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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school this week. We hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to the year ahead!

STAFFING AT WOODRIDGE FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

Headteacher - **Miss L Monro**

Deputy Headteacher—**Mrs S Norman**

Reception - **Mrs N Wheatcroft** (Mon-Thurs) **Ms A Darr** (Fri)

Year 1 - **Mrs J Glynn** (Mon-Weds) **Miss S-A Hickman** (Thurs-Fri)

Year 2 - **Mrs A Baikie**

Year 3 - **Mrs S Norman** (Mon-Tues) **Mrs G Morgan** (Weds-Fri)

Year 4 - **Mrs P Humphrey** (Formerly known as **Miss P Badhan!**)

Year 5 - **Miss S McCleneghen**

Year 6 - **Mrs L Hooper**

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) - **Mrs Sperber** (Tues-Thurs)

We also welcome two new Teaching Assistants to the team— Ms S Clinch (Reception) and Ms T Simpson (Year 6).

MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER

Teachers will be holding short meetings for parents about routines, PE/games days, homework, app posts, any trips/topics and any questions.

These will be:

For Y1 and Y2 - Tuesday 8th Sept 9.10-9.30am

For Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Thursday 10th Sept 9.10-9.30am



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the beginning of the school year, it is really important that children come dressed in the correct school uniform. Uniform helps to build community, ensures safety and promotes equality.

Below is a list of the uniform required:

Winter

Grey long trousers OR grey skirt OR grey pinafore dress

White shirt or polo shirt (*)

School sweatshirt or cardigan in royal blue with the school logo (*)

Black school shoes (not trainers)

A warm waterproof coat

Summer

Grey long or short trousers OR grey skirt OR Blue and white checked summer dress

White shirt or polo shirt (*)

School sweatshirt or cardigan in royal blue with the school logo (*)

Black school shoes (not trainers)

A sun hat (*)

PE Kit

PE bag (*)

Plain blue, grey or black shorts (*)

School PE t-shirt with school logo (*)

Black plimsolls for indoor use

Black or dark coloured training shoes for outdoor games

During the winter:

Plain blue, black or grey joggers

A plain blue, black or grey sweat shirt for outdoor use

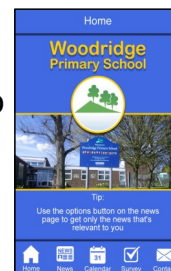
Children will need a:

- School logo book bag in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and PE bag
- Small rucksack and PE bag in the Juniors

Just a reminder that children can wear simple watches at school (it helps with learning to tell the time) but SMART watches and those with alarms are not allowed. Plain stud earrings are allowed, but not HOOPED earrings, because these can catch at school and cause injury. Long hair must also be tied up, please.

THE WOODRIDGE APP

For those of you who are new to Woodridge, we have a **smartphone app** for our school to help keep you better informed. The app is free to download for iPhones, Windows and Android Phones.



To access the app you will need to download it from either an android or apple app store. The QR codes to install this are below.

Remember to allow “Push Notifications” when you install the app, so you get a notice each time we add something.

The app is separate from the email/text system at Woodridge. Each week, teachers will send a post explaining what the learning will be during the following week, so you can chat about it at home. This starts from next week.



Don't forget to go to 'settings' to receive notifications from your child's new class.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

It takes a bit of time for Google Classroom (our online learning platform) to be updated for the new year groups, so this will not be ready until Week 3.

Google Classroom is where homework will be posted along with other key, classed-based information and the reading blog for the juniors.

For the first two weeks of this term, children will have hard copies of any homework set.

Y5 AND Y6 SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Just a reminder to Y5 and Y6 parents. We are supporting the aims of '*Smartphone Free Childhood*' a national campaign to raise awareness of the potential risks which exist for primary-aged children in allowing them access to smartphones at increasingly younger ages.

If your child needs to carry a phone (due to travelling independently in Year 5 and 6) we would like them to bring a brick phone, not a smartphone.

This then needs to be handed into the office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.



TWO MEALTIME SUPERVISORS REQUIRED

We are looking for TWO mealtime supervisors (5 lunchtimes a week) to join our lovely staff team this term.



Please see the advert below, which also includes a website link for the key documents.

VACANCY FOR TWO MEALTIME SUPERVISORS

Post Title: MEALTIME SUPERVISOR Level 1
(Required from September 2026)

Salary: £3315 per annum 39 weeks a year

Part-time – 6.25 hours a week. (12 noon to 1.15pm - Mon to Fri)



Woodridge Primary is an over-subscribed, successful and friendly one form entry school in Finchley graded as '*Outstanding*' in four out of five areas by *Ofsted* in March 2025.

The school is committed to achieving the highest standards and a real sense of community.

The school is looking for a mealtime supervisor to join our lunchtime team.

If you would enjoy taking on a variety of roles and are confident working with children, supervising them in the dining room and helping them to play together in the playground, we would like to hear from you.

Applicants should ideally:

- Have experience of working with primary age children
- Have good communication skills
- Be calm, firm and patient
- Be able to work as a part of a team and take instruction
- Be willing to undergo any appropriate training



Woodridge can offer:

- Working with children who are well behaved, friendly and keen to do well
- A welcoming, well-resourced school environment
- An organised and well led staff team

For an informal discussion please call Laura Monroe (Headteacher). Visits to the school are warmly encouraged. Please contact the school office to arrange one. An application form and Job Description can be found on our website

Please email application to office@woodridge.barnetmail.net. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis on receipt.

Woodridge Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 4th September 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.

Reception Oak	This week has been Home Visits for our new Reception children.
Year 1 Willow	Kira for using her Maths skills to sort and count objects correctly. William for being a fantastic role model and great classroom helper.
Year 2 Rowan	Penny for listening really well and contributing your ideas in class discussions. Eden for being a fantastic classroom helper and showing great teamwork skills in English.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Lara for her fantastic discussion about how to resolve disputes. Roy for his excellent ideas and quickly getting on with his work.
Year 4 Ash	Maya and Samar for fantastic partner work and working collaboratively together on tasks. Great work!
Year 5 Lime	Gray for taking part in class discussions offering accurate and thoughtful responses in all subjects and demonstrating excellent handwriting and presentation in her written work. Arthur for showing impressive maturity, a kind attitude towards his friends and a good attitude to learning. A great start to the year!
Year 6 Maple	Millie and Yoni for excellent contributions to class discussions and making a great start to Year 6!
Value of The Month	September - Respect

SUCCESSSES

Don't forget to share any successes you have outside of school by emailing the School Office !



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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**

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)

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 2027-2028



Autumn Term 2027

Wednesday 1 September **INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Thursday 2 September **First day back for pupils**

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Monday 1 November **INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Tuesday 2 November **First day back for pupils**
Friday 17 December **Last day of term: 1.30pm finish**

Spring Term 2028

Tuesday 4 January **INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Wednesday 5 January **First day back for pupils**

Half Term: Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February

Monday 21 February **First day back for pupils**
Thursday 31 March **Last day of term: 1.30pm finish**

Summer Term 2028

Tuesday 18 April **INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Wednesday 19 April **First day back for pupils**
Monday 1 May **Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils**

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Monday 5 June **INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Tuesday 6 June **First day back for pupils**
Friday 21 July **Last day of term 1.30pm finish**

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Wednesday 1st September 2027
Monday 1st November 2027
Tuesday 4th January 2028
Tuesday 18th April 2028
Monday 5th June 2028

(Plus Monday 1 May 2028 - Bank Holiday)

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Year A (2026-27)

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.