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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON FRIDAYS TO RESTART

Thank you to the 60 parents who completed the survey we sent out about re-starting After School Club on Fridays.

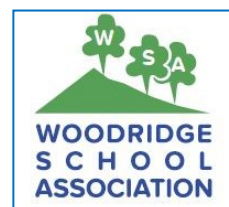


I am pleased to inform you that, after a period when we had almost no take-up, we now do have enough interest to restart on Fridays after half term. This will run until 5.30pm.

After School Club numbers have grown hugely over the last eighteen months, having been almost unsustainable post-Covid. Last week we had to turn away a late call from a parent for the first time ever, because we are unable to find additional staff at short notice. **This is why we need to know at the latest by 1.00pm each day. Please let the office know, rather than class teachers or After School Club staff.**

## WSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Woodridge Association AGM will take place on Wednesday 16th October at 7.00pm. This will be a chance to discuss fundraising and social events this year and to elect the new WSA Officers. ALL PARENTS are welcome to this event. Please do come along.



## BABY NEWS



Congratulations to Mrs Norman and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter earlier this week. We hope to have a visit from mum and baby soon.



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## SCHOOL COUNCIL - Y1 to Y6

Co-Head Ms Donaghy writes:



Congratulations to this year's School Councillors who were each elected by their classmates to represent the views of the whole class.

One of the first jobs for the new Councillors is to decide on two charities that they would like to support this year.

**Year 6 - Bodhi (Chair) & Rufia (Vice-Chair)**

**Year 5 - Florence & Alice (Council Secretaries)**

**Year 4 - Eren & Afra**

**Year 3 - Sia & Aarav**

**Year 2 - Noa & Gen**

**Year 1 - Leo & Eva**



**Vision 60 OBJ 3**

## Y5 VISIT NEASDEN TEMPLE

This week Year 5 went on our first class curriculum-linked trip of the year to the Neasden Temple.

As well as looking around the beautiful interior and exterior of the temple, the children listened respectfully to a short religious ceremony, explored the exhibition centre, watched a short film and went in the shop and asked lots of questions.

Thanks to Ms McCleneghen for organising the trip and to all the parent helpers on the day.



## GREAT FOOTBALL RESULTS!

The mixed team got off to a flying start this week in a confident 5-0 win against Trent in the league on Monday. It was a great all round team performance. Jacob Y6 scored 4 goals and Jamie Y5 scored 1.

After school today the team played Sacred Heart in a Central Cup match. They playing with great fluidity, working as a real team and scoring some brilliant goals. The end result was a 9-0 win. Scorers: Jamie Y5 (4), Jacob Y6 (2), Sebastiano Y5 (1), Zack (1) and there was a Sacred Heart own goal.

We have a team with amazing potential this year and Mr Mapes is very excited about the season ahead.

**Vision 60** OBJ 2



## WOODWIND INTRODUCTION ASSEMBLY

This afternoon, the juniors had a short Woodwind Assembly given by BEAT woodwind teacher Mr McEachran. This was a chance to demonstrate the flute, clarinet and saxophone for any children wanting to start lessons.



If your child is interested then we currently offer not only clarinet and flute, but saxophone, brass, violin, cello, guitar, drumkit and piano.

**Vision 60** OBJ 2

If your child would like to take up a musical instrument, Barnet Education Arts Trust is the provider at school. You can sign up for lessons by following this link (which says the deadline is 1st July, but some instruments may still be available in September): <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>

**If your child is interested in playing a woodwind instrument, Mr McEachran is available for the children to have a short try out next Friday - please email the office to express this interest.**



## BELS LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

BELS (*Barnet Education and Learning Service*) are running a Language Enrichment Programme for parents and carers. All the details are below:

To sign up: <https://forms.office.com/e/X1mddJfnvR>

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6736436606pwd=NXcva2dvMkxJZnVkTEpnVG5HNNHREOT09>

Meeting ID: 673 643 6606 Password: SALT



# Language Enrichment Programme

**Free training for parents / carers of children in early years and children in primary / secondary school**

## WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (LEP)?

- **BELS** (Barnet Education and Learning Service) and **Wave SLT** are repeating our highly successful **free speech, language and communication training course** for parents/carers.
- The aim is to provide useful and practical **communication strategies** to help **support communication development in the home environment**.

## HOW IS IT RUN?

- Across **8 weeks**, there will be **3 live online learning sessions** (via ZOOM) followed by a **review session** to share progress and thoughts. There will also be an optional **drop-in session** to ask questions.
- Each session will take around **30-45 minutes**.
- Sessions are split into **2 groups** of parents/carers. Group 1 for parents/carers of **early years** children (aged 5 or under) and group 2 for parents/carers of **primary and secondary school** children (aged 5-16).
- Each session will be delivered twice with the option to join a **morning or evening session** - choose whichever suits you!
- You will receive regular **updates, resources and activities** throughout the programme as well as a **certificate** upon completion of the course.

## WHO RUNS THE SESSIONS?

- Sessions are run by **Ashleigh McKeown, a Highly Specialist Speech and Language therapist**.
- Ashleigh has experience in the NHS, mainstream schools and additional resourced provisions. She also completes diagnostic assessments for children with speech and language differences.
- Ashleigh supports children with a wide range of communication needs and her passion is motivating and empowering those around the child to support their communication.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP / JOIN THE SESSIONS?

To book a place, click the link below and fill out the short form or scan the QR code:

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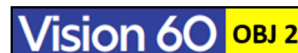
## WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

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, including class trips will be added as the year progresses.

Please note the corrected February half term date.



<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 <b>Corrected date</b>	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

## WPS BOYS IN THE BARNET DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

I am pleased to report that after two rounds of trials, two Woodridge children have been selected for the Barnet District Football Team. Well done to Jacob Y6 and Bodhi Y6. The boys will be playing in their first game at the weekend against St Albans.



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 4th 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	It was great to see Reception in for their first full week and settling in so well into class routines and into their learning.
Year 1 Willow	Ella for being a great classroom helper and showing kindness towards her friends. Ryan for writing fantastic labels for an alien and trying really hard to improve his handwriting.
Year 2 Rowan	Yasen for his fantastic writing in English, producing really imaginative work. Zuri for being such a kind and helpful member of the class - you do your best in everything you do and always help the less able.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Matilda for her concentration when practising mental subtractions using <i>Mathsframe</i> . Zac for the effort put into his homework, including drawings of Stone Age and Iron age homes.
Year 4 Ash	Afra and Richie for their excellent descriptive writing in English. Well done!
Year 5 Lime	Year 5 for showing respect, maturity and a sensible attitude during our trip to Neasden Temple on Tuesday. They were great representatives of The Woodridge Values.
Year 6 Maple	Leo and Rufia for writing fantastic descriptive pieces. Well done!
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 - Saku Y1, Akira Y1, Arthur Y2 and Arjun Y2  
Gym - Chloe G Y3 and Arthur Y3



# 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

**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.