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Woodridge Primary School

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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WOODRIDGE XMAS BAZAAR

The Woodridge Xmas Bazaar is scheduled for Friday 4th of December, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Raffle tickets are now available to buy online, either in sets of ten or twenty tickets, using the following links:

https://bit.ly/TenTicks

https://bit.ly/20Ticks

Information about buying tokens for the bazaar will be sent out soon.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Our next Scholastic School Book Fair is coming to Woodridge from the 16th-20th November. Come and explore the wide selection of books for all ages. Books make perfect gifts for this time of year, so it's the ideal opportunity to stock up on holiday surprises whilst supporting our school's love of reading and helping the school to earn money to put towards new books.

The Book Fair will be open every day after school on the green if the weather is dry. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the shelter of the School Hall. We can take cash and card payments so paying is quick and easy. Every purchase at the Book Fair earns the school points, which we can use to buy books for every class and the school library. We can't wait to see you there!
Mrs Hooper



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PUPIL VOICE AT WOODRIDGE

Yesterday and today, in preparation for the new school dinner menu changes coming in February, all classes were visited. Children had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts on school dinners and suggest some meals they would like to see on the new menu. These suggestions have been passed on to Clever Chefs to discuss back at their headquarters!



WAITROSE

A reminder that Waitrose in North Finchley have kindly agreed to include Woodridge in their Green Token Scheme to support the development of our allotment area. The boxes will be open until December, so if you are able to do your shopping there and add your token to the box, we would really appreciate it!



PARENT GOVERNORS

As you will already be aware, we had three nominations for the two available roles of Parent Governor at Woodridge. Thank you to all those who applied!

You will have received a ballot paper, along with statements from each of the candidates. Please can you complete your ballot paper and return it to the box in the school entrance by Wednesday 18th November. We will then announce the successful candidates in the newsletter on Friday 20th November.

BOCCIA EVENT

On Tuesday, three children represented Woodridge in a Boccia event held at Copthall. They all performed well and showed great teamwork! Mr Mapes





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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 6th November 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	Ben B for writing a great list of labels for an alien wearing underpants. Karnie for her amazing carpet time discussions during science.
Year 2 Rowan	Daigo for being such a kind and helpful member of the class-we are so lucky to have you in Y2. Idan for your excellent progress in all subjects -you have worked so hard and achieved great results!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Hugo for trying really hard with his spellings this week and contributing to class discussions. Sophie R for a detailed and thoughtful diary entry.
Year 4 Ash	Ryan for your excellent collaboration! You have worked wonderfully with your partner showing kindness and cooperation. Keep it up! Jana for being a fantastic team player. You have shared ideas, listened carefully and supported your partner brilliantly! Keep it up!
Year 5 Lime	Chloe for showing kind and helpful attitude to her classmates through-out the week. Zac for working hard in class and participating in class discussions during Maths and Reading for Pleasure activities.
Year 6 Maple	Ava for being ready to share her ideas in class discussions. Ella for working hard and being kind to her peers.
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 Daigo Yr 2 Joshua Yr 2 Amir Yr 3 Summer Yr 2 Mizuki Yr 3

OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Sia and Aarav in Year 5 for graduating from Grey-Black to Yellow-White belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu! The children graduated based on their attendance, attitude, skill, behaviour and the amount of time spent on the belt—well done!.

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	
Mon 9th Nov – Inter-Faith Week	Tues 24th Nov – Year 6 to Islamic Centre
Weds 11th Nov – Year 1 to Nature Reserve	Tues 24th Nov – Year 1 to Barnet Museum
Thurs 12th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 26th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
Thurs 12th Nov – Year 5 to British Library	Thurs 3rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Thurs 3rd Dec – Year 3 to Hindu Temple
Mon 16th Nov – Year 4 to Gudwara	Mon 7th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Mon 16th Nov – Book Fair arrives	Weds 9th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Tues 17th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm	Thurs 10th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Thurs 19th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly (1)	Mon 14th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Thurs 19th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm	Fri 18th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
Tues 24th Nov – Digital Workshop 9.10am	
SPRING TERM	
Tues 5th Jan – INSET Day 3	Tues 9th Mar – Y1& Y2 to Postal Museum
Weds 27th Jan – Y5 to Neasden Temple	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)
WC 15th Feb – HALF TERM	Thurs 18th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly (2)
Mon 22nd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Fri 19th Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Thurs 4th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly (2)	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 – Sept '27 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Thurs 15th Apr – Y6 Magistrates Court	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 2nd July – 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)