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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## GOOGLE CLASSROOM - NOW LIVE!

Google Classroom was launched this week as our new online learning platform for Year 1 to Year 6.

On Wednesday, you should have received an email with a one-off code to allow entry into your child's online classroom.



This is where homework will be posted along with other key, classed based information and the reading blog for the juniors.

## GLUE STICKS WANTED

We get through a lot of glue sticks at school each week and it is costing us a fortune. If you are able to send in a 'quality' glue stick with your child (which could be named if you like) that would be great.

*Pritt Stick* is the preferred brand in terms of quality stickiness and durability!



## EVENTS, MEETINGS AND TRIPS

In response to parent feedback, on page 5 of this Newsletter is a list of **all the key events for the forthcoming year 2024-25.**



This includes parents' evenings, Learning Reviews, Workshare Evenings, class assemblies, other special assemblies, the infant and junior productions, sports days and some of the key class trips that are already in the diary. Other class visits and trips will be added as the year progresses.

**Please have a read and put the key dates in your diaries.**



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## HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS 2024-25

Here is the overview of the Woodridge home/school communications for the forthcoming year:



### WEEKLY APP POSTS

To let you know the learning focus in each class for the following week.

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Weekly update on what has been happening in school, what is coming up and a celebration of in and out of school successes.

### CO-HEADTEACHER SURGERY

First come, first served drop-in with Mr Dowland on Thursdays 9.00-9.30am. (On occasion these slots may be cancelled at short notice. Please check in advance.)

### GOVERNOR UPDATES

Termly Newsletter piece to keep you informed of School Improvement matters and other business around school governance.

### PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATIONS – (19th and 21st November 2024 for Y1 to Y6)

These school meetings come in November so that teachers can feedback assessment outcomes to parents. Reception parents meet the teacher twice a year on a rolling programme during the school day. You can also make contact with your child's teacher via the school office if you would like to meet at other times.

### MID-YEAR REPORTS Y1 to Y6 – (March 2025)

A full assessment report across the subjects

### LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS Y1-Y6 - (8th and 10th July 2025)

Children present to their parents a review of their own learning and targets for next year with parents also having a chance to speak to their child's teacher.

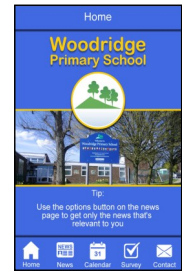
### END OF YEAR ASSESSMENT SUMMARIES & RECEPTION PROFILES - (July 2025)

A short report with an assessment of your child's learning at the end of the year.

**Remember, you can also email the school office to contact or make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at other times.**

## THE WOODRIDGE APP SETTINGS

Don't forget to change your settings on the Woodridge app in order to receive app posts from your child's class. Open the app, go to settings (top right hand corner), then filters and choose however many classes you would like to receive notifications from. If you want to know what's going on in all classes, select all!



## TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On the later pages of this Newsletter are the term dates for 2024-2025.



Please do not book holidays during term time. Fixed penalties fines from August will now be £80 per child, per parent.

## ONE VOICE CHOIRS

If your child loves singing, why not join them up to a One Voice choir, run after school at Dollis Primary School by our very own Ms Savournin. There are 2 age ranges. See poster opposite.

# One Voice Choirs

Love singing?  
Develop your skills and experience the joy of singing with others.  
Including harmony singing, voice production and opportunities for solos and regular performances.

Led by experienced choral specialist Ros Savournin

### **Wednesdays after school**

Academy Choir (Years 3-5) 4.30-5.15

One Voice Choir (Years 6-13) 5.20-6.50

at Dollis Primary School, Pursley Road, NW7 2BU

**contact [sophie.boden@beatrust.org.uk](mailto:sophie.boden@beatrust.org.uk)**

## BALLET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ayaka Y3 for achieving a Distinction in her Grade 1 Royal Academy of Dance ballet exam.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL - Y1 to Y6

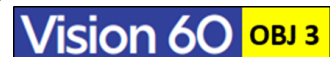
*Co-Head Ms Donaghy writes:*

We will be holding School Council elections next week.

### What is our School Council?

*Our school council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with the co-headteachers and staff. It's a brilliant way of representing and contributing to Pupil Voice in your school. They are elected to represent the views of all pupils and also to improve the school.*

If your child would like to be considered for this important role, they need to write a short persuasive statement with their qualities to share with their peers and the class will take a vote on who will be the class representatives for the academic year. These should be brought into school this Monday, 23rd September.



## GROWTH MINDSET AND THE 'POWER OF YET'

At Woodridge, we encourage a Growth Mindset in school and the 'Power of Yet' - coming to terms with not being able to do something 'now,' but being able to, in time.

One of the things we feel that some of the Woodridge children struggle with is resilience when things go wrong - both in their learning and out of class.

Here are two simple visuals that explain what we mean by Growth Mindset thinking in school and 'The Power of Yet.' Have a chat with your child about it.



*Ms Donaghy writes:*

During junior assembly this week the juniors explored 'Growth Mindset' and what that looks like in the classroom and for them as learners.

*'It means being resilient'.*

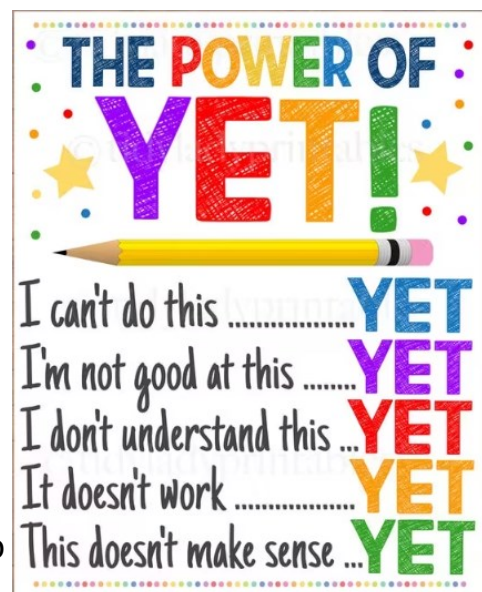
*'It means persevering'.*

*'It means never giving up'.*

*'It means trying your best'.*

*'It means telling yourself that you can do it'.*

We talked about how having a positive attitude to our learning leads to positive outcomes.



**WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25** (As of 13/9/24)

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.

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| <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              |  |
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| <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 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM                         | 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                         |
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| <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 Condover 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                        |

# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 20th September 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.

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| Reception<br>Oak       | It was great to see all our new Reception children in school this week with some of the older children staying for lunch. Mrs Wheatcroftt  |
| Year 1<br>Willow       | Leo for having a positive attitude to learning and being a fantastic role model. Carmel for trying hard to follow rules at carpet time.  |
| Year 2<br>Rowan        | Neil for working so hard and persevering with every task you are set – what a fabulous start to Year 2! Zara for being such a kind friend and welcoming our new pupil into Year 2.                               |
| Year 3<br>Silver Birch | Harry for his excellent rewriting of the story 'Gorilla'. Kaian for his detailed 3D perspective artwork.   |
| Year 4<br>Ash          | Noah for excellent attitude to learning, especially in Maths. Eren for always being willing to contribute to all class discussions and trying his best.  |
| Year 5<br>Lime         | Oli for excellent reasoning skills during history through thoughtful and engaging letters. Termeh for fantastic use of adjectives, verbs, adverbs, time and figurative language in her version of 'The Promise.' |
| Year 6<br>Maple        | Tuna for working really hard in Maths and English. Shalev for being really kind and helpful.   |
| Value of<br>The Month  | September - RESPECT  |

### SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Rowan Y1, Sami Y2, Noemi Y1 and Lyra Y1  
Gym - Jacob Y6 and Aarav Y3

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# 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)





## 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.