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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Earlier today you will have received a joint letter from **Barnet Education and Learning Service** and over **120 Barnet Headteachers** about committing to the promotion of a Smartphone Free Childhood. Barnet Schools and Chipping Barnet MP Dan Tomlinson are leading the way on this and you may see this in The Press over the coming days.



At Woodridge, phones are not allowed in school, although a few Y5 and Y6 lone travellers can leave a phone in the school office for the day. **We are working towards these all being 'brick phones' (not smartphones) from September 2025.**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Just a heads up that we will be marking World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. The theme is **Read Your Way**, so children can come to school that day in whatever is comfortable to read in. This could be pyjamas, a football kit or could be a character from a book. It's up to you. You have half term to think about it. Today your child will bring home a **World Book Day Book Token** to spend over half term.



RA YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

Yesterday you will have received a letter about an optional art-based homework, entering the Royal Academy Young Artists' Show. Let's see how many entries we can submit.



HALF TERM AND RE-START DAY

Have a great half term everyone. School starts again for children on **Tuesday 25th February 8.55am**.



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YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week it was Year 4's turn to share with everyone what they have been learning about this term.

Year 4 told us lots about Rene Magritte, the artist they have been studying this term and showed us a whole gallery of their own Magritte-style portraits. They also told us about Ancient Greek democracy and how this compares to democracy today. The assembly ended with lots of spoken Spanish, all about the four seasons and a song, all about it, sung in Spanish.

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Thanks to Miss Badhan and Mrs Guarnieri for putting together a lovely assembly.



CONVERSTAIION CUBES

Attached with the Newsletter this week is a resource from Children's Mental Health Week.

It contains the construction nets to make a Conversation Cube - a simple resource designed to spark conversation around a theme and trigger positive responses from children. There are 3 cubes - Knowing, Growing and Reflections. You could make these over half term and strike up a conversation.



WHATSAPP AGE RESTRICTION - 13+

Just a reminder that the age restriction on WhatsApp is 13+. No child at Woodridge should have access to this app. This week we have had some outside school problems with WhatsApp which have crept into school which isn't helpful - see the article on page 1 about a SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD.



WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

Please note:

- Monday 2nd June is NOT an INSET Day - pupils need to be in school that day

SPRING TERM	WC 10 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Mon 6 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 13 th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly
Thurs 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Thurs 20 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly
Weds 29 th Jan - Y6 to London Central Mosque	Fri 21 st Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Thurs 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Fri 25 th Mar - School Council Enterprise Day
Thurs 13 th Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Weds 26 th Mar – Workshare Evening 4.30-6.30pm
Fri 14 th Feb - WSA Non-uniform Day	Thurs 27 th Mar – Y3 Class Assembly
WC 17 th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 28 th Mar - Y5 to <i>Sound Out</i> Concert
Mon 24 th Feb - INSET Day 4	Tues 1 st April – BEAT @ Royal Albert Hall + Y6
WC 3 rd March - ARTSWEEK	Thurs 3 rd April – Spanish Assembly
Tues 4 th March – ‘Pinocchio’ Show pm	Fri 4 th April – Last Day of Term (Finish 2.30pm)
Thurs 6 th Mar – World Book Day	
SUMMER TERM	Weds 25 th June – Sept '25 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Tues 22 nd April – INSET Day 5	Thurs 26 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
WC 28 th April - Y3 Swimming Wv 1	Thurs 3 rd July – Spanish Assembly 9.10am
Mon 5 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 4 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
WC 6 th May - Y3 Swimming Wk 2	Tues 8 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 8 th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Tues 8 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Thurs 22 nd May – Reception Class Assembly	Thurs 10 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Weds 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Fri 11 th July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Thurs 22 nd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Mon 14 th July – Junior Production Dress 2pm
WC 27 th May – HALF TERM	Tues 15 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
Mon 2 nd June – Term starts for children	Weds 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC Mon 2 nd June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Thurs 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 9 th June – Y6 to Condoover Hall	Fri 18 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 18 th June – Y6 to Young Citizens	Tues 22 nd July - Last Day of Term (Finish 2.30pm)
Thurs 19 th June – Y1 Class Assembly	

WSA QUIZ NIGHT

Save the date! The brilliant WSA Quiz Supper evening will be on **Sunday 27th April**. More details to follow.



YEAR 2 MATISSE ARTWORK

This week Year 2 have been studying the artist Henri Matisse and have produced some excellent collages inspired by his picture ‘The Snail.’



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 14th February 2025

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	Ava for excellent concentration and listening skills in lessons and working hard on her phonics skills. Soshi for lots of enthusiasm for maths and for explaining all the number doubles he knows by heart.
Year 1 Willow	Ryan for his fantastic attitude to learning and completing tasks. Rania for always trying her best and always doing the right thing.
Year 2 Rowan	Karina for your fantastic writing about a Tiny Dragon in English-your writing is a joy to read. Neil for your brilliant, imaginative story about your Best Day Ever. You are such a talented writer!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Sia for working really hard on her enchanted forest description, using brilliant expanded noun phrases! Lily for being so helpful, working her hardest and producing fantastic writing on her setting description.
Year 4 Ash	All of Year 4 for learning their lines particularly the Spanish lines and delivering a brilliant class assembly! You made us so proud!
Year 5 Lime	Emily G for always showing focus, listening carefully to instructions and producing excellent work. Finn for working hard on his newspaper report over the last few weeks.
Year 6 Maple	Rufia for writing fantastic dialogue. Jacob for making great progress in Maths.
Values Awards	Richie Y4 - CO-OPERATION Aaira YR - COURTESY
Value of The Month	February - RESILIENCE

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Gym - Adiel Y4 and Aimee Y4

Multisports - Arjun Y2, Anish Y2, Ayaz Y1 and Adam Y2



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TERM DATES 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September
Tuesday 3 September

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November
Tuesday 5 November
Friday 20 December

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January
Tuesday 7 January

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February
Tuesday 25th February
Friday 4 April

INSET Day: School Closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April
Wednesday 23 April
Monday 5 May

INSET Day: School closed for pupils
First day back for pupils
Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June
Tuesday 22 July

First day back for pupils
Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 2 September 2024
Monday 4 November 2024
Monday 6 January 2025
Monday 24 February 2025
Tuesday 22 April 2025

(Plus Monday 5 May 2024 - 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 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 November First day back for pupils
Friday 19 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 6 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February First day back for pupils
Friday 27 March Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 14 April First day back for pupils
Monday 4 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June First day back for pupils
Friday 17 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Four INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 1st September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 13th April 2026

(Plus Monday 4 May 2026 - Bank Holiday)

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Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle

Year A (2024-25)

September	Respect
October	Unity
November	Friendship
December	Peace
January	Honesty
February	Resilience
March	Hope
April	Love
May	Empathy
June	Courage
July	Trust



Our strategic objectives

1

Through quality teaching and learning, to improve outcomes for all children by building a culture of achievement through progress across the curriculum.

2

To extend the Woodridge curriculum to create wider opportunities for all children to develop their skills and talents.

3

To develop sustainable, high quality and accountable leadership at all levels throughout the school.

4

To work in partnership with other schools, parents and the wider school community to enrich our school.