon 2 nd June – Term starts for children	Tues 15 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC Mon 2 nd June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Weds 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 9 th June – Y6 to Condoover Hall	Thurs 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 16th June - Y5 to Barnet Music Festival	Fri 18 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 18 th June – Y6 to Young Citizens	Tues 22 nd July - Last Day of Term (Finish 2.30pm)

B TEAM VICTORY

On Monday, the B Team played All Saints N20. It was a great game and their efforts in training really paid off.

The Woodridge B team won 2-1.

Woodridge scorers: Ezra Y6 & Reuben Y5

Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 4th April 2025

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.

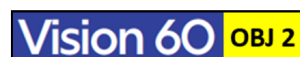
Reception Oak	Liam for working hard to make a paper backpack by himself, developing his idea and not giving up. Aalia for showing a good understanding of repeating patterns and correcting any mistakes that she spots.
Year 1 Willow	Saku for being brave and sharing her brilliant Bollywood skills in assembly. Leo for an amazing effort in English. Writing a brilliant new beginning to the Jolly Postman.
Year 2 Rowan	Yasen for your hard work in writing this term-your handwriting and spelling have improved so much! Elira for always doing the best you can do in all your work and making great progress.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Year 3 – Thank you for being a brilliant superstar class, I will miss you all very much!
Year 4 Ash	Aishini for her excellent fantasy story using all the features we've been learning about. Taha for really developing and extending his ideas when writing his fantasy story.
Year 5 Lime	Sebi and Florence for an engaging presentation and excellent version of Beowulf.
Year 6 Maple	Leo and Lyla D for writing great persuasive letters!
Values Awards	Amelia Y6 - KINDNESS & RESPONSIBILITY
Value of The Month	April - LOVE

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Gym - Florence Y5 and Emily Y5

Multisports - Shiv YR, Jude YR, Summer YR and Noa Y2



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 3 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 5 November First day back for pupils
Friday 20 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 7 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
Tuesday 25th February First day back for pupils
Friday 4 April Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Wednesday 23 April First day back for pupils
Monday 5 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June First day back for pupils
Tuesday 22 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 2 September 2024
Monday 4 November 2024
Monday 6 January 2025
Monday 24 February 2025
Tuesday 22 April 2025

(Plus Monday 5 May 2024 - 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 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: 2.30pm finish

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: 2.30pm 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 2.30pm 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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Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle

Year A (2024-25)

September	Respect
October	Unity
November	Friendship
December	Peace
January	Honesty
February	Resilience
March	Hope
April	Love
May	Empathy
June	Courage
July	Trust



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.