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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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WSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The date for the brilliant WSA Christmas Bazaar is **Friday 13th December 3.35pm to 5.30pm.**



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAYS

Our September survey about After School Club restarting on Fridays told us that:



21 parents would use Friday After School Club every week

25 additional parents would use Friday After School Club sometimes

As a result we recruited three staff for Fridays, but since the sessions restarted, we have had no more than **6** children attending each week. Today we had just **3**.

We have committed to running the Friday sessions until the end of this term. We will then review the numbers again and may decide to go back to just offering Monday to Thursday sessions.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Parent Governor Election was Mr Chris Gowing. Congratulations to him and we look forward to working with him as a member of the Governing Body.



A big thank you to Jyoti Dhanak for also standing in the election for this important role at Woodridge.



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YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY

On Thursday it was the turn of Year 5 to share what they have been learning about this term.

Touching on the Anglo-Saxons in history, Giacometti sculptures in DT, friction in science and keeping safe online, the assembly's main focus was on what the children learned about road safety and the information they gained from a traffic survey undertaken at the bottom of Southover. This included sketches written by the children, letters to the local MP and a great song with new lyrics to push the road safety message home.

Well done Year 5 for delivering an entertaining and informative assembly.

Thanks to Miss McCleneghen and the Y5 team for putting the assembly together.



THREE MIXED 'A' TEAM MATCHES

Last Friday the Mixed A Team played an away league match against Livingstone, usually a tough team to beat. Woodridge came away as 4-0 winners.

Scorers: Tamer, Jamie (2) and an own goal.

Earlier this week the team also played Blessed Dominic in the Dick Bailey Cup.

Woodridge played really well, winning 2-0 and progressing to the next round.

Scorer - Jacob Y6 (2).

Today the team played in a mini tournament at the Finchley Powerleague. They won 1-0 against both Underhill and SMSJ, drew two matches (St John's N20 and Barnfield) and progressed to another quarter-final where they lost 2-0 against an excellent team from Orion. It was a great team performance once again. Scorers: Zack (2).



Thanks as ever to Mr Mapes for organising and to the parent drivers.

PANTO & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

On Monday, the whole school watched Beauty and the Beast, performed by the brilliant *M & M Productions*.



It was great to have everyone in the hall for our annual pantomime, a re-telling of the classic tale with a cast of dozens, multiple scene changes and costume changes, performed by just a cast of four actors.



If you haven't paid your £6 voluntary contribution, please do. We are currently **running at a loss of £120** for this lovely event.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS UPDATE

You'll be aware that Woodridge won its first major Barnet sporting event last week at the Sportshall Athletics!



Unfortunately, the team that won the parallel Barnet event gained more points than Woodridge and so that school (a 3 form entry school) will go on to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games rather than Woodridge. :o(

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

This week, a team of 10 children (five from Year 5 and five from Year 6) took part in the Primary Maths Challenge - a challenge of fun multiple choice and word problems, some of it pretty tricky. Of the 10 children, 7 gained enough marks for PMC awards:



Gold Award - Ezra Y6

Silver Award - Daniel Y6 and Anoushka Y6

Bronze Award - Lyra Y6, Shoma Y6, Florence Y5 and Alice Y5

Well done to all who took part and thanks to Interim Maths Leader Mrs Hooper for organising. We will know in January if any of the team has progressed through to the next round.



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.

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

Reception 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 Willow	Ayaz for putting in so much effort to follow rules at carpet times. Rania for showing great focus during Art Day which resulted in the creation of some fantastic artwork.
Year 2 Rowan	Anish for your wonderful thirst for learning and enthusiastic contributions in whole-class lessons. Elira for your great perseverance with tricky new maths topics this week-your hard work has paid off!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Daniel for starting his work quickly and enjoying his writing. Ayaka for her focussed effort in Maths.
Year 4 Ash	Ella for being resilient and persevering. Making good progress with tricky Maths and English learning this week. Hussain for excellent focus and concentration on his learning and for being a supportive and helpful member of the class!
Year 5 Lime	Tamer and Rohan for showing an excellent understanding of our science topic using science vocabulary to explain their reasoning.
Year 6 Maple	Lyla D and Neve for trying their best at all activities and being great role models.
Value of The Month	November - FRIENDSHIP

WIDER WOODRIDGE

This week the juniors started their Wider Woodridge activities, which they will be doing on Friday afternoons for the last 30 minutes. This is an extension of our curriculum and a more productive use of time than simply 'Golden Time.'

This term the activities include: The Widerness Café (Y6), New Age Kurling, The Courtyard Garden Project, Cartoon Club, Bhangra Dance, Lego Masters, iPad iMoviemaker, Design Time and Mindfulness.



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Year 1 Willow	Rowan for brilliant work in Maths - identifying different 2D shapes. Seina for producing high quality writing in our topic work.
Year 2 Rowan	Raffi for his fabulous non-chronological reports this week – your writing is improving every day! Jana for your consistently high standard of work this term – you always try your best and get fantastic results!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Kaian for his help around the classroom when it is most needed. Harrison for his expressive reading out loud in class.
Year 4 Ash	Yugo and Shira for writing a great recount in English using all the features we learnt.
Year 5 Lime	Itai for showing engagement in our history topic and amazing us with his fantastic facts about the Vikings. Hana for writing an excellent letter to our local MP about road safety on our local roads.
Year 6 Maple	Daniel for writing a fantastic newspaper report. Riku for working really hard in fractions.
Value of 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 - Oscar YR, Liam YR, Summer YR and Akira Y1
Gym - Scarlett Y6 and Shalev Y6



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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.



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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.