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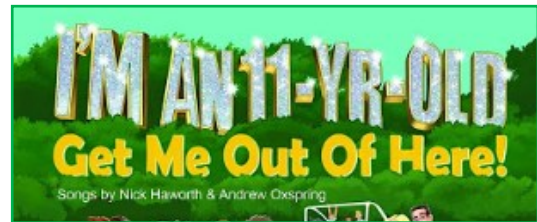
# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## THE JUNIOR PRODUCTION

We had two great show performances this week of 'I'm an 11 year old - Get Me Out of Here!' School dinners, infant critters, embarrassing parents, grammar and letters from parents were all explored with some great acting, comic timing, dancing and music from a live band.

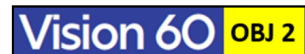


Well done to all the juniors for their performances and particularly to Year 6, who showed such great talent and energy in a complex production.



Thanks go to Music Director Ms Savournin who arrange the music for a band of 10 musicians including Mrs Hooper on cornet and Kaelan Hooper on trombone.

Huge thanks also to the junior staff teams, Mrs Guarneri, Miss Saleh, Mrs Scott and the overall Director of the whole show, Mrs Hooper.



## NEXT YEAR START DATE

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.**



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THE JUNIOR PRODUCTION IN PICTURES



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## SILENT AUCTION ACTIVITIES

Over the last week, as a result of winning bids in the Silent Auction, there have been a number of school based activities put in place. The Access All Areas Tour, Pizza with a Teacher and Tea Party with a Teacher, which together raised an amazing £265 for the auction.



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## BABY CONGRATULATIONS

I am delighted to report that, earlier in the week, Miss Monro had a baby boy. We are hoping that Miss Monro will be popping in to see us in September with her new little one.



## WPS PARENT SURVEY 2024

Thank you to those parents who completed the WPS Parent Survey 2024. This is now closed and we will be sharing the results of the survey next week.



## GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Lyra in Year 5 for winning a trophy in a recent gymnastics event. Lyra had to complete a floor routine including technical elements as well as a tricky vault. Well done Lyra.



## A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

- KEITH HILL

Hello, Goodbye, Good luck...and enjoy the rest of the summer



At our summer term governors' meeting we said hello to a new co-opted governor and said goodbye and a big thank you to another. Clare Jones leaves us at the end of term after 8 years, during which time her contribution as Chair of our Resources & Outcomes committee has been invaluable, given the challenges of our budget. Thank you Clare.

Stuart Leigh joins us, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise in finance advice and education, and is already a governor at another local school. Welcome Stuart.

One of the first things Stuart learned about the school's finances was the significance of WSA fund raising activities, along with donations made through the Woodridge Together Fund (WTF) Thanks to everyone involved in yet another successful WSA summer fête, one of many things that contributed to a busy and enjoyable summer term at Woodridge.

It was great to know by then that we had met the challenge of filling all our staffing vacancies for the next school year, not an easy task these days. Full credit to Mr Dowland and Miss Monro for their perseverance! I know those newcomers who visited again this week already feel very welcome. More on that in September, and more information is coming about one or two upcoming governor vacancies.

**If being a school governor interests you or someone you know, find out more on the school website: ( <https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/more-about-the-governors/> )**

Finally as another Year 6 class spread their wings and say *hasta la vista*, a big thank you to everyone – parents, children, staff and others - for the many different ways you make the school such a great place. I resisted the temptation to test the huge bouncy castles they enjoyed on Thursday. Good luck to all of them in their new schools.

Keith Hill  
Chair of Governors  
[chair@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:chair@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk)

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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)

Deputy Headteacher - **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 S Norman will begin her maternity leave at the beginning of September and is hoping to return before the end of the academic year. Parents will have a chance to meet their child's new teacher in the first two weeks of September.*

## YEAR 6 CLOUD9 INFLATABLES

To top a week of performances, Year 6 had their annual end of Woodridge 'treat' day on the gigantic Cloud9 inflatables. The class had a brilliant time inside the giant obstacle course and ball zone. They also shared pizza together on this day and had a much needed ice-cream from an ice-cream van.

Many thanks to Y6 parent Debbia Wisnia for organising such a successful Cloud9 day for the children, as well as the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies this year.

And thank you to Tamsin Fullerton for co-ordinating the lovely Year 6 Yearbook which contains comments and memories about the children's time at Woodridge. What a week for Year 6!



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### ANIME ART

Rebeca in Y5 enjoys drawing characters from anime.

Here is an impressive picture of Kyojuro Rengoku, a character from the Demon Slayer series.



### THE LAST DAY OF TERM

Just a reminder that on the last day of term (Wednesday 24th July) school will close at 2.30pm and there will be no After School Club.



### 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.



### TOOTH CARE WORKSHOP

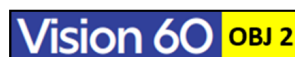
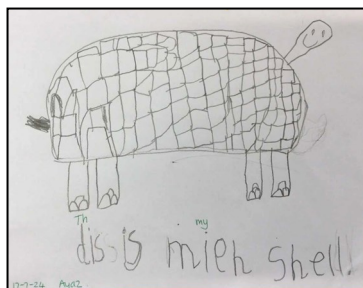
Many thanks to Reception parent Dr Modha for leading a tooth care 'workshop' in Reception class.

Dr Modha talked about brushing your teeth in a memorable strategy (so you don't miss any out), brushing for two minutes and rinsing afterwards.



### MR MAPES' TOROTOISES

At the end of each year, Mr Mapes brings in his five tortoises to show the children and for them to hold and learn about. Big Sally (pictured), Sarah and Sophie are all about 100 years old and they came with the slightly younger George and Miss Fred



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 19th July 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	Leo for making great progress with learning and for sharing his fabulous general knowledge with us. Carmel for making great progress in all areas of the curriculum and for being a Super star!!
Year 1 Willow	Arjun for always being so kind to all his friends in Year 1. Ernie for being such a jolly and fun boy throughout Year 1.
Year 2 Rowan	Olivia for your phenomenal progress in writing-you have used your great vocabulary to produce fantastic work this term! Harrison for being such a kind, helpful and all-round wonderful pupil!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Noah for having an amazing year in Silver birch, always being polite, kind and hardworking. Shira for wonderful creative skills excellent penalty taking and having an amazing year in Silver birch.
Year 4 Ash	Itai for his excellent work during our DT day and thinking carefully about his work. Zack for his fantastic work during our DT day and taking the time to listen to others when working as a team.
Year 5 Lime	Lyla D for being a great dance role model during the year 6 production. Huru for enthusiastic singing in the Year 6 production.
Year 6 Maple	All of Year 6 Class of 23-24 for putting on an amazing performance of "I'm an 11 year old get me out of here"! Well done, Year 6!
Value of The Month	July - HUMILITY

### DOUBLE MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to Noah in Year 3 who has passed Grade 3 piano exam with distinction. He also passed Grade 1 guitar exam with distinction.

Achieving one distinction is a great achievement, but doing TWO exams in the same term and achieving two distinctions is really impressive. Well done Noah.



# Woodridge Primary School



## TERM DATES 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 September      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 5 September      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Monday 30 October      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 31 October      First day back for pupils  
Thursday 21 December      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 9 January      First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February      First day back for pupils  
Thursday 28 March      Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 April      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 16 April      First day back for pupils  
Monday 6 May      Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June      INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
Tuesday 4 June      First day back for pupils  
Wednesday 24 July      Last day of term 2.30pm finish

### Five INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 4 September 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023  
Monday 8 January 2024  
Monday 15 April 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024

(Plus Monday 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)



# Woodridge Primary School



## TERM DATES 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 September  
Tuesday 3 September

INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Monday 4 November  
Tuesday 5 November  
Friday 20 December

INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
First day back for pupils  
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January  
Tuesday 7 January

INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February  
Tuesday 25th February  
Friday 4 April

INSET Day: School Closed for pupils  
First day back for pupils  
Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April  
Wednesday 23 April  
Monday 5 May

INSET Day: School closed for pupils  
First day back for pupils  
Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Monday 2 June  
Tuesday 22 July

First day back for pupils  
Last day of term 2.30pm finish

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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

