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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## WSA BAZAAR BRING-INS & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The Christmas Bazaar is just a week away and we still need your help! Please bring bottles for the tombola (no bleach!), jars of sweets (labelled kosher/veggie/halal) and cakes/biscuits (no nuts.)



The Bazaar is next Friday 13th December 3.30 to 5.30pm.



Also to get into the Christmas Bazaar spirit, we are making next Friday our Christmas Jumper Day (the National day is Thursday). Normal school uniform but with a different jumper - it doesn't have to be a 'Christmas' jumper, any different jumper will do.

Christmas Jumper day is usually linked to a Save the Children fundraising campaign, so if you would like to donate £1, we will keep that separate from the Christmas Bazaar funds.



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## LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY FINISH 2.30PM

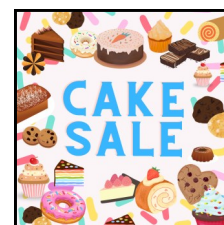
School will finish earlier, **at 2.30pm on the last day of term - Friday 20th December** and there will be no After School Club.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL - CAKE SALE

Ms Donaghy and the junior School Councillors will be running a cake sale on Monday 9th December 3.25-3.45pm in aid of *Cancer Research*.

Please send in cake donations in the morning.



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### YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

In our final class assembly of the term, it was Year 3's turn to share what they have been learning about.

Year 3 told us about the work of Stephen Wiltshire, a brilliant, neuro-diverse artist who draws amazingly detailed pictures from just a short look at his subjects. They also explained about how perspective works in art, as well as the features of an Egyptian desert. After a sketch about resisting peer pressure, the assembly ended with a lovely rendition of the song *It's A Wonderful World*.



Thanks to Mr Veal and the Y3 team for such an informative and confidently performed assembly.

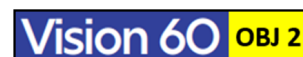
### TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS - BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

The Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament 'Battle of the Bands' is well underway between all the KS2 classes.



Currently Year 5 are healthily in the lead, but the battle runs from 1-15 December.

It is limited for children to play for up to 30 minutes maximum per day at home and TTRS automatically selects the tables children need to practice. Remember that children need to play in Studio mode!



### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

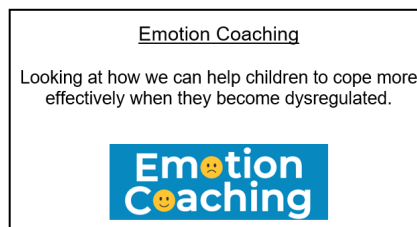
The school Christmas Postbox is now in the entrance lobby if your child wants to send a Christmas card to a friend or member of staff. Please ensure that children include the correct class and a surname initial - we have several children with the same names!



### COFFEE MORNING WITH MR SPERBER

It was great to see a healthy parent attendance at Mrs Sperber's regular Coffee Morning this week.

The theme of this term's coffee morning was Emotion Coaching, something that we have adopted at school to help children when they become dysregulated. If you have any suggestions for themes for our coffee mornings, please email the school office.



The WOODRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Presents

# THE 2024 WOODRIDGE Xmas BAZAAR

**Friday 13th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm**  
Collect your children as usual then enter through main school entrance.  
Join the fun straight from after-school clubs.

Food and Drinks Hall \* Xmas gifts \* Arts & Crafts  
Gingerbread Decorating \* Santa's Grotto \* Photo Booth  
and lots more...

**BRING YOUR XMAS CHEER!**  
Tokens will be available at the door,  
these can be purchased with cash or card

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## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

After school today, the girls' team had a John King Trophy match against St Catherine's. It was an exciting game in very muddy conditions with opportunities at both ends of the pitch. In the end, a strong St Catherine's team completed a 5-1 win. Scorer for Woodridge: Neve Y6.



Thanks to Mr Mapes and to the parent supporters.

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## 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 <b>Corrected date</b>	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

## WSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE HAMPERS

This year each class will be responsible for creating a Christmas Hamper filled with festive treats and goodies. Each class will need to gather donations to make their hamper as festive and appealing as possible (Your class rep will coordinate). We are asking all pupils to contribute items such as non-perishable food, holiday decorations, treats, candles, wine or any other festive items they would like to include. The hampers will then be raffled off. Tickets will be sold in playgrounds and at school Xmas shows in the lead up to the Christmas Bazaar. All hampers need to be ready by the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 6th 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 Reception Class have been talking about 'tricky' words, making tricky word hats and talking about 'one more and one less' as well as rehearsing for the Infant Production.
Year 1 Willow	Myla for fantastic work in Maths-correctly completing a number line from 1-20. Lara for brilliant work in English. Writing the main events of our story of the week.
Year 2 Rowan	Max B for your consistently excellent work in Maths this term. Adam for writing an excellent fruit salad recipe and being really great at his lines in the Christmas play.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Amelia for her focus during English and Maths lessons. Chloe L. for showing perseverance when confronted with obstacles.
Year 4 Ash	Ellaysha for her fantastic Newspaper reporting and using inverted commas correctly. Yugo for using what he has learnt in shared class writing and applying it to his own writing in English, producing a great piece of work.
Year 5 Lime	Kelsey for creating a fantastic model of the Solar System for homework. Misha for creating a great 'Planet fact file' for homework.
Year 6 Maple	Aoi for trying really hard and always looking to extend herself. Noah for working really hard at reading for pleasure this week.
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 - Lyra Y1, Jude YR, Sami Y2 and Saku Y1  
Gym - Florence Y5 and Lyla D Y6



# Woodridge Primary School



## TERM DATES 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 3 September      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 5 November      First day back for pupils  
Friday 20 December      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 7 January      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February      INSET Day: School Closed for pupils  
Tuesday 25th February      First day back for pupils  
Friday 4 April      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Wednesday 23 April      First day back for pupils  
Monday 5 May      Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June      First day back for pupils  
Tuesday 22 July      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.