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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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RECEPTION TO BEKONSCOT

Reception Class had a lovely time at Bekonscot model village this week. They learned about the history of the village (including a visit by Walt Disney who used it as his inspiration for Disneyland), the names of lots of different buildings and had a ride on the mini train.



Thanks to Mrs Wheatcroft, the YR team and all the parent helpers.



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Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

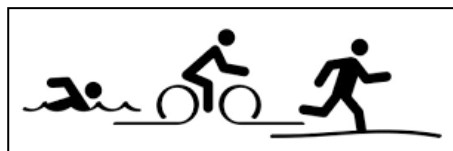


HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON

stars
Gold level accreditation

TRIATHLON SUCCESS

Congratulations to Kush Y2 for completing his first triathlon.



Kush ran for 1km, cycled for 2kms and swam for 75m, completing the course and gaining a medal. Fantastic!

MUSIC SUCCESS

On the back of recent piano success, Noah Y5 took part in the guitar Grade 3 competition at the North London Music Festival, where he finished in first place.



Congratulations Noah on your multiple music achievements. It takes real dedication and practice.

CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ruhaan Y6 who has been selected for the North Zone U11 Squad of Middlesex County Cricket Club.



WELL DONE YEAR 6

Congratulations to Y6 for getting through a tough week of SATs tests with 100% attendance.



Today was a pyjama day in Year 6 as a reward!

COFFEE MORNING - ON THE THEME OF 'SLEEP'

SENCo Mrs Sperber writes:

Our new Mental Health Support Team practitioner Corina Docian will be running a coffee morning for parents on Wednesday 10th June 9.00 to 10.00am and the theme of the session will be 'sleep.' All welcome.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and a good time to remind you that we have two mental Health First Aiders at Woodridge - Mrs Tait and Mrs Guarnieri.



NO MORE SQUISHYS!

We have been inundated with Squishys in some classes which has caused quite a few issues between the children this week.

From next week, unless your child has received permission from their teacher, please do not send your child in school with a Squishy. Many thanks.



RIDICULOUS PARKING

On Wednesday at pick up time, this vehicle was parked on the corner of Arlington and Southover, on double yellow lines.

This area must be kept clear for giving children and families visibility to cross at the junction and drivers the ability to see families crossing.



A witness account reports that the car engine was still running, the wipers were going and the vehicle was unattended.

The school has been in contact with the driver and the vehicle will be reported to the police.

**LN10 GNO -
White Toyota**



MORE RIDICULOUS PARKING

Yesterday we received an email from a resident up the hill from school at the bottom of Totteridge Green. The resident was complaining that cars are often parked alongside the narrow part of The Green and she is unable to return to her home. Yesterday, the car of a Woodridge parent was parked in the resident's private driveway and was not moved despite a conversation with the resident. Here are the details of the car:

LM64 UST - Blue Toyota Prius

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**.



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

RUGBY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Aki Y4 who recently received the 'Player of the Year' award from local rugby club, Barnet Elizabethans RFC. Brilliant!



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Well done to Vinnie YR for achieving his 20 metre swimming badge through Oakleigh Park Swimming Club. Great stuff.



LOOKING FOR GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? To find out more about what's involved and what you might offer just send a message to chair@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday 19th May.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

If your child wants to play a musical instrument in school, you can apply for lessons, by following this link to the Barnet Education Arts Trust (BEAT) website. Also - see next page for other activities on offer.
<https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>



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BEAT *Love Music Make Music*
BARNET EDUCATION ARTS TRUST

Voice Trumpet Horn Cello Viola Piano Clarinet Double Bass Oboe

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL LESSONS

AGES 7 TO 21 YRS OLD!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

- Lessons available in schools
- All teachers DBS checked
- All levels welcome from beginner to advanced
- Almost every instrument available
- Individual or small group tuition
- Lessons after-school & on weekends at BEAT Music Academies

Scan here to find out more:

Trombone Tuba Bassoon Violin Guitar Flute Drums Saxophone



Lessons are available on a range of instruments, including: violin, cello, flute, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, brass, drum kit, and guitar.

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BEAT *Love Music Make Music*
BARNET EDUCATION ARTS TRUST

GUITAR ENSEMBLE CHOIRS TRAINING STRINGS ACADEMY BAND ROCK & POP

AGES 3 TO 21 YRS OLD!

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMIES

"Excellent teaching that is affordable, accessible, and supportive. I appreciate the encouragement and relaxed approach. The kids love coming here" - Parent Survey 2024

Previous Performances:

- Royal Albert Hall
- St John's Smith Square
- artsdepot
- European Tours
- Duke's Hall
- StoneX Stadium

Scan here to find out more:

FOUNDATION STAGES JAZZ ENSEMBLE MUSIC THEORY RECORDER GROUPS

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BEAT *Love Music Make Music*
BARNET EDUCATION ARTS TRUST

GUITAR ENSEMBLE CHOIRS TRAINING STRINGS ACADEMY BAND ROCK & POP

AVAILABLE SESSIONS

- Foundation Stages
- Training Bands/Strings
- Rock & Pop
- Training Choirs
- Academy Bands/Strings
- Music Theory
- Recorder Groups
- Academy Choirs
- Tabla Classes
- Starter Bands
- Guitar Ensembles
- Jazz Ensemble

BARNET YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA

ONE VOICE CHOIRS

BARNET YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLE

BARNET YOUTH BRASS BAND

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY EAST
Saturday Mornings
East Barnet School, 5 Chestnut Grove, East Barnet
EN4 8PU

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY CENTRAL
Wednesdays & Thursdays After-School
Dollis Primary School, Pursley Rd, London NW7 2BU

BEAT MUSIC ACADEMY WEST
Saturday Mornings
St Mary's and St John's School, Sunningfield Road, Hendon,
NW4 4QR

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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 15th 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	Kira for always working hard, doing her best and showing lots of enthusiasm for activities. Viki for showing lots of interest in our trip to Bekonscot this week and for drawing and writing about what she saw.
Year 1 Willow	Idan for fantastic observation skills when re-creating a Georgia O'Keeffe artwork. Haruto for showing patience during 'Art Day' and focusing on creating great artwork.
Year 2 Rowan	Sophie G for your fabulously written and beautifully presented instructions for Man on the Moon. Ella for making lots of effort to sit with the class at carpet time and complete morning work.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Anish for always being willing to contribute to class discussions. Sienna for a fantastic attitude to learning this week.
Year 4 Ash	Kaian for being confident, enthusiastic and consistently making valuable contributions during class discussions. Harrison for being positive, engaged and eagerly sharing ideas during whole-class learning.
Year 5 Lime	The Whole Class for showing positivity and resilience during our Assessment Week, proving their English and Maths skills are always growing. Reach for the stars Year 5!
Year 6 Maple	Itai for his fantastic tessellations and going an extra step by shading it in beautifully. Lily for her hard work when using a stencil in her Escher art work.
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 - Alma Y1, Kira YR, Akira Y2, Rory YR,
Lottie YR

Gym - Kaian Y4 and Aki 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)

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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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

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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

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Tuesday 5th January 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

(Plus Monday 3 May 2027 - Bank Holiday)

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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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