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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Shanah Tovah to all our Jewish families celebrating the New Year this weekend!

EVENTS, MEETINGS AND TRIPS

On the next page of this Newsletter is a list of **all the key Woodridge events for the forthcoming year 2026-27**. This includes parents' evenings, Learning Reviews, Workshare Evenings, class assemblies, other special assemblies, the infant and junior productions, sports days and some of the class trips that are already in the diary. Other class visits and trips will be added as the year progresses. **Please have a read and put the key dates in your diaries.**



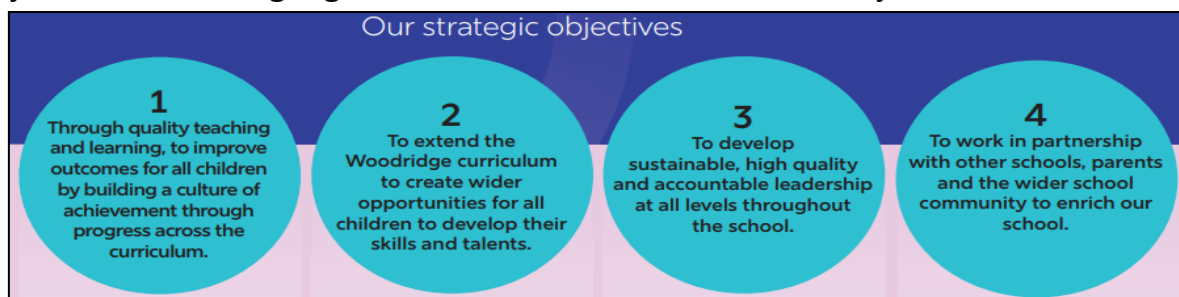
APOLOGIES

This week we have been struggling with some technology issues! This has meant that our replies to parents with Gmail accounts have not been going through or have ended up in spam folders. We have also had problems with accessing our Google Classrooms and our Jigsaw App. We are aware and are not the only school affected. LGfL are working on solving the problem. We will keep you updated.

WOODRIDGE VISION 60

Just a reminder about the **Woodridge Vision 60** document that all parents received when they joined the school (and it can be found on the school website).

This document outlines the 4 strategic objectives which underpin all our school improvement work as we head towards our 60th birthday in 2027. These objectives will be highlighted in the Newsletter where an objective is a focus.



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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2026-27

Below is the list for your diaries/fridge of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2026-27 year.

Further dates, including class trips will be added as the year progresses.

AUTUMN TERM	
Tues 1st Sept – INSET DAY ONE	Mon 16 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 8 th Sept – Y1/Y2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Tues 17 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs 10 th Sept - KS2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Thurs 19 th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly (1)
Fri 25 th Sept – Macmillan Cake Sale	Thurs 19 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Fri 9 th Oct - World Mental Health Day	Thurs 26 th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
Fri 9 th Oct – Flu Vaccines (Day 2 – 9 th Dec)	Thurs 3 rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Tues 13 th Oct – Individual Photographs	Mon 7 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Mon 19 th Oct – Maths Week	Weds 9 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
WC 26 th Oct – HALF TERM	Thurs 10 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 2 nd Nov – INSET Day 2	Mon 14 th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Thurs 5 th Nov – Y2 & Y5 Singalong	Fri 18 th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Thurs 12 th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly (1)	
SPRING TERM	
Tues 5 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Weds 10 th Mar – Spark 2 Workshops
Thurs 28 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 11 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 4 th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 18 th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 11 th Feb – Y6 Class Assembly (2)	Fri 19 th Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
WC 15 th Feb – HALF TERM	Tues 23 rd Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Mon 22 nd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Thurs 25 th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly (2)
Fri 5 th Mar – Woodridge World Book Day	Thurs 25 th Mar – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
WC 8 th March – SCIENCE WEEK	
SUMMER TERM	
Mon 12 th Apr – INSET Day 4	Thurs 24 th June – Y1 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 22 nd Apr – Year 5 Secondary Transfer Mtg	Tues 29 th June – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 3 rd May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 2 nd July – Introduce the New Teacher 11.45am
Tues 4 th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.10am	Fri 2 nd July – Junior Sports Day 1.15pm
Mon 10 th May – Y6 SATs week	Fri 2 nd July – End of Year Reports sent home
Tues 18 th May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	WC 5 th July – ARTS WEEK
Thurs 20 th May – Reception Class Assembly	Mon 5 th July – Treasure Island Performance
Thurs 27-28 th May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 6 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
WC 31 st May – HALF TERM	Tues 6 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-6.30pm
Mon 7 th June – INSET Day 5	Thurs 8 th July-Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30pm
WC Mon 7 th June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Tues 13 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 14 th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Thurs 15 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 14 th June – Year 1 Phonics Check (1 week)	Fri 16 th July – Meet the New Teacher' 11-12
Weds 17 th June – Y2 Class Assembly (2)	Fri 16 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 22 nd June–Recep Celebration Event 9-10am	Weds 21 st July – Infant Singalong 9.10am
Weds 23 rd June – Recep Celebration Event 2-3pm	Thurs 22 nd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 24 th June – Sept '27 Reception Mtg 6.30pm	Thurs 22 nd July - Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS 2026-27

Here is the overview of the Woodridge home/school communications for the forthcoming year:



WEEKLY APP POSTS (JIGSAW)

To let you know the learning focus in each class for the following week.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Weekly update on what has been happening in school, what is coming up and a celebration of in and out of school successes.

HEADTEACHER SURGERY

Drop-in with Miss Monroe on Mondays 9.00-9.30am. (On occasion these slots may be cancelled at short notice. Please book in with the School Office in advance.)

GOVERNOR UPDATES

Termly Newsletter piece to keep you informed of School Improvement matters and other business around school governance.

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS – (17th and 19th November 2026 for Y1 to Y6)

These school meetings come in November so that teachers can feedback assessment outcomes to parents. Reception parents meet the teacher twice a year on a rolling programme during the school day. You can also make contact with your child's teacher via the school office if you would like to meet at other times.

MID-YEAR REPORTS Y1 to Y6 – (March 2026)

A full assessment report across the subjects

WORKSHARE EVENING Y1to Y6 —(Tues 23rd March)

This is an opportunity for parents to come in and look at the work completed since the beginning of the year. Reception have a celebration event in June.

LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS Y1-Y6 - (6th and 8th July 2027)

Children present to their parents a review of their own learning and targets for next year with parents also having a chance to speak to their child's teacher.

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENT SUMMARIES & RECEPTION PROFILES - (July 2027)

A short report with an assessment of your child's learning at the end of the year.



ZONES OF REGULATION

At Woodridge, as part of our PSHE curriculum, we use 'Zones of Regulation', designed by Leah M. Kuypers to help develop self-regulation. At the beginning of each year, each class spends time talking about the Zones.



The 'Zones of Regulation' supports pupils to focus on how they are feeling and creates a simple shared language for everyone to use. Pupils are taught to recognise their own behaviours and feelings and to describe themselves as being in one of 4 Zones: blue, green, yellow and red. Ask your child about The Zones.

These Zones are then meaningfully linked to readiness for learning and pupils develop an awareness of their own behaviours and use their personal set of strategies to bring themselves back to an optimal state for learning.

Through practice and application, the 'Zones of Regulation' helps pupils build skills that can serve them as they move through the school and face challenging situations in the wider world. Pupils are taught that there is no bad Zone, it is just the way they feel at a particular moment and there are things they can do to help themselves move to a different Zone.

The children have thought about different strategies that they can use to help get themselves in the Green Zone; where they are in the best place to learn.

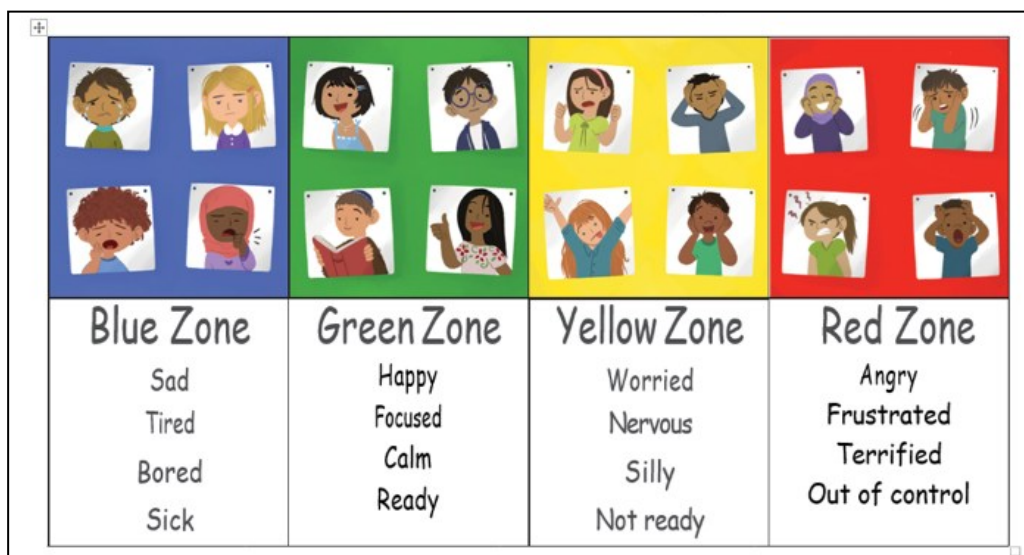
The Zones

Blue Zone: Your body is running slow, such as when you are tired, sick, sad or bored.

Green Zone: You are ready to GO. You may feel happy, calm and focused.

Yellow Zone: You need to proceed with caution and SLOW DOWN. You are frustrated, silly, excited, worried, anxious or surprised. You are starting to lose control.

Red Zone. You need to STOP. You are out of control, angry, scared or over-excited.



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 Colin Dowland or Laura Monro (Co-Headteachers). 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 here:

<https://woodridgeprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/july-2025-mealtime-supervisor-vacancy/>

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 11th 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	Reception are still settling into their new class and haven't yet joined our Achievement Assemblies.
Year 1 Willow	Vinnie for using his mathematical mind to find 'one more' from the roll of a dice. Emily for creating a fantastic story map of 'The Rainbow Fish'.
Year 2 Rowan	Emi for your fabulous poster about what animals need to survive—you included so many amazing facts! Ridhee for your beautifully written setting description of 'Under the Ocean'.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Leo for his fantastic vocabulary in his diary entry, trying to think outside of the box. Sophie G. for her brilliant presentation in all lessons-taking pride in every piece of work,
Year 4 Ash	Cai and Maitri for their alternative chapter writing. They both painted a wonderful picture using descriptive language.
Year 5 Lime	Mia and Matilda for showing resilience, perseverance and a positive attitude to our maths lessons.
Year 6 Maple	Aimee and Kornel for participating well in class discussions and working to the best of their ability.
Value of The Month	September - Respect

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SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Adam (Y1), Oscar (Y2), Ridhee (Y2) Harry (Y5) and Aki (Y5)



OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Well done to Chloe and Lottie Gilbery for raising an amazing £202.15 by selling baked goods and loom band jewellery over the summer holidays. The money raised will go to for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Great work!

- Congratulations to Xavier and Xylia Major for achieving their red and amber swimming awards this week!

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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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Thursday 2 September **First day back for pupils**

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

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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**
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Year A (2026-27)

September

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

Respect

Unity

Friendship

Peace

Honesty

Resilience

Hope

Love

Empathy

Courage

Trust

