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# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK YEAR 6

Year 6 parents - thank you for letting us borrow your children over the last 7 years. They are an amazing bunch and you should be so proud of who they have become. We look forward to hearing about their progress in Year 7 and beyond. I am sure they will all do exceptionally well.

Grasp every opportunity at secondary school Year 6, keep following all the Woodridge Values and do keep in touch!



## SAD FAREWELLS

Today we also say farewell and good luck to teacher Mr McCrann who has been with us for two years. Mr McCrann will be returning to Vietnam in August to take up a teaching position there.



We also say farewell to Teaching Assistant Mrs Scott who has worked at Woodridge for 14 years and is leaving to extend her work as a pilates instructor.

We say thank you to Mr McCrann and Mrs Scott and also to Teaching Assistant Miss Matilda and wish them all the best for the future.



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## THANK YOU PARENTS

Thank you, parents, for all your amazing support during another incredibly busy year. We are very lucky to have such a great sense of community at Woodridge and this is so important to the school.

**Thank  
You!**

## OUR NEW CARETAKER

We have appointed a new caretaker and look forward to welcoming Mr Dingivan when he starts in September.

**Caretaker**

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

From July to September, children who sign up for '**Marvellous Makers**' Summer Reading Challenge can discover amazing stories and explore their creativity by joining in with fun activities at the library.



Children aged 4 to 12 can join in the fun at any Barnet library in July and throughout the summer holidays. Alternatively, they can sign up online and collect their starter pack from their library or have it posted to their home address.

Once they are signed up, children need to read 6 books from the library to complete the challenge. It can be any books they like - chapter books, comics or non-fiction information books.

During staffed opening times at the library, children can collect stickers along their reading journey. When they complete the challenge, they will receive a special personalised certificate and medal.

Here's a link to all the details on the Barnet website: <https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-peoples-library-services/marvellous-makers-summer-reading-challenge>

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## FIRST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

The Autumn Term 2024-25 begins for pupils on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - 8.55am.

The school day will finish at the later time of **3.25pm.**



## 'THE INFANTS' GREATEST HITS' ASSEMBLY

Having the infants' singing assembly today was a great way to end the term. It was brilliant. Thank you to all parents for coming this morning at late notice and apologies if you couldn't make it.



Huge thanks to Woodridge Music Leader Ms Savournin for co-ordinating such a successful event and to Mr Mapes on the sound board and visuals. Thanks also to the infant support team for supporting during all the singing assemblies this year.



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## INFANT PICNIC

Despite the early rain, the infants managed to squeeze in some lively end of term party games outside and a lovely fruit-filled picnic yesterday.

Thanks to the infant team for organising this.



## WPS PARENT SURVEY 2024 - THE RESULTS

Thank you to those parents who completed the WPS Parent Survey 2024. There were 98 response from about 140 families, almost the same as last year.

You will have received an email with a summary of the results earlier today.



## MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to Zoe in Y6 for achieving Grade 1 merit on the flute after just two terms of lessons. Great work Zoe. Congratulations also to Aishini Y3 for passing Grade 4 violin, a great achievement by Year 3.



## STARTING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

There is lots of research that learning a musical instrument is good for you - increased brain function, boosted memory, improvements in concentration, development of fine motor skills. It's also stress relieving, fun and a great social activity...and can even help with entry to secondary school!



At Woodridge we currently offer clarinet/flute/saxophone, brass, violin, cello, guitar and piano. **In October we will also be offering drum lessons on our new drum kit—but parents can sign up for this now for all instruments.**

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 you would like any advice about which instrument might be suitable for your child, have a chat with Ms Savournin or Mr Dowland.



## MEET THE YOUR CHILD'S NEW TEACHER IN SEPTEMBER

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



## NAMING UNIFORM

We currently have a huge mountain of lost property filled with un-named uniform.

Over the summer holidays, please can parents label everything, so that it can be returned if lost! Thank you.



# 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 B** (2023-2024)

September	<b>Kindness</b>
October	Freedom
November	Understanding
December	Co-operation
January	<b>Responsibility</b>
February	Tolerance
March	Thoughtfulness
April	Perseverance
May	Compassion
June	Courtesy
July	Humility

