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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday, the whole school observed the 2 minute silence at 11.00am out in the playground as Mrs Hooper played *The Last Post* on the cornet.



WOODRIDGE WIN A MAJOR BARNET SPORTING EVENT!

This morning a team of 30 Woodridge Y5 and Y6 children won the Sportshall Athletics Competition at the Copthall Sports Centre.



Competing against 9 other schools, the children won 8 out of the 12 track events and many of the field events. All the children won Gold Medals. It is the first major sporting event that Woodridge has won in at least 10 years!

This afternoon another 10 schools compete in a second competition. If Woodridge have a better score than the winners this afternoon, Woodridge will represent Barnet at *The London Youth Games*. We will know on Monday!



Today's result feels like the culmination of the increased commitment we have given to sport since Covid and testament also to Mr Mapes' unwavering enthusiasm and commitment to sport at Woodridge.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
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SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS WINNERS IN PICTURES



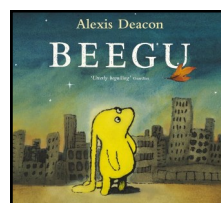
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YEAR 2 & YEAR 5 MUSIC ASSEMBLY

On the back of Year 2 performing at the BEAT Infant Music Festival last week, Year 2 performed the songs for parents this week, with one of the songs accompanied by the full 'orchestra' of Year 5, playing violins, flutes, keyboards, recorders and a variety of tuned percussion. It was a wonderful assembly which followed the story of Beegu by Alexis Deacon.

Very well done Year 2 and Year 5 and thanks to Ms Savournin for putting together such an enjoyable and high quality special music assembly.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

If you didn't catch the news on pages 1 and 2, Woodridge won a major sporting event at the Sportshall Athletics today.

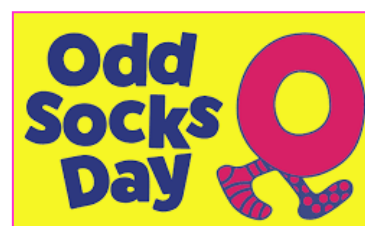


ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & ODD SOCKS DAY

It was great to see so many children and adults in odd socks on Tuesday.

In Ms Donaghy's assembly that day, the children watched a short video related to the week and then shared their thoughts about respect and what that means to us as Woodridge. The children from Reception to Year 6 said:

It means being kind
It means looking after each other
It means listening in class



As part of Anti-bullying Week, Ms Donaghy also talked about how to keep safe online - the children had lots of ideas and it was really positive that they knew and understood why they shouldn't share their passwords.

This week the children also nominated their safe staff adult in school and were introduced to our new Mental Health First Aiders, Mrs Tait and Mrs Guarnieri.

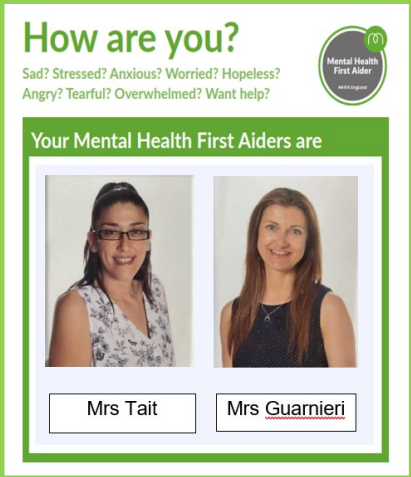
See also page 4 of this Newsletter for more about our Mental Health First Aiders.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

Most of our support staff at Woodridge are qualified First Aiders.



However, we now have two qualified Mental Health First Aiders in school - Mrs Tait and Mrs Guarnieri, who are available to all children (and staff) if they are feeling stressed, anxious, worried or overwhelmed.

Children can of course, also talk to their nominated adult or any other member of staff too.



How are you?
Sad? Stressed? Anxious? Worried? Hopeless?
Angry? Tearful? Overwhelmed? Want help?

Your Mental Health First Aiders are



Mrs Tait Mrs Guarnieri

Mental Health First Aider

PANTO NEXT WEEK & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

On Monday, the whole school will watch *Beauty and the Beast*, performed by the brilliant *M & M Productions*. If you haven't paid your £6 voluntary contribution, please do. We are currently **running at a loss of £350** for this lovely event.



YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week saw the first of our Class Assemblies.

Year 6 told us that, in History, they have been learning about the Spanish Armada. They sang a song about Tudor Kings and Queens and recited a poem about the Spanish Armada. In Art, they showed their learning about the sculptor Augusta Savage and showed off the clay tiles they had made. In Science, they told us about Carl Linnaeus (the father of Taxonomy), whose system for classifying organisms is still used by scientists. Thank you to Mrs Hooper and all the parents for their support.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL

This week the girls' team played Northside Primary in the league.

The girls went one goal up (as usual) but came up against a brilliant Northside goalkeeper and they were unable to score again. The final score was 3-1 to Northside. Scorer: Rufia Y6.



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MIXED 'A' TEAM MATCH

Earlier in the week the Mixed A Team played Christchurch Primary in the league.

Woodridge started strongly going 1-0 in the first half, but were pegged back by Christchurch in a good game.

In the end, Christchurch came out on top as 2-1 winners. Woodridge scorer - Tamer Y5.



BRASS LESSONS

This week, Ms Reeder our brass teacher, gave a demonstration of the family of brass instruments - trumpet, cornet, French horn, tenor horn and trombone. She was assisted by Noah in Y4 who played a great solo after just 5 lessons. Well done Noah.



If your child is interested in taking up a brass instrument (we currently offer also clarinet and flute, saxophone, violin, cello, guitar, drumkit and piano) then Barnet Education Arts Trust is the provider at school.

You can sign up for lessons (beginning in January) by following this link - <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Don't forget to vote!

Please return the Voting Forms in the white envelope provided. Please write your name and your eldest child's name on the white envelope, but not on the Voting Forms.



The deadline for voting is **Wednesday 21st November**, with the result announced on Friday 22nd November.

WSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The date for the brilliant WSA Christmas Bazaar is **Friday 13th December 3.35pm to 5.30pm**. Please put the date in your diary.



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

SWIMMING

Arun in Y4 has achieved his bronze award in swimming with the Better Swim School. Well done Arun for this important life skill.



CELLO SUCCESS

Congratulations to Nil Y6 who has passed her Cello Initial grade exam with Distinction. Very well done Nil.



SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Did we mention that Woodridge won the Sportshall Athletics today?



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 focused 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

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Jana Y2, Sienna Y2, Joshua YR and Alma YR
Gym - Bodhi Y6 and Matilda Y3



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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.