

WPS NEWSLETTER

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A GREAT CUP FINAL PERFORMANCE

Wow! What an exciting game! On Tuesday this week, the football team played in the first cup final Woodridge has been involved in for over a decade. Parents and staff were out in full, to support them.

Having won their mini league, the team progressed through to a final against local rivals Alma in a fixture played at Livingstone School.

It was a very closely fought match, with Woodridge going 1-0 up in the first few minutes with a goal from James T Y6. Alma fought back to make it 1-1 at half time. Alma increased their lead to 3-1, only for Woodridge to creep back into the game with a great glancing header from James B Y6, making it 3-2 with 6 minutes to go.

In the end Alma scored a last minute goal, winning the game 4-2 and becoming league champions, with Woodridge as runners-up.

Woodridge played fantastically well, as they have done all season and with a great attitude. Mr Mapes has been so impressed with the team.

A huge thank you to Mr Mapes for organising all the games and coaching the team so well. Thanks also to the parents, staff and children for such amazing support all season.



HALF TERM AND MONDAY INSET DAY

Next week is half term. School starts again for pupils on Tuesday 4th June 8.55am. Have a great half term everyone. Let's hope for some sun!



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THE SOUTHOVER SLEEPOVER

Last night, Year 5 stayed the night in school on their Southover Sleepover.

Prior to this they had a highly competitive Lip-Sync Battle, with some amazing talent on show (won by Shalev). Then it was pizza time, followed by bedtime (well, sort of).

After a few short hours of sleep the children were up and raring to go and spent today taking part in Putter Fingers Golf and and a mini Olympics.

Huge thanks go to Miss McClenghen for organising the event and for giving up a night's sleep, along with Mr Mapes and Mr Dowland.



A MESSAGE FROM KEITH HILL - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

It's been a busy and interesting week for me since Louise Ross stepped down as Chair of Governors. There will be plenty more to do and share with you after half-term but right now there are three things I'd like to say before the half term holiday.

First, on behalf of all the school's governors I can only echo last week's newsletter appreciation of everything Louise contributed as Chair. It's been a pleasure to work with her and it's great that she's staying on as an Associate Governor.

Secondly, look out for a separate letter from me updating you about the arrangements we've been making to cover Miss Monro's maternity leave later this term and in the next school year.

Thirdly, I hope you all have a pleasant bank holiday weekend, enjoy the half-term week and look forward to seeing more of you after the break during my visits to the school in what is usually a very busy and enjoyable final few weeks of the school year.

Governors

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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thanks to everyone who walked, scooted or cycled to school this week. It was great to see so many children joining the Walkers' Breakfast on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Wheatcroft for organising such a great week.



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ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS

At 8.50am on Wednesday, this car parked IN a driveway opposite the school, unattended and completely over the pavement in order to drop off at Woodridge. A car was parked behind it in the driveway.

We really do need to get along and work in collaboration with our lovely local neighbours.

Please support this and call other parents out on it.



MISS MONRO GOING ON MATERNITY LEAVE

Chair of Governors, Keith Hill writes:

As some of you know already, Co-Headteacher Miss Monro will be going on maternity leave towards the end of June or beginning of July.



Consequently, governors are grateful that Co-Headteacher Mr Dowland has agreed to be in school 5 days a week to cover her roles and responsibilities during her absence, until the end of term.

Currently, we are in the process of recruiting a 3 day a week Co-Headteacher on a temporary basis, starting in September. When appointed, this person would work alongside Mr Dowland, until Miss Monro returns from maternity leave.

We will keep you posted on progress with this recruitment after half term.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to Mr Dowland or Miss Monro.

MR LEMMON WILL BE LEAVING US

Today in assembly, we told the children that Mr Lemmon will be leaving Woodridge next month to take up a similar caretaker position in a bigger school nearer to where he lives.

The word "Caretaker" is written in a white, sans-serif font on a dark red rectangular background.

There will be time for goodbyes nearer the time, but because we will be advertising for a caretaker in the next few days, we wanted to let children and parents know first.

If you know of anyone interested in taking on this important role, the job advert will be coming out during half term. We will signpost this when it goes live.

A SAD FAREWELL

Today, we said a sad farewell in assembly to teaching assistant Mrs Higgins, who has worked in almost every class at Woodridge in the last six years.

We will miss Mrs Higgins' positivity and energy around the school and wish her well as she returns to a role supporting vulnerable adults with home care.



MATHS WEEK AND CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who sent in a maths themed cake today as part of Maths Week. They were amazing. The two winning cakes were from Max B Y6 and Noa Y1. Ada Y5 won the guess the weight competition.

Many thanks to Maths Leader, Mrs Norman for organising the week and to the Y6 Maths Ambassadors, Humna, Sophie and Kaylan.



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THE WIDERNESSE CAFE

On Fridays, from 3.00pm, The Widerness Café is open, led and run by pupils in Year 6 as part of Wider Woodridge.



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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.



UPDATED KEY DATES, EVENTS AND TRIPS

For your diaries - below is the updated key dates, events and trips list. **Newer events are in red.** ****Please note date change of Y1 trip to Barnet Museum.**

WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



SUMMER TERM	Tues 4 th June – Y4 Tables Check Week
Mon 15 th April – INSET Day 4	Mon 10 th June – Y6 to Condover Hall
Tues 30th April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 11 th June – YR to Bekonscot
Tues 30 th April - Y1 to Hertfordshire Zoo	Mon 17 th June – Y5 at Barnet Music Festival
Mon 6 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Tues 18 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 7th May - Y2 to Barnet Environmental Centre	Tues 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
Tues 7th May - Y5 to Music Festival rehearsal pm	**Tues 25th June - Y1 to Barnet Museum
Weds 8th May - Cophall Athletics	Thurs 4th July – Y2 Roald Dahl Museum
Fri 10th May - Class Photo Day	Fri 5 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 th May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 th July – Infant Sports Morning
Tues 14th May - Y5 Secondary Transfer Zoom 7pm	Tues 9 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Fri 17 th May – Red Nose Day	Thurs 11 th July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Mon 20 th May – Walk to School Week	Fri 12 th July – Junior Sports Day pm
Mon 20th May - Woodridge Maths Week	Mon 15 th July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Tues 21 st May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Tues 16 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
Weds 22 nd May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Tues 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Thurs 23 rd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Weds 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Fri 24th May – Y3 to Kew Gardens	Fri 19 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
WC 27th May – HALF TERM	Tues 23rd July - Y6 Farewell Assembly 9.10am
Mon 3 rd June – INSET day 5	Weds 24 th July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Tues 4 th June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 24th May 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	Levi for showing good speaking and listening skills and for explaining with enthusiasm, including lots of detail. Noemié for always working hard, producing lovely work and for using some great vocabulary.
Year 1 Willow	Karina for writing a fantastic packing list for items to take on holiday. Neil for working more independently and trying hard in all areas of learning.
Year 2 Rowan	Aum for your excellent work in English-a super set of instructions and imaginative story predictions. Sia for a set of brilliantly written and beautifully presented set of instructions for Man on the Moon.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Year 3 were on a trip to Kew Gardens today.
Year 4 Ash	Taizo for his excellent ideas during the STEM workshops. Florence for her fantastic attitude to Maths Week rising to every challenge and always doing her best.
Year 5 Lime	Lime Class-for being supportive and helpful towards one another at 'Southover Sleepover'. Lyra for working precisely to decorate her 3D house. Nil for persevering with a computing producing great designs.
Year 6 Maple	Brody and Erim for working really hard in our Geography work on World War II this week.
Value of The Month	May - COMPASSION

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Matilda Y2, Aarav Y2, Zuri Y1 and Amelia Y2
Gym - Isabella Y6 and Louis Y4



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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)



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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

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Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle



Year B (2023-2024)

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

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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.