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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## LATE CHILDREN

This week we have had a large number of children arriving late for school in the morning, either after the junior gate has closed or the infant classes have gone in.



School starts at 8.55am and children should be in the playground just before this.

Infant Parents - first thing in the morning, please email the school office with any messages rather than engaging in conversations with the teachers when classes need to come in at 8.55am. Teachers can then bring the children in on time and parents can get to where the need to on time! Many thanks.

## YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This term's class assemblies were kicked off in style this week with Year 2 telling everyone about their learning this term.



The children showed us that ordering pizzas can help with multiplication and division, read out some brilliant 'excuse' postcards to Mrs Baikie, gave us snippets of their autobiographies and bombarded us with facts about animals and their habitats. The assembly was rounded off with a uplifting song about habitats accompanied on the guitar by Mr Baikie.

Thanks to Mrs Baikie, Mr Baikie and the Year 2 team for putting together such an entertaining and informative assembly.



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## YEAR 5 ARTWORK

This week, Year 5 have been doing working on some collage/textiles activities in art.

During this they have been looking at the work of Siwa Mgoboza, a young South African artist working in textiles.

The children learned how to do running stitches on Binka as part of their skills work, then found and cut fabric and stitched it together as part of the process to create a collage.



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## PERSISTENT ABSENCE LETTERS

Today, letters were sent home to the parents of 16 children who have attendance below 90% this year. This is defined as 'persistent absence' by the Department for Education.

**Tackling  
Persistent  
Absence**

The national expectation on school attendance is 95% or better.

Last year (Sept 2023 to July 2024), overall attendance at Woodridge was 96.1% which is well above national and Barnet averages and was described by the school's Education Welfare officer as 'Excellent.'

This year, attendance (Sept 2024 to Jan 2025) is currently 95.9%. This is still very, very good, but we would like to maintain a level above 96%.

## HOOP EAR-RINGS

Just a reminder that children should not be wearing hoop ear-rings in school for health and safety reasons.



## YEAR 1 ARTWORK

*Miss Hickman writes:*

In Art in Year 1, we talked about the artist Claude Monet who was a French painter and the founder of impressionist painting.

We made repeating patterns and designs by printing paint using natural and manmade objects. We looked at the different effects the objects made and talked about the differences in printing between manmade and natural objects.

We looked at the painting 'Water Lilies and Japanese Bridge' and answered questions.

We created our own water lily masterpiece just like Claude Monet! We printed paint using a sponge to create the background and then painted the water lilies on



top.



## WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

Updates Please note:

- **Monday 24th Feb is an INSET Day with the school closed for pupils.**
- **Monday 2nd June is NOT an INSET Day - pupils need to be in school that day**
- **Y3 Class Assembly** is now on Thursday 27th March
- **Workshare Evening (26th March) is now 4.30-6.30pm** (rather than 5.00-7.00pm) to help those families observing Ramadan

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

## BIKEABILITY

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Awards this week, along with Bikeability Badges:

### Level 1

Year 3: Adam, Thomas, Matilda, Harrison, Oscar and Zac

Year 4: Aleksandr, Eren, Ella, Hussain, Orla, Aimee, Emma, Aishini, Nancy, Noah, Kentaro, Charlie, Yugo, Shira, Afra and Arun



### Level 2

Year 5 - Sebastiano, Ruben, Florence, Emily and Meg

Year 6 - Ofek, Haru, Daniel, Ruhaan, Riku, Noah, Nil, Maayan, Leo, Ezra, Ethan, Bodhi and Amelia



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 31st January 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	Eden for having a great attitude to school, working hard and making lots of progress with his writing. Ben for using his imagination to make some amazing models with his friends and telling us all about them.
Year 1 Willow	Sophie R for getting so involved in Art Day and creating a fantastic Monet inspired print. Ayaz for great carpet discussions in RE. Ayaz could explain his ideas with great detail.
Year 2 Rowan	Ernie for being such a kind, compassionate and encouraging friend-we are so lucky to have you in Year 2. Gen for your wonderful work on your life experiences for your autobiography plan.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Zac for being extremely helpful and a kind member of the class. Mia for working really hard on her writing adjectives on the BFG.
Year 4 Ash	Noah for modelling excellent behaviour and always staying on task during learning. Orla for her excellent use of persuasive language as part of our English topic this term.
Year 5 Lime	Florence for excellent sewing skills and helping others during Art Day. Oli for determination and resilience when completing an arts challenge. Tamer for showing great focus and sewing skills during our Art Day.
Year 6 Maple	Rebeca and Amelia for always trying their best and working really hard at our Maths work on fractions, decimals and percentages.
Values Awards	Eli Y5 - THOUGHTFULNESS      Riku Y6 - RESPECT
Value of The Month	January - HONESTY

## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Gym - Matilda Y3 and Sia Y3

Multisports - Sophie G Y1, Sophie R Y1, Lyra Y1 and Haruto YR



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# Woodridge Primary School



## 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.



# Woodridge Primary School



## 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	<b>Respect</b>
October	Unity
November	Friendship
December	Peace
January	<b>Honesty</b>
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.