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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

We had a fantastic response to this competition. Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoyed writing the stories.

Mrs Hooper and some of the other teachers have now read all of the stories and selected around 30 of the bests ones.

These have been submitted today to the 500 words online portal.

We will keep you posted on any stories that progress to the next round.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK & ODD SOCKS DAY

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and next Tuesday is ODD SOCKS DAY, so please get your child to wear odd socks on Tuesday! To see why, go to page 3.

During the week, the children will take part in class based activities around this year's them of 'Choose Respect.' Children will also nominate their safe staff adult.



## MS SAVOURNIN NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Today, our music teacher Ms Savournin led Y2 at the Infant Music Festival. She was wearing her other hat as Director of Participation and Learning at BEAT (Barnet Education Arts Trust) and running 16 other Infant Music Festivals featuring 56 schools across the borough.



I am delighted to report that Ms Savournin has been shortlisted for a Music & Drama Education Award 2025 for last year's BEAT Infant Music Festival in the category 'Excellence in Primary/ Early Years.'

The winner will be announced in January 2025.



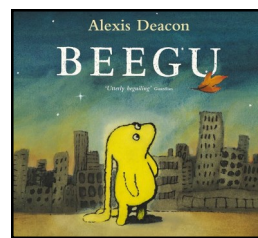
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## YEAR 2 AT THE BEAT INFANT MSUIC FESTIVAL

This morning Year 2 performed at the BEAT Infant Music Festival up at St Andrew's, with two other Barnet schools, led by Miss Savournin with her BEAT Director of Learning hat on. The festival followed the story of Beegu by Alexis Deacon, a book the children have also been following in lessons.



Year 2 sang a variety of songs (one in Welsh and with British Sign Language) and confidently performed their own funny song 'Mr Clicketty Cane' to the other schools. Well done Year 2 and thanks to Mrs Baikie and the parent helpers.



## GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Today, a team of Y5 and Y6 girls took part in a BPSS football tournament at Compton Powerleague. There were 20 schools taking part and the girls won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 match in the group stage and qualified for the quarter finals, where they lost 1-0 to Brooklands.



It was a series of great performances from the girls' team with tight games, all finishing either 1-0 or 1-1.

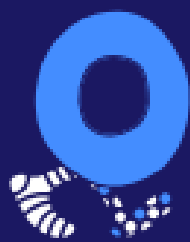
Scorers: Neve Y6 - 2, Rufia Y6 - Y1.

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## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Well done to Eren Y4 for achieving a medal at his Basketball Club this week. It's great to hear of success outside of school.





Dear Parents/Carers,

# WOOHOO... TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IS ODD SOCKS DAY!



## WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!** To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'.

## WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

You should all have received Voting Forms for the Parent Governor Election. If you haven't, it was only given to the eldest in each family and should be coming home today.



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 21<sup>st</sup> November, with the result announced on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## HOUSE TEAMS

We had over 40 suggestions for new House Team names via our Survey Monkey link. We will now narrow these down and put them to the School Council for discussion and keep you posted.



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## 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.

<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

## BPSS BOCCIA EVENT

This week a team of 3 Woodridge children took part in a BPSS Boccia Event. The team played 7 matches. They won 1, drew 4 and lost 2.

The children were great ambassadors of the school and had a great time at the event.



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 8th 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 discovering signs of autumn and trying out leaf printing as well as working on their numbers and phonics.
Year 1 Willow	Dorian for finding lots of different rhyming words in our English work. Saku for being brave and sharing her artwork in a show and tell.
Year 2 Rowan	Sienna for her fabulous work in Science and for always going the extra mile with your independent activities. Cai for his excellent contributions in whole class lessons-you are always focused and interested.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Hugo for his superb contributions to whole-class discussions. Lily for providing such a great role-model for manners and good behaviour.
Year 4 Ash	Arun and Khadijah for working really hard on our recount topic in English this week and producing a good mini recount.
Year 5 Lime	Miguel for always contributing to class discussions and showing an enthusiastic attitude to our 'Reading for Pleasure' book. Eshal for giving thoughtful and sensitive responses to class discussions during PSHE.
Year 6 Maple	Ofek and Danielle for working really hard in all lessons.
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 - Jude YR, Akira Y1, Max R Y2 and Noa Y2

Gym - Ethan Y6 and Harry 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.



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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	<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.