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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

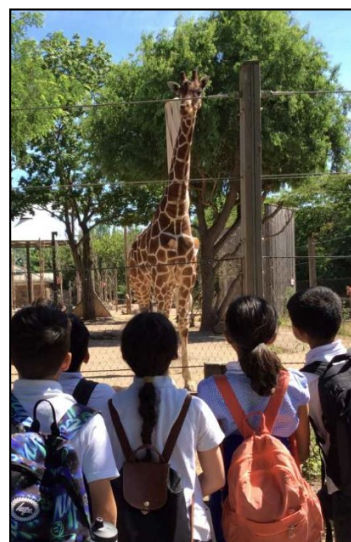
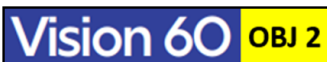
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YEAR 4 AT LONDON ZOO

Year 4 had a great time in the sun this week at London Zoo, with the trip supporting their science work on habitats, living things and digestion.

Thanks to Ms Badhan and the Y4 team and the many parent helpers who supported during the trip.

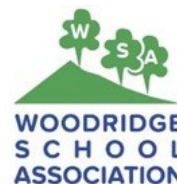


SUMMER FETE

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

SUMMER FETE

SUNDAY 5TH JULY
12pm-4pm



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
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YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday morning, we were treated to a lovely assembly by Year 1, who shared with everyone what they have been learning about recently.

Year 1 taught us some safety rules, shared their Geography knowledge and reminded us how to create a super sentence.

Thanks to Mrs Glynn and the Year 1 Team for organising such a great assembly.



YEAR 5 AT THE BARNET MUSIC FESTIVAL

This week Year 5 took part in the Barnet Music Festival at the Arts Depot, along with 7 other schools.

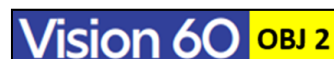


As well as singing the 6 massed Festival Choir songs, some of Year 5 accompanied the songs on djembe drums, tambourine, violins, glockenspiels and handbells.

They also gave a stunning performance of their own solo item Viva La Vida, which included 4 Woodridge guitarists and 2 Woodridge violinists. Ms Savournin led the class on this, as well and leading the whole evening and 6 other nights of the festival, which included 1,700 children from 51 schools.

In total an amazing 17 children in Year 5 class played a musical instrument on stage! Year 5 were great ambassadors on the day.

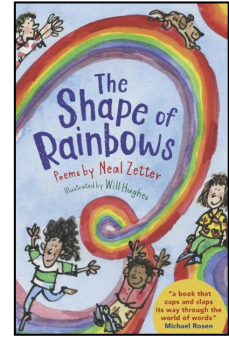
Thanks to Miss McCleneghen and Mrs Tait for supporting the children during a very long day backstage and onstage.



NEAL ZETTER - POETRY VISIT

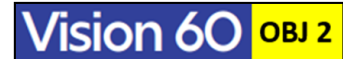
Leader of English Mrs Hooper writes:

Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome poet Neal Zetter to school. Neal led a lively and engaging whole-school assembly, sharing a selection of his entertaining, interactive poems that had pupils laughing and joining in.



Following the assembly, each class took part in a workshop where Neal guided the children in writing a collaborative class poem. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were inspired by Neal's enthusiasm for poetry. After school, lots of children were able to get signed copies of Neal's books and several children presented him with poems they had written after his workshop.

If you missed out, please contact the school office and we will be able to give you details of how you can also have a signed copy.



Thanks to Mrs Hooper for setting up this inspiring visit.



RECEPTION CLASS LEAF PICTURES

It was great to hear children in Reception Class explaining how they collected the following leaves from the school grounds - red oak, English oak, willow, hawthorn, wild cherry, lime and beech.

They then explained that they left them in the sun on special (cyanotype) paper for 10 minutes, then put the paper into water to create lovely pictures. They were also able to identify the trees from their leaves



FIRST ALLOTMENT CROP

This week, Miss McCleneghen and her allotment crew harvested a very healthy bowl of large radishes from the school allotment. Well done to the allotment crew for all their planting, weeding and watering and thanks to Mr Dingivan for all of his assistance.



THE ALLOTMENT

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YEAR 6 CITIZENSHIP MORNING

On Tuesday, Year 6 went on their final Woodridge trip, to Finchley Youth Theatre in East Finchley.

The trip focused on citizenship skills and was designed to prepare the children for their transition to secondary school. It covered a wide range of topics, including Bus Safety, Tube Safety, Journey Planning, Peer Pressure, Fire Safety in the home, Basic First Aid, Personal Safety and Cycle & E-scooter Safety Advice.

Thanks to Mrs Norman for organising and the Y6 Team and parent helpers for supporting during an important visit for Year 6.



ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING

Continuing the theme of **good citizenship**....we had more issues this week with parents parking over neighbouring driveways. It is dangerous, antisocial and causes real difficulties for us at school since we have to deal with the emails and fall out.

Thank you for not doing this and for calling out other parents who do. You may have noticed that we called in a traffic warden this week to monitor things.



GYMNASTICS AWARD

Well done to Rosie in Year 1 for achieving an Ability Award Level 1 with the Anima Gymnastics Club.



Y3 AND Y4 MATHS CHALLENGE

Maths Leader Mrs Norman writes:

Last week 10 children were chosen from Y3 and Y4 to take part in the national First Mathematics Challenge and received awards. Well done to all who took part. In a few months, we will know who progresses to the next round of the challenge.

Gold - Ayaka Y4, Aki Y4, Oscar Y4 and Max R Y3
 Silver - Cai Y3, Anish Y3, Sienna Y3, Aum Y4 and Bea Y4
 Bronze - Arjun Y3



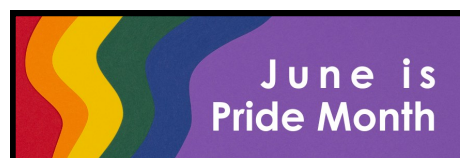
SCHOOL SHOES

With 4 weeks of school still to go, we have lots of children coming to school in training shoes. The school uniform expectation is for all children to be wearing school shoes each day.



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

June is Pride Month, with the message that we should be proud about who we are, let others be proud about who they are and to be kind and respect each other.



TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

The NHS have provided a handy chart (below) to help parents know whether your child should attend school or not, if they are ill. Zoom in to have a read.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Keep them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
<p>A cough, cold or sore throat</p> <p>Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.</p> <p>Threadworms</p> <p>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.</p>	<p>Cold sores</p> <p>Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.</p> <p>Conjunctivitis</p> <p>Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Head lice & nits</p> <p>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.</p> <p>Hand, foot & mouth disease</p> <p>If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.</p> <p>Slapped cheek syndrome</p> <p>Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.</p>	<p>Impetigo</p> <p>They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.</p> <p>Ringworm</p> <p>See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.</p> <p>Scarlet fever</p> <p>They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.</p> <p>Chickenpox</p> <p>Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.</p>	<p>Ear infection</p> <p>If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.</p> <p>Measles</p> <p>They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.</p> <p>Vomiting & diarrhoea</p> <p>Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).</p>

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	Weds 17 th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two
Monday 13 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 23rd June - Y1 to Barnet Museum
Sat 18 th April - WSA Quiz Supper Night	Tues 23rd June - YR Open Classroom (1) 9-10am
Weds 29 th April - Y5 Secondary Transfer Mtg 7pm	Weds 24th June – YR Open Classroom (2) 2.10-3.10pm
Mon 4 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly Two
Weds 6 th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Fri 26 th June – End of Year Reports home
Mon 11 th May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 30 th June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Tues 12 th May - YR to Bekonscot	Thurs 2 nd July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Tues 19 th May - Y3 to Kew Gardens	Fri 3 rd July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Thurs 21 st May – Reception Class Assembly	Mon 6 th July – Junior Production Dress 1.45pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Tues 7 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Weds 8 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC 25th May – HALF TERM	Thurs 9 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 1 st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 10 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Fri 5 th June – Class Photo Day	Tues 14 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 8 th June – Y6 to Conover Hall	Weds 15th July - Infant Singalong 9.10am
Fri 12th June - Neal Zetter Poetry Slam Day	Fri 17 th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Tues 16th June – Y5 at the Barnet Music Festival	Fri 17 th July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish

CRICKET MATCH

On Monday, the cricket team took part in its first match of the season.



They played away at Livingstone, where they did some great fielding, taking 7 wickets in 8 overs. However, they didn't score quite enough runs to overhaul the target set by Livingstone.

The match finished on 212 for Woodridge and 235 for Livingstone.

Thanks, as ever, to Mr Mapes for organising and to the parent helpers.



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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:

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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

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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.

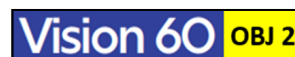
Reception Oak	Elle for showing great progress with writing in two lovely pieces of work this week. Karnie for showing lots of knowledge about plants, what they need to grow and completing some lovely drawings of plants.
Year 1 Willow	Year 1 for doing a fantastic job in their assembly, showing great confidence and enthusiasm throughout the performance. They worked hard to remember their lines, making the assembly a great success!
Year 2 Rowan	Rania for your fantastic progress in both Maths and English this term-you have worked so hard! Mizuki for your excellent diary entries in English-you are making great progress!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Danny for trying really hard with his explanation text on magnets. Maitri for always trying her best with independent work and great contributions to class discussions.
Year 4 Ash	Arthur for creating dramatic and effective dance moves for the production and writing your own poem for the poetry visit. Ayaka for writing an excellent playscript with expressive stage directions and dialogue.
Year 5 Lime	Taha and Hussain for showing a sensible attitude on Tuesday when Year 5 went to the Arts Depot.
Year 6 Maple	Bareera for her fantastic dance moves in production rehearsals. Sebi for his excellent attitude to working this week, trying his best in all lessons.
Value of The Month	June - Courtesy

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Chloe YR, Jude Y1, Karnie YR, Theo YR, George YR and Rowan Y2

Gym - Ella Y5, Aimee Y5 and Max Y3



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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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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	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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