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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Y3/Y4 tennis team who reached the final of a tennis tournament this week at Oakleigh Park Tennis Club. After winning their five group games and the semi-final on a points countback, the team were eventually beaten in the final by Akiva, coming away as silver medallists. Fantastic!



Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising the trials and team.

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LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

You will have received a letter earlier today about a Lockdown Practice which took place this morning. Schools are expected to put in place a lockdown procedure in the event of a serious incident outside the school or in the school grounds.

Lockdown Drill

Practice Today



The procedure, which involves the children being locked safely in school for a short period, was conducted really sensibly by the children.



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YEAR 4 VISIT THE NATURE RESERVE

On Tuesday, Year 4 spent all day in the Nature Reserve beside the school field. This was to support their science curriculum about topic habitats.

The children did some wildlife observing, (including seeing a muntjac deer) produced bark rubbings, created their own micro-habitats and tested them.

We are so lucky at Woodridge to have such a rich resource on our doorstep.

Thanks to Miss Badhan for organising the day and to the parent helpers.



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	Fri 12th June - Neal Zetter Poetry Slam Day
Monday 13th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 16th June – Y5 at the Barnet Music Festival
Sat 18th April - WSA Quiz Supper Night	Weds 17 th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two
Weds 29th April - Y5 Secondary Transfer Mtg 7pm	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
Tues 19th May - Y3 to Kew Gardens	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
Mon 1 st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 14 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Fri 5th June – Class Photo Day	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

LAMDA AWARD SUCCESS

Congratulations to Chloe and Arthur Y4 for achieving a distinction in a recent Level 1 LAMDA exam where they performed two songs and had to answer lots of questions.



GYMNASTICS AWARD

Well done to Rosie Y1 for achieving Gymnastics Ability Award Level 1 with Anima Gymnastics Club.



MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to Noah Y5 for being awarded first place in the Grade 6 Piano Class at the North London Music Festival.



LOOKING FOR GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? Look out for the letter sent today via ParentMail about two vacancies.



With upcoming changes to the leadership team, now would be the perfect time to build on recent successes and help the school to go from strength to strength. To find out more about what's involved and what you might offer just send a message to chair@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk

BICS ADVICE SESSIONS

If you have any concerns about your child's ability to dress, use cutlery, other functional skills or speech and language, Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies are open to phone and video calls. See the flyer below.



The flyer features a blue border and a background image of a child's hand. At the top right is the NHS Whittington Health NHS Trust logo. The main title is 'Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies Telephone Advice Sessions'. Below this are six white rounded rectangular boxes, each containing an icon and text describing a service feature.

NHS
Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies Telephone Advice Sessions

-  Book a telephone or video call
-  Speak to a Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist
-  Discuss your concerns
Get advice and strategies
Get ideas on next steps and new targets
-  For Parents, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Nursery staff - anyone supporting a child
-  We work with interpreters if needed
-  To book please call 020 3316 8900
or email whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 1st May 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	Annabelle and Rory for showing excellent observations when looking at some flowers and completing a lovely painting of them.
Year 1 Willow	Matthew for writing a fantastic list of items needed to catch an alien! Bar for correctly making groups of 10 in our maths work.
Year 2 Rowan	Ophelia for showing resilience and perseverance through tricky maths tasks this week. Akira for your thoughtful and imaginative predictions about our new book in English.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Hiroto and Maya for displaying model behaviour and always trying their best with independent work.
Year 4 Ash	Bea for being really gentle when exploring microhabitats and sharing fantastic knowledge in the Nature reserve. Matilda for showing great resilience and improvement in Maths and English.
Year 5 Lime	Ava for showing a more confident attitude during class discussions, providing valuable insights in a number of subjects. Arbel for persevering to produce an accurate and effective sonnet verse.
Year 6 Maple	Ela for her excellent focus in English lessons, always trying her best. Misha for her fantastic editing in her English writing, making sure to have a range of grammar.
Value of The Month	May - Compassion

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Lyra Y2, Eva Y2, Ava Y1, Akira Y2 and Adam YR

Gym - Kelsey Y6 and Florence Y6



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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 3 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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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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