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# WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME BACK

Great see everyone back at school this week looking happy and ready to learn. We hope you have all had a great summer.

This week we welcomed to the Woodridge staff:

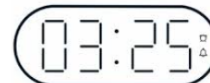


**Ms C Donaghy - Interim Co-Headteacher (Mon, Tues, Weds)**  
**Mr J Veal - Y3 Class Teacher    Miss P Badhan - Y4 Class Teacher**  
**Mr M Dingivan - Caretaker**

A full list of Woodridge teachers is on page 2 of this Newsletter.

## THE LATER FINISH THIS YEAR

As you know, from this week, the school day finishes for everyone at **3.25pm**. As a result, **After School Club now finishes at 5.30pm** and bookings should be made **via email or phonecall**, by **1.00pm each day**.



Other clubs may have slightly later finishing times this term - please check the Autumn Term 2024 Clubs List, which can be found on the school website (<https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/school-clubs/>) for this information.

## MEET YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER

Teachers will be holding brief meetings for parents about routines, PE/games days, homework, app posts, any trips/topics and any questions.

These will be:

For Y1 and Y2 - Thursday 12th Sept 9.10-9.30am

For Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tuesday 17th Sept 9.10-9.30am



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## TEACHERS AT WOODRIDGE FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Co-Headteacher - **Mr C Dowland** (Weds, Thurs and Fri)

Interim Co-Headteacher - **Miss C Donaghy** (Mon, Tues and Weds)

Co-Headteacher/Deputy - **Miss L Monro** (on Maternity Leave)

Reception - **Mrs N Wheatcroft** (Mon-Thurs) **Mrs G Morgan** (Fri)

Year 1 - **Mrs J Glynn** (Mon-Weds) **Miss S-A Hickman** (Thurs-Fri)

Year 2 - **Mrs A Baikie**

Year 3 - **Mr J Veal**

Year 4 - **Miss P Badhan**

Year 5 - **Miss S McCleneghen**

Year 6 - **Mrs L Hooper**

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) - **Mrs Sperber** (Tues to Thurs)



*Mrs Norman begins her maternity leave today and is hoping to return before the end of the academic year - we wish her and family all the very best.*



## TERM DATES AND EVENTS 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.



**All the dates for the key Woodridge events and meetings for the year will be published in next week's Newsletter.**

## THE WOODRIDGE APP

For those of you who are new to Woodridge, we have a **smartphone app** for our school to help keep you better informed. The app is free to download for iPhones, Windows and Android Phones.



To access the app you will need to download it from either an android or apple app store. The QR codes to install this are below.

Remember to allow "Push Notifications" when you install the app, so you get a notice each time we add something.

The app is separate from the email/text system at Woodridge. Each week, teachers will send a post explaining what the learning will be during the following week, so you can chat about it at home. This starts from next week.



## ZONES OF REGULATION

At Woodridge, as part of our PSHE curriculum, we use 'Zones of Regulation', designed by Leah M. Kuypers to help develop self-regulation. At the beginning of each year, each class spends time talking about the Zones.



The 'Zones of Regulation' supports pupils to focus on how they are feeling and creates a simple shared language for everyone to use. Pupils are taught to recognise their own behaviours and feelings and to describe themselves as being in one of 4 Zones: blue, green, yellow and red. Ask your child about The Zones.

These Zones are then meaningfully linked to readiness for learning and pupils develop an awareness of their own behaviours and use their personal set of strategies to bring themselves back to an optimal state for learning.

Through practice and application, the 'Zones of Regulation' helps pupils build skills that can serve them as they move through the school and face challenging situations in the wider world. Pupils are taught that there is no bad Zone, it is just the way they feel at a particular moment and there are things they can do to help themselves move to a different Zone.

The children have thought about different strategies that they can use to help get themselves in the Green Zone; where they are in the best place to learn.





### The Zones

**Blue Zone:** Your body is running slow, such as when you are tired, sick, sad or bored.

**Green Zone:** You are ready to GO. You may feel happy, calm and focused.

**Yellow Zone:** You need to proceed with caution and SLOW DOWN. You are frustrated, silly, excited, worried, anxious or surprised. You are starting to lose control.

**Red Zone.** You need to STOP. You are out of control, angry, scared or over-excited.

			
<b>Blue Zone</b> Sad Tired Bored Sick	<b>Green Zone</b> Happy Focused Calm Ready	<b>Yellow Zone</b> Worried Nervous Silly Not ready	<b>Red Zone</b> Angry Frustrated Terrified Out of control

# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 6th 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.

Reception Oak	This week Mrs Wheatcroft, Mrs Grealish and Miss Fretta have been out on Home Visits to our newest Woodridge recruits.
Year 1 Willow	Toshi for using fine motor skills to create a 3D picture of a fire dragon. Ophelia for using her Maths skills to match counters to the correct number.
Year 2 Rowan	Noa for being a fabulous Class Helper and looking after everyone in our first week in Year 2. Phoenix for being really brave and embracing all the challenges of the first week back at school.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Arthur for his enthusiasm in lessons and positive attitude when completing a coded 100 square. Oscar for contributing so well during Maths and Science.
Year 4 Ash	Aimee for out the box thinking during movement maths. Kornel for modelling exceptional learning behaviour all week, setting a great example for others.
Year 5 Lime	Tamer and Milly for coming back with such a positive attitude to learning in Year 5.
Year 6 Maple	Ezra for participating well in all class discussions. Meg for some great mathematical thinking.
Value of The Month	September - RESPECT

### JEWELLERY & WATCHES

Just a reminder that children can wear simple watches at school (it helps with learning to tell the time) but SMART watches and those with alarms are not allowed.



Also - we do allow plain stud earrings, but not HOOPED earrings, because these can catch at school. Long hair to be tied up, please.



# 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  
Monday 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.