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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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HELLO YELLOW DAY

Thank you to all the children for taking part in Hello Yellow day today (and the parents for supporting this!) Children took part in a range of activities in classes, including meditation, gardening and sketching in order to support their mental health.



FOOTBALL MATCH

The A Team football players took part in their first home match against Danegrove in the Dick Bailey Cup last Friday. We were thrilled to win 4-0, with goals from Aki, Hugo, Ezra and Jude.

Well done boys—I am sure you will go on to have a very successful season! And a huge thank you to Mr Mapes for his continued dedication to sport at Woodridge.



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CHANGE 4 LIFE

On Tuesday, twelve children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Change 4 Life Sports event. They spent ten minutes per station playing a range of different games and sports. The children enjoyed it and were great representatives for Woodridge!

YEAR 1 ART DAY

In Year 1 last week, children explored the style and technique of the artist Jackson Pollock. They began by creating a colour wheel and then recreated one of his drip paintings. Children were shown how the artist painted and were encouraged to say what they saw in the painting and if they liked it or not and why.



EX-STUDENT SUCCESS!

Last week, we were very pleased to have a visit from ex-student Vivienne, who has gone on to do some amazing things! She was playing for the Arsenal girls team and has recently completed a move to Frankfurt. Vivienne kindly donated two football shirts to the school, which will take proud position in our school hall.



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DIGITAL WORKSHOP—PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

We are pleased to be hosting a workshop on 'Parenting in the Digital Age' on **Tuesday, 24th November at 9:10 am** in the school hall. The talk will explore the impact of technology on children's mental health and well-being, covering topics such as smartphones, social media, gaming and AI. It examines the effects of algorithms, screen use, and online content on adolescent mental health and identity, while offering practical strategies for promoting digital wellness within families.

The presentation provides guidance and resources to help parents support their children in navigating the digital world responsibly. It includes advice on encouraging healthy screen time habits and creating a balanced digital environment at home.



Parenting in the Digital Age

With Digital Parenting Specialist Yael Shahar

Join Digital Parenting Specialist Yael Shahar for an impactful session exploring how digital technology is reshaping childhood and what parents can do to respond with confidence and clarity.

A certified coach and family wellbeing expert, Yael is a strong advocate for the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign and has worked very closely with One Collective Founder, Nova Eden.

Nova spearheaded a groundbreaking policy that made Barnet the first UK borough to introduce a smartphone-free policy across all its schools, an initiative that inspired a national movement, influenced government policy, and helped reshape the digital landscape for children across the UK.

In this thought-provoking talk, Yael draws on her extensive experience working with thousands of families and educators to explore:

- + The impact of smartphones, social media, gaming, and excessive screen time on young minds
- + How algorithms influence adolescent identity and emotional development
- + Practical ways to support healthy digital habits at home and promote digital wellbeing

Whether your child is asking for their first phone or already glued to a screen, this session will equip you with tools to set boundaries, build resilience, and support wellbeing in an always-connected world.

Discover how we can guide our children towards a more balanced relationship with technology.



“One Collective is a powerful voice, delivering hugely impactful talks that offer truth, clarity, and hope for building a better future for our children.”

Jack Thorne
Writer of the groundbreaking
Netflix series Adolescence



“A brilliant, thought-provoking presentation - clear, impactful, and full of practical insight.”

Laura Matthews
International HR Executive
Bank of America



“The changes reshaping childhood are among the greatest challenges of our time - Nova is playing a vital role in bringing much-needed attention to this issue with clarity and compassion.”

Dan Tomlinson MP





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

IMPORTANT LINKS:

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

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

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	Reception haven't yet joined our weekly celebration assemblies.
Year 1 Willow	Arin for correctly mixing primary and secondary colours on Art Day! Scarlett for writing a fantastic story map of the Gruffalo.
Year 2 Rowan	Ben for being an all-round wonderful pupil! You are so kind, helpful and a great friend-thank you for being you! Ava for approaching maths tasks with positivity and enthusiasm and for great teamwork!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Lyra for always being so kind. Amir for making an amazing start to life at Woodridge.
Year 4 Ash	Danny and Yasen for their fantastic sculpting and modelling with clay. They showed creativity, skill and attention to detail when creating their artwork.
Year 5 Lime	Harry for working independently during maths and showing greater resilience during writing activities. Daniel for being calm and focused as he played the trumpet.
Year 6 Maple	Shira and Khadijah for showing great resilience in our work on long division. Well done.
Value of The Month	October—Unity 

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Alaia Yr 2 Hugo Yr 5
 Adrina Yr 2 Matilda Yr 5
 Alma Yr 2



OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Chloe Gilbery for passing her Grade 1 Drum exam!

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	
Mon 19 th Oct –Maths Week	Thurs 19 th Nov – Parents’ Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Fri 23rd Oct – Individual Photos	Tues 24th Nov – Digital Workshop 9.10am
WC 26 th Oct – HALF TERM	Thurs 26 th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 2 nd Nov – INSET Day 2	Thurs 3 rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Thurs 5 th Nov – Y2 & Y5 Singalong	Thurs 3rd Dec – Year 3 to Hindu Temple
Thurs 12 th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly (1)	Mon 7 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Thurs 12th Nov – Year 5 to British Library	Weds 9 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Mon 16 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Thurs 10 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 16th Nov – Year 4 to Gudwara	Mon 14 th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Tues 17 th Nov – Parents’ Evening 4.00-6.30pm	Fri 18 th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Thurs 19 th Nov – Y5 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
Mon 17th May – Year 6 to Houses of Parliament	WC 5 th July – ARTS WEEK
Tues 18 th May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Mon 5 th July – Treasure Island Performance
Thurs 20 th May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 6 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Thurs 27-28 th May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 6 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-6.30pm
WC 31st May – HALF TERM	Thurs 8 th July-Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30pm
Mon 7 th June – INSET Day 5	Tues 13 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC Mon 7 th June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Thurs 15 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 14 th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Fri 16 th July – Meet the New Teacher’ 11-12
Mon 14 th June – Year 1 Phonics Check (1 week)	Fri 16 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 17 th June – Y2 Class Assembly (2)	Weds 21 st July – Infant Singalong 9.10am
Tues 22 nd June–Recep Celebration Event 9-10am	Thurs 22 nd July - Y6 Leavers’ Assembly 9.10am
Weds 23 rd June – Recep Celebration Event 2-3pm	Thurs 22 nd July - Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Thurs 24 th June – Sept ‘27 Reception Mtg 6.30pm	

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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**
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