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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## THE INFANT PRODUCTION - 'THE FLEECE FORCE'

Wow! What a show! Congratulations to all of the infants for putting on a such a fantastic production which included great acting, super singing (including singing in two parts), impressive instrumentalists and enthusiastic dancing. Well done to all of you for being such superstars.



A big thank you to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 staff teams, with a particular special thanks to Music Director Ms Savournin and to the overall Director of the show, Mrs Baikie.

Thanks parents for all your help with costumes, for singing your fa-la-las with such gusto and for your support in such great numbers. *(More photos on Page 2)*



## LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY FINISH 2.30PM

School will finish earlier, at **2.30pm on the last day of term - Friday 20th December** and there will be no After School Club.

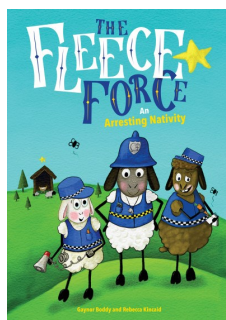
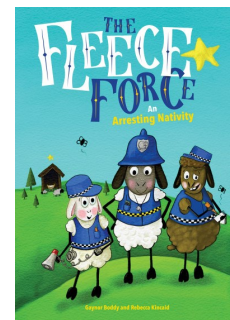
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EARLY**



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## THE FLEECE FORCE - MORE PHOTOS



## CHOIR IN ASSEMBLY

Miss McCleneghen has been running two choirs this term at lunchtimes - both infant and junior.

Earlier in the week, the junior children had a chance to hear them perform some of their repertoire.



Thanks to Mis McCleneghen for all her input with the choirs this term.

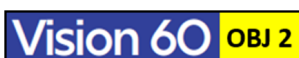
### Y5 AND Y6 BIKEABILITY

This week we have had group of 18 children in Year 5 and Year 6 out in the playground developing their skills on their bikes with the help of Ben and Andrew from *Bikeability*.



After making sure they all had safe bikes and were safe riders, Ben and Andrew took the groups out on the local roads.

I am delighted to say that all the children passed their Level 2 *Bikeability* Awards.

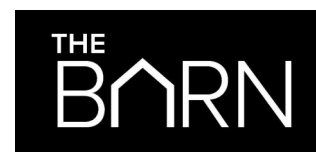
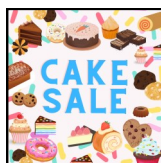


### SCHOOL COUNCIL - CAKE SALE

A huge well done to Woodridge School Council for organising the cake sale. The cake sale raised just over £70 and this will be sent to *Cancer Research*. Many thanks for all the donations and for supporting the event. Watch this space, as the children will be holding another event next term where they will be raising money for Woodridge- they have some plans for the playground!



A huge thank you to Dara from *The Barn Café* at the *London Equestrian Centre* in Lullington Garth. After a delicious lunch there, eager Woodridge parents persuaded Dara to donate 48 brownies and flapjacks to the Cake Sale. Please do support this community café who are offering a 20% discount if you grabbed one of their flyers - there are still some in the entrance lobby in school. See info on the next page.



### BBC 500 WORDS UPDATE

There were tens of thousands of entries to the *BBC 500 Words* competition. I am pleased to say that of the 40 we sent off, eight have made it through to the second round and into the last 5000.



Only 50 of these will make it to the final. Below are the Woodridge 'second rounders.' We will know if they become finalists, in January.

Arjun Y2, Sienna Y2, Aarav Y3, Arthur Y3 and Oscar Y3  
Kentaro Y4, Aishini Y4 and Millie Y4

Well done all of you!

@thebarn-finchley

# THE BARN

**We are excited to join the Finchley community as the new faces behind the café formerly known as Gee Gees.**

Since taking over in November 2024, our goal has been to create a warm and inviting space where everyone feels at home. With our friendly hospitality and fresh, delicious food, we're here to make a lasting impression.

**Make sure to try our brownies & flapjacks at the cake sale and don't forget to grab our flyers, offering a **20% discount** in our restaurant!**

## HOW TO FIND US

After Christmas The Barn will be updating its menu to be more focused on an evening experience.

Scan the QR code to keep updated on our latest menus and news!



## Contact us

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Website: [thebarn-finchley.co.uk](http://thebarn-finchley.co.uk)

London Equestrian Centre  
Lullington Garth, Woodside Park, N12 7BP

**SCAN ME**  
to visit our website!



## TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS - BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

The KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament 'Battle of the Bands' finishes on Sunday. Currently, it is very close!



Year 5 17,171 pts

Year 4: 17,132

Year 3: 14,782

Year 6: 11,482

One last push at the weekend!

**Vision 60** OBJ 2

## WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

Below is the list for your diaries/fridge of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2024-25 year. Further dates, will be added as the year progresses.

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Panto: <i>'Beauty &amp; the Beast'</i> pm
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – INSET DAY ONE	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Y5 Class Assembly
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Y1/Y2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept - KS2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct - Y5 to Hindu Temple	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Class Assembly
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct - World Mental Health Day	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Y3 Class Assembly
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Spanish Assembly 9.10am	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
WC 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – HALF TERM	Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – INSET Day 2	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day of Term
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Class Assembly	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	WC 10 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y6 Class Assembly
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5 Class Assembly
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
WC 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM <span style="color: red;">Corrected date</span>	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Spanish Assembly 9.10am
WC 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - ARTSWEEK	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April – BEAT @ Royal Albert Hall
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> March – <i>'The Hobbit'</i> Show pm	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Term
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Sept '25 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – INSET Day 4	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly
WC 28 <sup>th</sup> April - Y3 Swimming Wk 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 – INSET Day 5	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 Condoover Hall	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Last Day of Term

## FENCING ASSEMBLY

This week, the children had a chance to see a fencing demonstration in assembly.

We are hoping to re-launch the fencing club next term, so if your child is interested please keep an eye out for emails and on the Extra-curricular Clubs tab on the school website.



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 13th December 2024

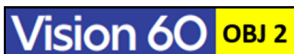
Each Friday we hold an Achievement Assembly where two children from each class are awarded a certificate for outstanding achievement in the week. These recognise hard work, great behaviour or exceptional progress, as well as our Woodridge Values.

Reception Oak	This week in Reception Class, the children have been preparing for and performing in, the Infant Production and making footprint Xmas cards.
Year 1 Willow	Amaya for a fantastic retelling of 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. Sophie R for sequencing events in order when telling me how to brush your teeth.
Year 2 Rowan	Abdullah for your fantastic story board in English and for your excellent progress in writing . Maya for making a fabulous start at Woodridge and being 'understudy extraordinaire' in our Christmas play!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Mahi for stretching her vocabulary knowledge when reading. Arthur for extending his mathematical skills by calculating fractions and decimals in quotients when dividing.
Year 4 Ash	Yoni for his well explained contributions in class discussions this week in RE about religion and food. Thomas for using mathematical language when explain his thinking when problem solving in Maths.
Year 5 Lime	Emily S for an engaging and detailed biography about Anne Frank. Ela for a well written, informative biography. Oli for showing his helpful, kind nature when being the Year 5 computing expert.
Year 6 Maple	Shalev for writing a fantastic diary entry. Bodhi for working really hard at fractions work.
Value of The Month	December - PEACE

### SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Rania Y1, Noemi Y1, Shiv YR and Noa Y2  
Gym - Kelsey Y5 and Arthur Y3



# 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.