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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## SEEKING A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Woodridge has always aimed for a partnership with parents which brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.



The governing body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the co-headteachers to account for the educational performance of the school
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent governors, not only play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community but also by sharing their personal experience and expertise in other important areas. The Woodridge governing body has identified that any of the following skills, experience and attributes would help further strengthen the governing body:

- Familiarity with the education system
- Engagement with stakeholders and the community
- Influencing an organisation's culture of equality and diversity

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Above all, **having time to commit to the role is key**. No special qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work, including the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. Training and support will be available.

A letter and a nomination form was emailed to parents on Monday. The deadline for nominations to be received by the school office is next **Thursday 24th October**.

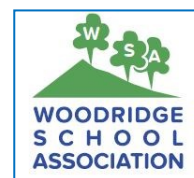


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## WSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was good to see such a positive turn out for this week's WSA General Meeting. This was a chance to hear about how much money was raised last year and to plan for fundraising and community events in the year to come.



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The WSA will be writing to parents soon about the plans for the year in their own Newsletter, but the first fundraising event will be **next Friday 25th October** which will be a Non-Uniform Day. Children can wear their own clothes for the day for a donation of £2...or more!

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**



## FREE MONEY FOR WOODRIDGE!!

The DfE don't give us enough money to be able to run the school the way we need to. So...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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You can do it via iPhone, Android or Web, just follow the links below. Once you sign up you can also see the running total of money raised! 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>

## AMAZING FUNDRAISING EFFORT

A group of 7 Woodridge children and families took part in a 5K GOSH Fundraising event last Saturday. It was the GOSH Charity's family festival and fun run, *RBC Race for the Kids*, to raise funds to help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Collectively the *Woodridge Kids Team* have so far raised **£7,377 + £1,258.50 GiftAid**.



What an amazing effort. Well done all of you.

## TEN-PIN BOWLING COMPETITION

This week we had a team of 6 children representing Woodridge at a Ten-Pin Bowling competition at the Finchley *Hollywood Bowl*.

It was a fun morning event with the Woodridge team finishing 7th out of 18 teams. Well done team and thanks to Mr Mapes for organising.



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## 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 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

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS DAY

Next Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, it will be the individual photos day at school - correct uniform for everyone on this day please.



## WSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 18th 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 had another great week of learning and have now added Mr Mapes PE lessons and library visits to their weekly routines.
Year 1 Willow	Yigit for trying really hard to learn his phonics sounds. Maral for being a fantastic role model to class and always following school rules.
Year 2 Rowan	Arthur for making some really thoughtful predictions in English and focusing so well this week. Sana for your fantastic work in Maths and also for being such a kind and helpful member of the class.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Aarav for dedicating himself to producing well presented work. Sadie for being a great team player who is conscientious in her classwork.
Year 4 Ash	Orla for her great leadership and organisational skills when categorising the Y4 reading area. Ken for his well thought out contribution and focus on the features of explanation texts.
Year 5 Lime	Ruhaan for having sensitive and thoughtful responses to our Reading for Pleasure book 'Boy 87'. Sebi for always making valuable contributions in class discussions and showing a passion for vocabulary.
Year 6 Maple	Maayan for trying his best in all lessons and being really conscientious in all his work. Nil for being very enthusiastic in her History work.
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 - Ernie Y1, Emily Y1, Dorian U1 and Noemi Y1

Gym - Florence Y5 and Lyla F Y6



# Woodridge Primary School



## 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.





## 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

