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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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UPDATING HOUSE TEAMS

Back in 2016 the Woodridge House Teams had no names and were just the four colours - blue, yellow, red and green. Consequently, we asked the children, via the School Council to nominate famous people who had achieved something important to be the focus for each house and to be role models. Many names were suggested and the four finally decided on were a mix of achievements, gender and ethnicities - Thomas Edison, Roald Dahl, Nelson Mandela and Anne Frank.



Nearly ten years on, and after some feedback from parents, we would like to re-think our house team names, since they no longer all fit comfortably in terms of gender balance and historical attitudes, as role models for the children.

So, over half term, as a family have a think about this. The house teams don't have to be named after people. They could be named after other things. We just need four distinct names to represent the four colours.

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So that we have all the suggestions in one place, here is a Survey Monkey link to collect all the suggestions. You can make as many suggestions as you wish.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P3YD39H> Deadline is Tuesday 5th November.

HAPPY HALF TERM, HAPPY DIWALI & 2025-2026 TERM DATES

Have a great half term everyone. Happy Diwali for next week.
School reopens for the children on Tuesday 5th November.



The term dates for 2025-26 are now on page 8 of this Newsletter.

Term Dates



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
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Y6 LEARNING AMBASSADORS

Year 6 were invited to write a letter to Ms Donaghy in order to apply to be a Learning Ambassador at Woodridge.



Learning Ambassadors will act as champions for each of the National Curriculum subjects and assist the staff subject leaders in school.



Here are the appointments as made by Ms Donaghy and Mrs Hooper:

English - Anoushka, Lyra P & Amelia
Science - Danielle & Bodhi
R.E. - Rufia & Lyla F
History - Leo & Nil
Geography - Ethan & Ezra
Computing - Ofek, Maayan & Riku
P.E. - Jacob, Lyla & Neve

Maths - Daniel, Haru & Shohei
Art - Rebeca, Ada & Meg
D.T. - Noah & Tuna
Music - Shalev, Aoi & Scarlett
PSHE - Scarlett & Utkristi
Spanish - Noah & Rebeca
Library - Danielle & Ada

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

Over half term, the homework for children in Y1 to Y6 is to write a 500 word story to enter the BBC's 500 WORDS competition. (It can be any length up to 500 words.)



There are some fantastic prizes on offer and there is also the opportunity for the school to receive £500 in books!

We would like the children to submit their story by email to the office by Tuesday 5th November. In your email, please include.

You will have received an emailed letter about this yesterday with all the details on what to submit, how to give your permission and the rules of the competition.

The full terms and conditions of the BBC 500 Words Competition can be found on the official BBC website at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>


A video about what makes a brilliant 500 story and story examples can be found on the BBC 500 words website. Here's a link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zx7h46f>

Enjoy story writing!

WOODRIDGE 1967

Governor James Goldhill stumbled across this article, in the August 1967 edition of The Barnet Civic News, about the opening of a new primary school - Woodridge!

A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL



The new Woodridge School in Southover, N.20 (general details of which appeared in the April/May issue of "Barnet Civic News") was opened at Whitsun with a staff of two. The number will be increased to six in September, when between 150-200 pupils are expected to be on the roll.

The school building, gardens and playing fields occupy a total area of 3.7 acres, and the layout provides for grass playing space immediately adjoining the school buildings.

Catering for five to 11-year-olds, the school has seven classrooms, a spacious assembly hall with adjacent changing and shower facilities, a separate dining area and self-contained school meals kitchen.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There have been three nominations for the single parent governor vacancy at Woodridge and so an election will be held after the half-term holiday. The timetable for this will be as follows, allowing 10 school days for voting:



- By 7th Nov - all parents will be sent details of the candidates, a ballot form and the arrangements for voting.
- Newsletters of 8th and 15th Nov will remind you about voting arrangements.
- 20th Nov at 5.00pm - Ballot closes
- 21st November - Ballot forms will be checked and counted
- 22nd November - The result will be announced

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

On Monday the girls' team played Trent in the league. The team started well, going one up in the first few minutes. There was some end to end play and it was a solid team performance again from the girls against a team with some very confident and strong players.



Final score: Trent won 6-2.

Scorer: Rufia (2)

Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising.

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FREE MONEY FOR WOODRIDGE!!

Free money is available for Woodridge when you do any shopping via **EasyFundraising**. There are thousands of brands to shop with, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay & Argos. Start your shopping by opening the app and a percentage of your spend will automatically raise money for the school.



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Here are the sign up links:

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/easyfundraising/id915474725>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ef.easyfundraising&...>

Web: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodridgesa>

PUPIL PREMIUM - ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Although all children in London primary schools are currently entitled to receive Free School Meals (due to a decision by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan), if any Woodridge parents claim any of the benefits below, the school can also receive an additional £1480 of funding per child, which can be used to offer support, to fund trips and pay for after school activities. As a school we don't know who is eligible unless you tell us, **so please let us know** if are receiving any of the benefits listed below:

- *Income support*
- *Income based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Income related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Guarantee element of State Pension*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190*
- *Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends*
- *Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400*



WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

Below is the list 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: 'Beauty & the Beast' 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 – 'The Hobbit' 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 SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE

The WSA will be holding a secondhand uniform sale on Friday 8th November from 3.00pm. Over the half term it would be great if parents could gather any good condition jumpers/cardigans/dresses/summer uniform/trousers and PE kits and deliver them to school by the 6th Nov.

**SECOND HAND
UNIFORM SALE**



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.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 25th October 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	Reception Class have been busy working on the phonics and also looking at repeated patterns this week. Keep this up over half term.
Year 1 Willow	Lulu for fantastic writing of a shopping list for all the ingredients of Gruffalo Pie. Akira for being a great role model to his friends and always helping others when in need.
Year 2 Rowan	Clementine for making a fabulous start at Woodridge-we are so lucky to have you! Danny for working so hard this half term and making brilliant progress in reading and writing.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Adam for his thorough explanations, in particular in response to a maths challenge homework. Ezra for providing a very clever explanation of an image of leaders in different religions.
Year 4 Ash	Nancy for being resilient and having a growth mindset with tricky maths. Taha for his focus in English which helped him to produce an excellent explanation text on volcanoes.
Year 5 Lime	Shira for always smiling and working hard and being kind and caring towards others. Emily G for a beautifully presented and well written explanation text.
Year 6 Maple	Ethan and Lyla D for creating great clay sculptures, using lots of techniques.
Value of The Month	October - UNITY

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Sophie G Y1, Ayaz Y1, Karina Y2 and Neil Y2

Gym - Ethan Y6 and Emily G Y5



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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.