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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## DEPUTY HEADTEACHER APPOINTMENT

As you will have read in the letter sent to parents earlier today, we are pleased to inform you that Mrs Sara Norman has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Woodridge from September.

**DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER**

## YEAR 3 AT KEW GARDENS

On Tuesday, Year 3 went to Kew Gardens. They saw some interesting plants including Venus Fly Traps that can trap their prey in 20 seconds and some old trees, including a 165-year old tree, thought to be the oldest tree in Kew. They also took part in a fascinating carbon and climate change workshop.



Royal  
Botanic  
Gardens **Kew**



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## NEW GOVERNOR

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Shenal Malde has been confirmed as a new parent governor at Woodridge and we welcome her to the Governing Body. Having received only one nomination, Mrs Malde was automatically elected.



## RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, Reception Class gave their first class assembly. They shared lots of their learning about birds and plants. They showed their writing, drawing, collage and painting and sang a song about chicks, complete with actions.

Thanks to Mrs Wheatcroft and the Reception Team for coordinating such a lovely assembly.



## SUMMER FETE

Save the date for the Summer Fete 12 to 4.00pm.

**SUMMER FETE**

**SUNDAY 5TH JULY**  
12pm-4pm

## YEAR 2 ROAD SAFETY - STREET DETECTIVES

On Wednesday Year 2 Class took part in a Road Safety Awareness workshop (Street Detectives) run by a Road Safety Education Officer from Barnet .



### YEAR 1 POSTBOX VISIT & POSTMAN

As part of their work on writing postcards, Mrs Glynn invited in ex-Woodridge colleague Mr Gentle who now works as a local postman.

Mr Gentle talked to the children about his job and they asked lots of questions. They then walked down to the corner of Southover to post their postcards. Thank you Mr Gentle.



### YEAR 4 KLIMT ARTWORK

This week, Year 4 explored the beautiful artwork of Gustav Klimt. Using collage techniques, the children combined rich colours and patterns to create their own striking pieces of art based on the famous Portrait of Fräulein Lieser. We were so impressed by their creativity and attention to detail!



## WELLBEING MENTOR & COFFEE MORNING - ON THE THEME OF 'SLEEP'

*SENCo Mrs Sperber writes:*

Our new Wellbeing Mentor Corina Doican (from BICS) will be coming into school most Wednesdays this term to work with some of the children and staff. Corina will also 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.



### **WORKSHOP ABOUT SLEEP**

Our new Wellbeing Mentor Corina Doican 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.

The workshop aims to deepen understanding of:

- the importance of sleep
- what sleep is
- why sleep matters
- nightmares
- what healthy bedtime routines look like

Wellbeing



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## SAD FAREWELLS

Today we said a sad farewell and thank you to teaching assistant Mrs Depala who leaves us today to prepare for having a baby in a few week's time.

Thanks and good luck also to mealtime supervisor Mrs Kartirtzidou who leaves us after half term.



## THE SOUTHOVER SLEEPOVER

A huge thank you to Miss McCleneghen, Mr Mapes and Mr Dowland for spending a night in school last night at the Y5 Southover Sleepover.

Before tucking into mountains of pizza, there was the now-famous Y5 Lip-Sync battle, with 7 acts and this year joint winners - see photo. It was an interesting night's sleep! Good practice for next year's School Journey.

Today, the class had a day of activities including Putterfingers mini golf. Thanks again to Miss McCleneghen for organising the activities.

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Orsi Productions presents...

Roald Dahl's  
**Charlie**  
and the  
**Chocolate Factory**  
The Musical

27th May - 7pm  
28th May - 7pm  
29th May - 2pm & 7pm  
30th May - 12pm & 5pm

Tickets £15

At The Halo Theatre, Southgate, N14 5PP

**07538 757534**  
bookings@orsiproductions.co.uk

## 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**.

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| <b>SUMMER TERM</b>  | <b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June - Neal Zetter Poetry Slam Day</b>      |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4</b>                 | <b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 at the Barnet Music Festival</b> |
| <b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April - WSA Quiz Supper Night</b>          | Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly Two                 |
| <b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup> April - Y5 Secondary Transfer Mtg 7pm</b> | Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly Two                |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY                            | Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June – End of Year Reports home               |
| Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am          | Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00      |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week                           | Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30      |
| <b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May - YR to Bekonscot</b>                 | Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm                |
| <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 to Kew Gardens</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            |
| <b>WC 25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>                         | 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       |
| <b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photo Day</b>                  | Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am            |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 to Condoover Hall                   | Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish         |

## DISTRICT SPORTS - 2nd PLACE!

Woodridge finished with its best-ever placing at the District Sports this week, coming 2nd overall out of 14 schools.

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Notable wins were Noor Y5 in the shot putt, Kelsey Y6 and Emma Y5 in the speed bounce, and wins in the Y4 boys, Y5 girls and Y6 boys relay teams.

Overall the team were 2nd in the track events and 3rd in the field events. A great performance from the whole team.

Thanks to Mr Mapes, Mrs G and the parent helpers on the day.



**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

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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

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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 22nd 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.

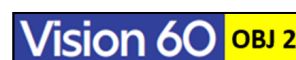
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|------------------------|--|
| Reception<br>Oak       | Haydar for gaining more confidence to speak about his work and share his ideas. Noah for working very hard on his phonics skills and being able to use these to spell simple words when he is writing.             |
| Year 1<br>Willow       | Oscar for working confidently in Maths and finding out about fractions. Ava for making fantastic progress in reading by using phonics sounds.  |
| Year 2<br>Rowan        | Ophelia for your fabulous storyboard of the Good Samaritan for RE. Eva for your beautifully-written fairy tale for our 'cold write' in English this week.  |
| Year 3<br>Silver Birch | Ren and Elira for making fantastic sculptures inspired by Barbara Hepworth.  |
| Year 4<br>Ash          | Mia for excellent creativity in her diary entry, using powerful emotions and descriptive language. Hugo for a thoughtful and emotional diary entry that clearly expressed feelings and kept the reader interested! |
| Year 5<br>Lime         | Noor for showing kindness and empathy during the Southover Sleepover. Joni for his calm and relaxed attitude to Southover Sleepover.   |
| Year 6<br>Maple        | Alice for her fantastic editing in her writing, using her knowledge of spelling rules and grammar to help her improve. Michal for her incredible reading when auditioning for the Key Stage 2 production.          |
| Value of<br>The Month  | May - <b>Compassion</b>  |

## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Clementine YR, Gabrielle YR, Vinnie YR, Haydar YR and Daigo Y1

Gym - Chloe G Y4 and Maya Y3



# Woodridge Primary School



## 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.



# Woodridge Primary School



## 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 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 | <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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