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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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MATHS WEEK

This week we had Woodridge Maths Week. We wanted to show the children how maths is used outside of the classroom in a range of different jobs. In class, the children thought about the costs of different projects to make an area even better- such as working out how much it might cost to set up a small art gallery.

We also had a visitor, Major Tom, who showed the children how maths is related to space and being an astronaut. They made shapes out of their bodies, found percentages of optic fluid in astronauts' eyes and thought about the effects of being in such a small space for long periods of time. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 then put their results together and decided who they thought would be the best candidate to go into space.







PARENT GOVERNOR OPPORTUNITY

A final call reminding you that there are two Parent Governor vacancies currently open for applications / nominations, with a closing date of Monday 2nd November at 5pm.

Woodridge's partnership with parents has been a key factor in the school's development. This is a great opportunity to work with governors and Laura Monro as Headteacher to make a real difference for our children.

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MORE FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

On Monday, Woodridge played All Saints in a very tense match. It was another great team performance, with Yugo scoring both goals in a 2-0 win for Woodridge. The All Saints goalkeeper was really good and made some great saves, otherwise we could have had a few more goals!

Mr Mapes

YEAR 5 ART DAY

On Wednesday, Year 5 had a great day exploring 3D art. We learnt about the artist Alberto Giacometti, answered some questions about his art and then sculpted our own human figures using tin foil and clay. Year 5 worked carefully and with resilience to develop their sculpting skills and produce some great sculptures. Well done Year 5!

Ms McCleneghen





'We were inspired by the celebrations of some of the most famous footballers. Our style came from the artist Alberto Giacometti with his thin, detailed sculptures. We each made two or more figures. ' Jude, Aki, Harry and Nadav

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Last Thursday, our Barnet Speech and Language Therapist, Phoebe Cousins, led a session for parents at school. She talked about the support available from the Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies team, how they work with schools and families and shared strategies for parents to encourage language and social communication.

Thank you to all those who attended—we hope you found the session valuable!



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SCULPTING IN YEAR 6

Following on from the visit to the Henry Moore Studio earlier in the term, Year 6 has completed an Art unit on the sculptor Augusta Savage. Pictured below are some of the clay tiles they created, which were inspired by Savage's work.

Mrs Hooper







YEAR 5 MATHS ART

This week, Year 5 were inspired to create their own maths art after looking at the work of both Kandinksy and Mondrian. They were set the task of producing their own picture using shapes and angles.



YEAR 2 ART DAY

Year 2 had fun getting creative this week with paper sculpturing. We learned about the amazing Chinese paper sculptor, Li Honbgo, who has become famous for his intricate paper sculptures.

We tried our hand at making our own paper sculptures using strips of coloured paper, card and glue. It was a very colourful day! Mrs Baikie





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Afternoon Workshop

Supporting your child to manage difficult emotions





Our Wellbeing Mentor, Corina Doican will be running a workshop for parents on **Wednesday 18th November 2.30 - 3.20pm**.

All welcome

The workshop aims to deepen understanding of:

- the human stress response
- how our stress response affects our ability to manage our emotions
- what you can do to support your child when they are finding it hard to manage their emotions

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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.



IMPORTANT LINKS:

School Term Dates: Woodridge Primary School - Term Dates

Woodridge Values Cycle: Woodridge Primary School - Values Based Education

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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards	**Friday 23rd 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 haven't yet joined our weekly celebration assemblies.
Year 1 Willow	Adam for writing a fantastic shopping list of ingredients to make Gruffa-lo Pie. Chloe for being so kind and thoughtful in Year 1.
Year 2 Rowan	Rosie for your wonderful story about a pet dragon-you are such a thoughtful writer. Oli for all your great work in maths this half term-you contribute really well and always go the extra mile!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Mizuki for excellent effort with her maths work and always trying her best. Ella for her excellent contributions to the maths workshop.
Year 4 Ash	Asad for always trying his best and persevering, even when maths and English can be really tricky. You never give up and keep going! Well done! Sienna for her fantastic explanation text including all the features we have been learning about. Your explanation is engaging and draws the reader in! Well done!
Year 5 Lime	Bea for focus, enjoyment and concentration during our Art Day when we made clay human figures. Her attention to detail was excellent. Jude for working hard to produce fantastic tin foil and clay models during Art Day.
Year 6 Maple	Noah and Orla for great perseverance and showing great skill in our clay work.
SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK	Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting superstars: Haydar Yr 1 — Rosie Yr 2 Daigo Yr 2 — Maya Yr 4 Ava Yr 2 — Emma Yr 6

OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following children for their cricket success!

Arthur Humphrey (Y5) won the U11s Player of the Season award

Orla Wilson (Y6) won the TMCC Millies Bowler of the Year 2026 award

Oscar Leete (Y2), Zac Harris (Y5), Ava Wilson (Y2), Orla Wilson (Y6) and Arthur Humphrey (Y5) all received 2026 season recognition awards and medals.

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.

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AUTUMN TERM	Thurs 19th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
WC 26th Oct – HALF TERM	Tues 24th Nov – Digital Workshop 9.10am
Mon 2nd Nov – INSET Day 2	Tues 24th Nov – Year 6 to Islamic Centre
Tues 3rd Nov – Flu Vaccinations Day 2	Tues 24th Nov – Year 1 to British Museum
Thurs 5th Nov – Y2 & Y5 Singalong	Thurs 26th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 9th Nov – Inter-Faith Week	Thurs 3rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Weds 11th Nov – Year 1 to Nature Reserve	Thurs 3rd Dec – Year 3 to Hindu Temple
Thurs 12th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly (1)	Mon 7th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Thurs 12th Nov – Year 5 to British Library	Weds 9th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Mon 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Thurs 10th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 16th Nov – Year 4 to Gudwara	Mon 14th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Tues 17th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm	Fri 18th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Thurs 19th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly (1)	
SPRING TERM	
Tues 5th Jan – INSET Day 3	Weds10th Mar – Spark 2 Workshops
Thurs 28th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly (1)	Weds 10th March – Year 5 to Royal Festival Hall
Thurs 4th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 11th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 11th Feb – Y6 Class Assembly (2)	Thurs 18th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly (2)
WC 15th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 19th Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Mon 22nd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 23rd Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Fri 5th Mar – Woodridge World Book Day	Thurs 25th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly (2)
WC 8th March – SCIENCE WEEK	Thurs 25th Mar – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
SUMMER TERM	
Mon 12th Apr – INSET Day 4	Thurs 24th June – Y1 Class Assembly (2)
Thurs 22nd Apr – Year 5 Secondary Transfer Mtg	Tues 29th June – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 3rd May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 2nd July – Introduce the New Teacher 11.45am
Tues 4th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.10am	Fri 2ndJuly – Junior Sports Day 1.15pm
Mon 10th May – Y6 SATs week	Fri 2nd July – End of Year Reports sent home
Mon 17th May – Year 6 to Houses of Parliament	WC 5th July – ARTS WEEK
Tues 18th May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Mon 5th July – Treasure Island Performance
Thurs 20th May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 6th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Thurs 27-28th May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 6th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-6.30pm
WC 31st May – HALF TERM	Thurs 8th July-Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30pm
Mon 7th June – INSET Day 5	Tues 13th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC Mon 7th June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Thurs 15th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 14th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Fri 16th July – Meet the New Teacher' 11-12
Mon 14th June – Year 1 Phonics Check (1 week)	Fri 16th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 17th June – Y2 Class Assembly (2)	Weds 21st July – Infant Singalong 9.10am
Tues 22nd June–Recep Celebration Event 9-10am	Thurs 22nd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 23rd June – Recep Celebration Event 2-3pm	Thurs 22nd July - Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Thurs 24th June – Sept '27 Reception Mtg 6.30pm	