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Primary School 

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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A VERY BUSY WEEK!

As you know, we have had a busy week this week. The Sikh Temple Visit, Science Week, science workshops, a Nature Reserve visit...and Ofsted popped by too!



Thank you parents for all your support and understanding with this and for all your feedback on the Ofsted Survey via *Parentview*.

We do know the provisional outcome of the inspection, but school staff and governors are not allowed to share this with those outside of school until the report is written, moderated and finalised. This takes at least 30 working days, after which parents will be given a report. The Easter holiday comes during this time, so it might take slightly longer.

The report will also then be freely available to read on the Ofsted website.

As in any Ofsted inspection, the children played a big part. They were observed in class and in small groups and many children were interviewed in different groups about all aspects of school life. As ever, they were brilliantly behaved, enthusiastic about school and highly articulate.

A huge thank you to all the staff team for dealing with the huge extra burden an inspection brings, with three very long days and robust scrutiny of lessons, lesson planning and books observations, along with intense face to face meetings and testing subject deep dive activities.

As planned, Co-Headteacher Miss Monro and Maths/RE Leader Mrs Norman were also both in school for 3 days, taking time out from their maternity leave.



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Y1 TO Y6 MID YEAR REPORTS AND WORKSHARE EVENING

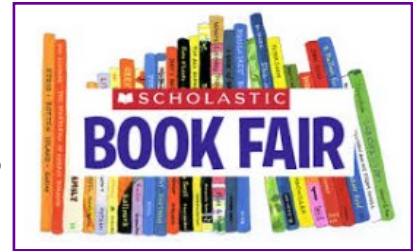
Today, parents in Y1 to Y6 will receive Mid-Year Reports. This is followed by Workshare next Wednesday 26th March **5pm to 7pm**, where children are invited to come into school and show their work to their parents.

There are no set appointments on this evening.

Workshare

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR - NEXT WEEK

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair all week in the hall or dining hall, starting 24th March. There will be lots of new books to buy, with a percentage also going to the school. It will be open after school each day 3.25 -3.45pm and also at the Workshare Evening on Wednesday 26th March. Y5 and Y6 children can bring money to school to buy books if they are independent travellers.



Parents please come and visit the Book Fair with your child and buy a book.

Parents can pay by:

Zettle, QR code (see opposite) or book vouchers.

Cash option also available.

Buy book vouchers via this link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

WSA BREAK THE RULES DAY

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

More details to follow about this.



WSA QUIZ NIGHT

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



MUSIC & DANCE SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following children for achieving music or dance award in recent weeks:

Oscar Y3 - Grade 2 piano: Distinction

Hana Y5 - Grade 1 piano: Distinction & Grade 2 ballet

Nil Y6 - Grade 1 cello: Merit

ROJEEN'S GRAPHIC SCORE SUCCESS

Earlier this year, we put a number of Y5's musical Graphic Scores in the Newsletter. This was part of a project, working towards the London Sinfonietta's *Sound Out* Concert which Year 5 are going to next Friday.

Out of the hundreds of submissions to the project, Rojeen's has been selected to use as the stimulus for a specially composed piece of music that will be performed by members of the London Sinfonietta in a packed Royal Festival Hall. Here are some screenshots from the London Sinfonietta's website where Rojeen is featured.

Rojeen, Year 5, Woodridge Primary School

Difference Matters (2025)

World premiere

Rojeen and their class at Woodridge Primary School, Barnet, took on Composition Challenge 1: Postcard Pieces. Rojeen's piece features both traditional western classical notation and a graphic element - can you think about why difference matters?



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RED NOSE DAY

It was great to see so many children (and staff) with red accessories today for Red Nose Day.

The children watched a video in assembly this morning about what Red Nose does in the UK and abroad for those without homes or access to food, water, medical supplies and education.

We counted up the £1 donations and collected £85.10 to send to Comic Relief.



VEG POWER

Next Tuesday is Veg Power Day in the dining room at lunchtime. This is a national campaign all about encouraging the children to eat vegetables, in the slightly mixed-up strapline 'Eat Them To Defeat Them.'

You should have received some information about this Healthy Eating initiative yesterday.



THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Just a reminder that we finish slightly earlier on the last day of term, Friday 4th April, at 2.45pm.

There will be the Widerness Café that day after school.

**Closing
Early**

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPRING FAIR - ENTERPRISE DAY

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you about our Spring Fair.



The event will take place on Wednesday 26th March.

Year Six and School Council will be behind the stalls selling items.

We ask you to lend your child a maximum of £5 to spend.

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In case of allergies, all of the ingredients of any food will be written down and on the stalls.

Please note that all the money will go to Woodridge to help your child's education.

Parents will not be there as it will be held during the school day. Each class will have a slot to spend their money. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Y6 and School Council

SCHOOL COUNCIL

**SCHOOL ENTERPRISE
CHALLENGE**



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

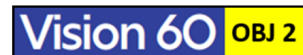
Mrs Wheatcroft writes:

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans **Big Walk and Wheel**, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.



What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.



Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact the school office and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school. Download your free family guide using this link: [Sign up to receive your free school run guide - Sustrans.org.uk](#) For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](#) .

Last year we did really well and came in 56th position for small primary schools nationally and 1st in Barnet!!

So please join in, enjoy the challenge and let's see if we can make a difference!



SCIENCE WEEK

We had a slightly disrupted Science Week this week due to our 'special visitors,' but we still managed to keep in all the science workshops.

These were high energy and high quality, with the children involved in hands on experiments about colour wheel blending, catapult trajectories, the properties of a bubble, using ultra violet light as forensic detectives and creating a fire cyclone.



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Thanks to science leader Miss McCleneghen for organising this excellent day.

CLASS PHOTOS ON MONDAY

On Monday it is Class Photo Day, so everyone in their best uniform and looking fab would be good!



Y4 GUDWARA VISIT

On Monday, Y4 visited the Khalsa Jatha Gurdwara in Shepherds Bush as part of their RE learning on Sikhism.

The children learned about the Sikh holy book (Guru Granth Sahib) and the importance of music and meditation within the faith.



Thanks to Miss Badhan for organising the trip and to all the staff and parent helpers.

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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?



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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 Conover 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)

SWIMMING

On Monday we had a group of twelve KS2 children take part in a swimming gala at Cophall Swimming Pool.

It was highly competitive event with the ‘schools with pools’ dominating the races.

Despite not having children from Y4 at the event (they were on their Sikh Temple Trip) Woodridge came 8th out of 12 schools.

Well done to all who took part and thanks to Mr Mapes and all the parent helpers.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 21st 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	Jude for always working hard, listening well and for making some great suggestions about our science work this week. Esme for always working hard and producing lovely imaginative drawings and writing.
Year 1 Willow	Toshi for creating a brilliant new main character to replace the Gingerbread Man. Carmel for trying really hard to follow instructions on the carpet and in all her lessons.
Year 2 Rowan	Raffi for your fantastic progress in English; you have produced some amazing independent work on our fairy tale topic. Asad for your excellent progress in all reading and writing independently.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Chloe L for always trying her best and working really hard in Maths. Jude working really hard on his narrative as part of Tinga Tinga Tales.
Year 4 Ash	Yoni and Richie for their impressive science knowledge and vocabulary in science and our science workshop.
Year 5 Lime	Oli for drawing detailed life cycles diagrams during our science block on animal life cycles. Rohan for giving excellent responses and showing a clam attitude during the science workshop.
Year 6 Maple	Ada and Tuna for some fantastic work on algebra.
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 - Bodhi Y6 and Arthur Y3

Multisports - Soshi YR, Adam Y2, Liam YR and Adrina YR



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September
Tuesday 3 September

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November
Tuesday 5 November
Friday 20 December

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January
Tuesday 7 January

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February
Tuesday 25th February
Friday 4 April

INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April
Wednesday 23 April
Monday 5 May

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June
Tuesday 22 July

First day back for pupils
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

