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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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PARKING

Mr Dowland kindly donated a bright yellow 'Think Before You Park' sign to go outside the school when he left at the end of the last academic year. In the first four weeks of this term, the sign has been run over three times, showing a worrying lack of careful driving where children are potentially crossing the road.

I have also already begun to receive complaints from the neighbours about their drives being parked across at both the beginning and end of the school day.

Where possible, can you please try to walk to school or alternatively park safely away from the front of the school and walk the remaining distance to the gate.



HELLO YELLOW DAY

Next Friday (9th October) Woodridge is celebrating World Mental Health Day by taking part and wearing yellow! Children can come into school wearing one item of yellow clothing. This could be a yellow jumper, yellow hat, yellow socks or a yellow hairpiece. On the day, children will take part in one activity designed to support their mental health.



MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

A huge thank you to all those who baked and bought cakes for our cake sale, along with those who came along and purchased a cake last Friday. A special thank you to Mrs Assem, who also helped to run the sale! We raised an incredible £234.55, which will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.



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YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND

What a fantastic day Year 4 had at The Bank of England Museum discovering the fascinating world of money and banking! The children were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the visit, enjoying the opportunity to uncover interesting facts and learn more about how money has changed over time. They were excited to explore the different exhibits. It was wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and enjoyment and they represented the school brilliantly.

Mrs Humphrey



YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE HENRY MOORE STUDIOS

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the Henry Moore Studio on Thursday. They were able to see some of Henry Moore's sculptures, find something out about his life and experience working with different mediums including clay and plaster. They were encouraged to try and make their creations abstract and inspired by Nature, as Henry Moore himself was.

Mrs Hooper



WAITROSE

Just a reminder that our community funding box is now up in Waitrose in North Finchley. By shopping in this store and placing your green tokens in the box, you will help raise money for our allotment project and help our progress towards gaining a Healthy Schools Mark.



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FLU VACCINATIONS

A reminder about the upcoming Flu Vaccinations for all children, which will take place on Friday 9th October.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.



Vaccination UK

IMPORTANT LINKS:

School Term Dates: [Woodridge Primary School - Term Dates](#)

Woodridge Values Cycle: [Woodridge Primary School - Values Based Education](#)

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Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies

Meet the Speech and Language Therapist



Thursday 15th October @ 2:45pm



Meet your link Speech and Language Therapist



For all parents and carers



Find out what BCIT offers



Get advice and strategies



To speak to our admin team
please call 020 3316 8900
or email whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 2nd October 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 have not yet joined our celebration assemblies.
Year 1 Willow	Rory for writing fantastic sentences in English. Ethan for writing all the number sentences for a part-part-whole model.
Year 2 Rowan	Jude for your thoughtful and enthusiastic contributions during our whole-class lessons. Alma for your fantastic work in maths-you put all your effort into every task and even do extra!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Sienna, Akira and Eva for writing an excellent set of instructions for making a medicine-excellent use of time adverbials, imperatives, verbs and alliteration!!
Year 4 Ash	Ash class-for behaving so well on our trip to the Bank of England Museum. You showed exceptional manners, responsibility and respect on the trip. You were brilliant ambassadors for our school.
Year 5 Lime	Aarav for showing engagement in class discussions and working hard all week. Sia for explaining her maths reasoning clearly and accurately.
Year 6 Maple	Arun and Solly for fantastic work using different materials at the Henry Moore Studio.
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:

Nora Y1 Arthur Y5 Chloe G Y5
Haruto Y2 Ben Y2



OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Mahi Y5 for receiving a trophy from Finchley Cricket Club Under 11's for being the 'Best Bowler 2026'!

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.

New dates, including class trips ,have been added in RED.

AUTUMN TERM	
Fri 9 th Oct - World Mental Health Day	Tues 17 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Fri 9 th Oct – Flu Vaccines (Day 2 – 9 th Dec)	Thurs 19 th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 19 th Oct – Maths Week	Thurs 19 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Fri 23rd Oct – Individual Photos	Thurs 26 th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
WC 26 th Oct – HALF TERM	Thurs 3 rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 2 nd Nov – INSET Day 2	Mon 7 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Thurs 5 th Nov – Y2 & Y5 Singalong	Weds 9 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Thurs 12 th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 10 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Thurs 12th Nov – Year 5 to British Library	Mon 14 th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Mon 16 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Fri 18 th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Mon 16th Nov – Year 4 to Gudwara	
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)	Mon 17th May – Year 6 to Houses of Parliament
Thurs 11 th Feb – Y6 Class Assembly (2)	Thurs 18 th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly (2)
WC 15 th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 19 th Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Mon 22 nd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 23 rd Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Fri 5 th Mar – Woodridge World Book Day	Thurs 25 th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly (2)
WC 8 th March – SCIENCE WEEK	Thurs 25 th Mar – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
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 31st 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)

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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



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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**

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