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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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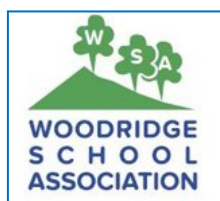
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THE SUMMER FETE

It was great to see the field packed with Woodridge families on Sunday on a gloriously sunny day. Thanks for coming and huge thanks to Hannah, Jason and WSA Team for organising such a successful community event. Thanks also to Mr Dingivan and all the parents who helped set up and pack away.

The amount raised on the day was an amazing:

£6,730



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THE JUNIOR PRODUCTION - 'THE WRONG WAY ROUND.'

Congratulations to all the juniors on putting on such a great show this week. The singing, acting, dancing and instrumental playing were all top notch and really showed off a wide range of talents.

Huge thanks to the junior class teams, to Ms Savournin and The Band and to Director/Producer Mrs Norman.



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INFANT SPORTS DAY

It was great to so many parents in school this week for a scorching Infant Sports Day.. Congratulations to the Blue Team who made it a clean sweep, by also winning the Infant Trophy, having won the Junior Trophy last week.

Thanks to Mrs Wheatcroft and to Mr Mapes for organising such a lovely event.

- 1st - Blue Team (WATER) 49pts**
- 2nd - Green Team (EARTH) 45pts**
- 3rd - Yellow Team (AIR) 39pts**
- 4th - Red Team (FIRE) 30pts**



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INFANT SINGALONG

Just a reminder that it is the annual Infant Singalong next Wednesday at 9.10am for about twenty minutes. This is a celebration of all the singing the infants have been doing this year. All infant parents welcome.



GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Rosie Y1 for winning a Certificate of Achievement at the London Community Competition 2026, finishing in fifth place.

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'COOL OUR SCHOOL' APPEAL

You will all have received a letter this afternoon about our 'Cool Our School' Appeal, to raise money to install air conditioning into the Y1 to Y6 Classrooms.

We are hoping to raise **£20,000 in 7 days** from voluntary parental donations of £120 per child.

It's a slightly bonkers ask, but during the recent bonkers weather, children cannot learn in over-heated classrooms, and this looks like the weather pattern for years to come.

**Please donate.
Thank you.**



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Co-Headteacher: Laura Monro

WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! - 'COOL OUR SCHOOL'

10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't keep offering to shorten the school day just because Woodridge classrooms are too hot for effective learning. The children have already lost 12 hours of learning in the last few weeks and this is likely to continue year on year. It is also a huge inconvenience for parents and for teachers trying to teach a full curriculum.

We need to take some urgent action.

However, along with 50% of schools in Barnet, we are posting a deficit budget again this year, which means we haven't quite got enough money to run the school properly.

So, we need your help with a one-off big fundraiser that will benefit all the children from next year. We are calling this the 'Cool Our School' appeal.

We would like **in the next 7 days of school to raise £20,000** to install air conditioning in the Year 1 to Year 6 classrooms. (Reception Class already have air conditioning because their classroom was part of a newer building installed 20 years ago.) We want to have this in place before the summer term 2027.

To do this, we are asking for a one-off donation of **£120 per child**, or more, if you can. With 209 children in school, that would raise over £20,000 in a week.

You can do this by bank transfer with these details:

Account Name: Woodridge School Association (Woodridge Together)
Sort Code: 60-23-36
Account Number: 62688761

Please put your child's surname and your child/children's class as the payment reference, so we can thank you. **eg. SMITH35 = A child in Year 3 and Year 5.**

It's a big ask and it is **completely voluntary**, but we simply don't have the money to pay for this and neither does Barnet. Desperately hot times have led to desperate measures.

If we don't reach our target of £20,000, we will use the money raised to install air-conditioning into as many classes as possible.

We will let you know how much we have collected at the end of next week.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Dowland & Laura Monro - Co-Headteachers



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INFANT TRANSITION MORNING

To help the children with their transition to their new classes, the infants had a one-off session where they all switched classrooms to celebrate the year and have fun.



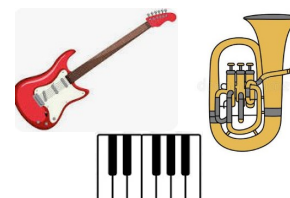
WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

Below is a list of all the final events and dates for the term.

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

GUITAR SUCCESS

Congratulations to Charlie Y5 for passing his Grade 3 guitar exam with a merit, Noah Y5 for passing his Grade 2 euphonium, with a merit and Hana for passing her Grade 2 piano with merit.



SWIMMING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Aki Y4, who took part in the Kate Lack Trophy Swimming Gala. Aki won an amazing 5 medals - Gold in Breaststroke 200m, Silver in the Freestyle 200m and 400m and Bronze in the Backstroke 100m and 200m.



Congratulations also to Lavin Y1 for achieving a Junior Swimmer Award from Oakleigh Park School of Swimming, by swimming backstroke, front crawl and diving in at the deep end. Well done.

Congratulations also to Adrina Y1 for achieving the Junior Diver Award with Oakleigh Park Swimming Club by doing sitting, kneeling, crouching and surface dives.

Congratulations also to Penny in Y1 for achieving her 10m Rainbow Distance Swim England Award. Great stuff.

And finally, congratulations to Emelyn Y1 for demonstrating 10 pool activities at Poolside Manor and achieving her Dolphin Level 3 Award.

It's great to hear of so much swimming going on - a great life skill.

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FREE BRASS TASTER SESSION

Parents whose children are currently in Years 2 to 5, will have received a letter this week about a free brass lesson taster session.

If you are interested in your child trying out a brass instrument, please email the school office.



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- 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

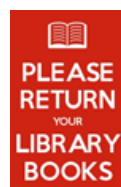
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Each Friday we hold an Achievement Assembly where two children from each class are awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the week. These recognise hard work, great behaviour or exceptional progress, as well as our Woodridge Values.

Reception Oak	Scarlett for completing some lovely drawings, adding lots of details and colouring the shapes in carefully. Vinnie for making great progress with writing, showing us, by leaving finger spaces and using full stops!!
Year 1 Willow	Alma for finding missing capital letters and full stops in sentences. Diago for making great progress in English and Maths this term.
Year 2 Rowan	Amaya for always trying your best with every piece of work and for being so helpful-we will miss you so much! Emily for making a great effort to work more independently-keep on going!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Adam for great dancing in the "Wrong Way Round". Danny for great participation in class discussions.
Year 4 Ash	Harry for going the extra mile to help others with kindness and positivity. Daniel for asking thoughtful questions during whole class discussions which show curiosity and deepen our learning.
Year 5 Lime	All of Year 5-for their resilience and enthusiasm for their dance over two nights. Hussain for his strong, quiet presence and hard work during his time at Woodridge. We will miss you!
Year 6 Maple	All of Year 6 for their brilliant production. They rally showed off their fantastic acting, singing and dancing skills!
Value of The Month	July - Humility

LIBRARY BOOKS

Mrs Pavlou, who does such a great job looking after our lovely library, is asking for all library books to be returned by Wednesday of next. Please check under beds, in desks and cupboards at home.



NEXT FRIDAY - EARLY FINISH

Remember that next Friday we finish slightly earlier at 1.30pm and there is no After School Club.

**CLOSING
EARLY**

Woodridge Primary School

TERM DATES 2025-2026



Autumn Term 2025

**Monday 1 September
Tuesday 2 September**

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

Half Term: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

**Monday 3 November
Tuesday 4 November
Friday 19 December**

**INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
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
Tuesday 6 January**

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

Half Term: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

**Monday 23 February
Friday 27 March**

**First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 1.30pm finish**

Summer Term 2026

**Monday 13 April
Tuesday 14 April
Monday 4 May**

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

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

**Monday 1 June
Friday 17 July**

**First day back for pupils
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.

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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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