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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## WSA BAZAAR BRING-INS

The Christmas Bazaar is just two weeks away and we need you help! Please bring in the following items on the dates listed below. If you want to bring items from different weeks at the same time, this is fine!



The Bazaar is on Friday 13th December 3.35 to 5.30pm.

| Date to bring in Items      | Item               | Description   |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Bottle Tombola     | Any type of unopened bottle , Alcohol/soft drinks/bubble bath/perfume - NO BLEACH   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Jars of Sweets     | Fill a glass jar (with a lid) up with sweets. Please mark if Kosher/veggie/halal  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Cakes and Biscuits | No Nuts please. The WSA will be at school from 9am ready to accept deliveries or pls bring with and drop them off at the cake stall |

## SCHOOL COUNCIL - CAKE SALE

*Ms Donaghy writes:* We have a lot of bring-ins going on at the moment, but the School Council really wanted to run a cake sale on Monday 9th December for *Cancer Research*. So please send in donations in the morning. More details to follow.



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### YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday it was Year 4's turn to lead their class assembly which was packed with facts about sculptor Anthony Gormley's *Angel of the North*, Anti-bullying and what we mean by Respect and the history of the Olympic Games.



It was a really entertaining and informative assembly, showcasing what the children have been learning this term.

Thanks to Miss Badhan and Mrs Guarnieri for putting together such an enjoyable assembly.

### BARNET BNO

On Thursday, a team of 14 Woodridge children attended the Barnet BNO sports festival. The team took part in eight events - rowing, football, cricket, golf, parachute games, boccia, speed-stacking and dance. They had a great time, were highly competitive and great ambassadors for Woodridge. Thanks to Mr Mapes, Mrs Tait and Miss Tait for accompanying the children.



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## FRIENDSHIP VALUE

Miss Donaghy writes: Our Woodridge value for November is friendship. During KS2 assembly we thought about what makes a good friend and answered the following questions:



*Can you remember your best friend from nursery? Are you both still friends? Have you made friends with someone you didn't think you would? Think about your friend (both in and out of school). How are you and your friend similar? How are you different? What makes your friend a great friend?*

The children came up with an long list of the qualities needed to be a good friend. Trust, Respect and Kindness were at the top of the list. We then talked about what these qualities look like.

'It's about how we treat each other.'

'We need to be kind.'

'We need to be trustworthy.' were a few of the statements that the children made.

'Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give' - unknown

## TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS

Mrs Hooper has set up a TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) Tournament 'Battle of the Bands' between all the KS2 classes.



The Battle of the Bands will be from 1-15 December. It is limited for children to play for up to 30 minutes maximum per day at home.

TTRS has a smart algorithm that automatically selects the tables children need to practise so that they can become Rock Stars in the shortest time!

Remember that children need to play in Studio mode! Certificates will be available for the top 3 players overall and will be presented in Achievement Assembly after the competition.

We look forward to finding out who will be the new leaders at Woodridge!

**1st December - 15 December 2024**

Lime

Silver birch

Maple

Ash

## KARATE SUCCESS

Well done to Nil Y6 for being promoted from green belt to brown belt at Karate with the White Crane Karate School.



## 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.

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| <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              |  |
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| <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                         |
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| <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 15th November 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.

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| Reception<br>Oak       | This week Reception Class have been talking about fireworks and making pictures using printing and a pipette. They have also continued with their phonics and number work.  |
| Year 1<br>Willow       | Sophie G for working really hard in English, all sentences using capital letters and full stops. Hugo for fantastic skills in telling the time.   |
| Year 2<br>Rowan        | Karina for her excellent work in English always going the extra mile to achieve a high standard . Arjun for being such a kind, thoughtful classmate, who helps anyone who needs support - a great role model.           |
| Year 3<br>Silver Birch | Olivia for being more confident when speaking in class. Kaori for setting a great example in the presentation of her work.  |
| Year 4<br>Ash          | Sasha for collaborating well with his partner during discussions and always modelling the right behaviour . Noor for her resilience in Maths this week and for her commitment in her Maths learning at home.            |
| Year 5<br>Lime         | Shoma for always working hard and showing a quiet confidence in his abilities, particularly in Maths. Milly for working very hard on her times tables and writing an excellent informal letter using clear handwriting. |
| Year 6<br>Maple        | Anoushka for great reasoning in our fraction work. Lyra for always trying her best at all activities and always adding extra features.  |
| Value of<br>The Month  | November - FRIENDSHIP   |

### GLITCH IN THE MATRIX

Over the last couple of weeks a gremlin has got into the Star of the Week pages of the Newsletter and caused some mayhem, with the wrong names appearing on the wrong weeks.



We have had our top technicians on this and have loaded up the latest version of *glitch-in-the-matrix* software™. As a result, we are re-publishing two weeks of Stars of the Week, with, to misquote Morecambe and Wise (if you are olde enough) all the names in the all right order. Thanks for bearing with us on this.

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| Reception<br>Oak       | This week Reception Class have been working hard on their dance for the Infant Production, exploring the numbers 4 and 5 and made stars for the stage backdrop.  |
| Year 1<br>Willow       | Levi for matching the correct numerals to words in numbers 11-20. Noémie for being a fantastic role model by following instructions during carpet times.   |
| Year 2<br>Rowan        | Gen for your amazing rhyming list poem in English - you went the extra mile! Ren for your excellent focus and high standard of work across all subjects-you have a great 'growth mindset' attitude!        |
| Year 3<br>Silver Birch | Jude for his attacking basketball skill practice. Chloe G for her expressive acting in our class assembly practice.  |
| Year 4<br>Ash          | Charlie and Tom for learning their lines for class assembly and being confident on stage.  |
| Year 5<br>Lime         | Bareera for working well with others during practical science and working independently during the written task. Anya for demonstrating her enthusiasm for Space and telling us lots of interesting facts. |
| Year 6<br>Maple        | Haru for completing some tricky bar modelling problems. Shohei for working really hard in our fraction work.   |
| Value of<br>The Month  | November - FRIENDSHIP  |

### SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Zuri Y2, Yasen Y2, Yigit Y1 and Soshi YR  
Gym - Kaian Y3 and Sia 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)

Please do not book holidays during term time. Fixed penalties fines from August will now be £80 per child, per parent.





## 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.