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Woodridge Primary School

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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ODD SOCKS DAY



Next week marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week at Woodridge. As part of this, we are asking all children (and staff) to wear odd socks on Monday. It is a fun, easy way to celebrate individuality, embrace what makes us unique, and promote kindness and inclusion.

During the week, children will take part in assemblies and activities . They will also have the opportunity to identify their 'Nominated Adult', someone across the school who they feel they could go and talk to if they wanted/needed to.

PARENT GOVERNORS

Thank you to all of you who have returned their ballot papers for the Parent Governor roles at Woodridge. Ballot papers must be returned by Wednesday 18th November and placed into the box in the entrance hall in preparation for counting.

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 5 PERFORMANCE

Last week, Years 2 and 5 performed to Year 1 and their parents. Year 2 sang beautifully, accompanied by Year 5 on a wide range of instruments. It was such a lovely event to celebrate together!

On Monday, Year 2 were joined by Year 2 from St Andrews, to read and perform songs related to the book 'The Koala Who Could'. Congratulations to all the children who participated and to Ms Savournin for organizing.







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YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE NATURE RESERVE

On Wednesday, Year 1 went for a walk in the Nature Reserve.

'We had lots of fun on our autumn nature walk, We made leaf kababs, nature fireworks and nature pictures.' Mrs Glynn

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help!







RUGBY FESTIVAL



'On Wednesday, a group of children from Years 5 and 6 went to a Rugby Festival. The team played 6 matches, winning 4 and drawing 2, finishing the morning unbeaten. All 10 children worked hard as a team, showed great sportsmanship with the other schools and represented Woodridge amazingly! ' Mr Mapes

Thank you to Mr Mapes and Mrs Tait for helping at this event!

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE BRITISH LIBRARY

On Thursday, Year 5 went on a trip to the British Library. They took part in an interactive workshop where they learnt about the importance of the library as a national archive and learnt about the importance of sustainability both for the library and the wider world. In the afternoon, they carried a quiz to find the treasures of the library.



'I was very proud of Year 5 in terms of teamwork, sensitivity to the topic and enthusiasm for the treasures. Well done year 5! '
Ms McCleneghen

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Thursday, ten Year 5 and 6 girls represented Woodridge at Compton. The girls had four 7 minute matches, winning 2, losing 1 and drawing 1. I was really proud of the girls for showing great skills, teamwork and determination. Well done!

Mrs Norman



YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, Year 4 treated us to the first class assembly of the year. They showed off a range of things they had learnt, including explanation texts on how bees make honey, knowledge they had learnt during their trip to the Bank of England and sculptures they had made whilst learning about Anthony Gormley. The finished off the assembly with a rap about the 12 times tables. Well done Year 4!





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



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SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

A reminder that our Scholastic School Book Fair will be open every day next week, displaying a wide selection of books for all ages. 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 each class and the school library.

Mrs Hooper



BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

In conjunction with our Scholastic Book Fair next week, we are having a book review competition. Have you read a really good book that you would like to tell everyone about? This competition is for you! There is one prize for each class and all reviews will go into a special book in the library for everyone to enjoy!

How to enter

1. Choose your favourite book.
2. Complete the special book review pro forma.
3. Tell us what you love about your book and why other children should read it.
4. Remember to make your review interesting, neat and colourful!

The prizes

There will be one winner from each class, who will receive a special prize.
Book reviews will be published in a special book, which will be displayed in our school library for everyone to enjoy!
What are you waiting for? Pick up your favourite book, get writing and inspire someone else to read it!

Proformas for the book reviews for you to complete will be given out next week.

Closing date: Friday 20th November

Happy reading and happy reviewing!
Mrs Hooper



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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 13th 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	Gabrielle for writing a brilliant story map of all the events in 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. Theo for his kind thoughts about how we can help each other when feeling sad.
Year 2 Rowan	Leah for your contributions in class discussions and lessons-it's lovely to see your confidence growing! Joshua for your excellent progress and contributions in maths lessons and independent tasks.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Myla and Maral for their posters about the story of creation from different religious perspectives.
Year 4 Ash	Ash Class for your class assembly! You delivered your lines with confidence and resilience and your dance performance was amazing! We are so proud of you all! Well done!
Year 5 Lime	Lime Class for listening carefully and providing excellent responses in the 'Eco Explorers' workshop as well as investigating the treasures in the library sensibly and enthusiastically.
Year 6 Maple	Charlie for trying really hard with his feature article. Eren for participating well in class discussions all week.
<u>SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK</u>	Well done to the following children for receiving certificates from Mr Mapes this week for being sporting superstars: Rory YR Haruto Y2 Florence YR Jana Y4 Benjamin Y1 Harry Y5

<u>OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS</u>

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)	Weds 25th Nov – Phonics workshop for Recep Parents
Thurs 12th Nov – Year 5 to British Library	Thurs 26th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Thurs 3rd Dec – Y6 Class Assembly (1)
Mon 16th Nov – Year 4 to Gudwara	Thurs 3rd Dec – Year 3 to Hindu Temple
Mon 16th Nov – Book Fair arrives	Mon 7th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Tues 17th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm	Weds 9th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Thurs 19th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly (1)	Thurs 10th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Thurs 19th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm	Mon 14th Dec – Aladdin Panto 1.30pm
Tues 24th Nov – Digital Workshop 9.10am	Fri 18th Dec – Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)
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)