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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL COUNCIL/YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE SPRING FAIR!

Wow! What an amazing Spring Fair on an equally amazing sunny Wednesday this week.

Very well done to The School Council and Year 6 for bringing in so many things to sell and organising such great stalls for each class to visit during the afternoon. It was a brilliant school community event.

There was no budget for this enterprise initiative but the Spring Fair raised an amazing:

£648.62

SCHOOL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE 



This is true enterprise in action.

A big thank you to Ms Donaghy for organising this great initiative.

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Y1 TRIP TO CAPEL MANOR

This week, Year 1 took the coach to Capel Manor Farm to support their science curriculum work on plants.

The class made some nature art pictures, looked at lots of different plants that come out in Spring and explored how plants grow.

Thanks to Mrs Glynn for organising and to the parent helpers on the day.



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Y3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week it was Year 3's turn to share with everyone what they have been learning about this term.

The children told us about traditional Tinga-Tales and their new versions, maths measuring and all the amazing facts they have learned about Ancient Egypt.



The assembly finished with 3 beautifully sung songs, both separately and in 3 part harmony.

With thanks to Miss Boden and Miss Saleh for organising the assembly and to Ms Savournin for preparing the singing in Y3 music lessons.

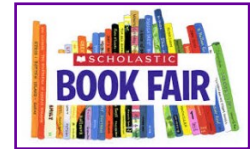
Y1 TO Y6 WORKSHARE EVENING

It was good to see most parents at this week's Workshare Evening. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child, you can always make an appointment to see your child's teacher by emailing the school office.



COME TO THE BOOK FAIR - NEXT WEEK

We had a great take up this week at the Scholastic Book with a great amount of book buying. As a result, the school also benefits proportionally with receiving 'free' books. Thanks to Mrs Hooper for organising.



TTRS - BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Mrs Hooper has set up a new Battle of the KS2 Bands in Times Tables Rock Stars, running from 21st March to 3rd April. It is time-limited, so only the first 30 minutes children play goes towards their total. TTRS has a smart algorithm that automatically selects the tables children need to practise. Children should play in Studio mode! Certificates will be available for the top 3 players and the best class. Who will topple current champions Year 4?



WSA BREAK THE RULES DAY - NEXT FRIDAY

On the last day of term we will be having a WSA 'Break the Rules' Day.

It is a normal school uniform day, but children can break up to 6 rules, for 50p each rule - cash to be brought in on the day.

Examples of rules that can be broken! -

NO coloured tights or socks
NO fun hair accessories
NO nail varnish
NO non-school shoes to be worn

NO funny hats
NO temporary tattoos
NO glitter hairspray
NO football shirts to be worn



BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU SUCCESS

Congratulations to Sia Y3 and Aarav Y3 for achieving their Dark Grey belts with black stripe and Amelia Y3 for achieving her white belt, first stripe in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Awards are for Attendance, Attitude, Skill, Behaviour and time spent on belt.



In assembly today, the children told the rest of the school about their weekly jiu-jitsu lessons and the meaning of the different belts. Great stuff.

SPRING ANIMALS IN Y1

As part of their science work on the change of the seasons, Year 1 invited Woodridge parent and vet, Mrs White, into class to talk about animals, including why so many animals are born around this time of year in the Spring.



Thank you Mrs White.

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THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Just a reminder that we finish slightly earlier on the last day of term, Friday 4th April, at 2.30pm.

There will also be the Widerness Café that day after school.



WSA QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date! The brilliant WSA Quiz Supper evening will be on **Sunday 27th April**. More details to follow.



MORE CHESS SUCCESS

After being crowned North London Champions earlier in the term, Woodridge has had more chess success.

The Under 9 chess team played at the National Schools Championship Qualifiers, finishing with Bronze medals. This means the team has qualified for the National semi-finals.



Following this, the Under 11 team also played at the National Schools Championships Qualifiers and finished with a Gold medal, also qualifying for the National semi-finals. The Under 11 team were again clear winners, winning by a huge 4 points, which is a really big win in chess terms.

Below is a picture of 5 of the team members of the winning Under 11 team.

Congratulations to both teams and to chess coach Mr Fleetwood.

Chess is really going strong at Woodridge.

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BIG WALK AND WHEEL

Mrs Wheatcroft writes:

This week has been the Sustrans **Big Walk and Wheel**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge.



Children have been walking, scooting and cycling to school all week as part of this great challenge which aims to improve the children's physical and mental health, reduce congestion and bring down pollution levels.

All the data from this week has been inputted into the Sustrans website and as of Thursday afternoon, this is the position:

- The Woodridge daily percentage of children walking, scooting or cycling to school was 69.2%
- Woodridge is 138th out of 1191– nationally for small schools.
- Woodridge is 21st in London for small schools
- Woodridge is 3rd for Barnet schools, but the scores are very close.
- There have been 436 walking, scooting and cycling journeys so far, after 4 days.....

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We will update you next week about the final positions for the whole week.

FOOTBALL QUARTER FINAL

Last Friday the A Team played in the quarter-final of the Dick Bailey Cup against Cromer Road. It was a great game, level at 1-1 after full time.

Consequently, the match went to extra time, with the final score being 5-2 to a very strong Cromer Road side.

Woodridge scorers: Ezra Y6 and Jacob Y6. Both great goals.



It was another great game in a really successfully season for the team and Mr Mapes.

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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**
- **Workshare evening next week is from 5.00pm to 7.00pm (not 4.30-6.30pm)**

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)

THANK YOU HARRY

Harry in Year 3 had a birthday recently and as a result, decided to buy a book from the Book Fair and donate it to school.
Thanks Harry.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 28th March 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.

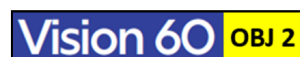
Reception Oak	Mohamed Ilyas for making fantastic progress with reading, and chatting about the stories he reads. Rosie for always being a good friend, playing imaginative games and sharing resources beautifully!
Year 1 Willow	Dorian for writing a fantastically well written postcard with really lovely handwriting. Myla for being an excellent classroom helper, making sure tables are tidy and everything is in its place.
Year 2 Rowan	Max B for writing for our Twisted Tales topic—you have a wonderful imagination and have made the most of it this week! Lola for your great effort and focus in maths -your hard work has really paid off!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Sia and Aarav for their amazing work towards their stalls as part of the Spring Fair.
Year 4 Ash	Noah for being a team player and collaborating well with his peers. Charlie for his enthusiasm, positivity and creativity when planning his fantasy story.
Year 5 Lime	Year 5 were on the Sound Out trip today.
Year 6 Maple	Maayan for working really hard and showing great resilience. Danielle for working really hard on her handwriting over many weeks.
Values Awards	Lyla F - Resilience
Value of The Month	March - HOPE

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Gym - Lyla F Y6 & Kelsey Y5

Multisports - Emily Y1, Saku Y1, Jude YR and Jana 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.