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# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## THE WSA QUIZ SUPPER

The amazing WSA Quiz Supper will be taking place on Sunday 17th March at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost £20 per person (which includes a light fish and chip supper) and go on sale soon - so get your team of 8 people ready for the launch as the event is always a sell out!

Below is the booking form link or there is a QR code opposite, if it's easier. <http://bit.ly/WoodridgeSchool>



**The WSA really need a team of people** to help setup in the afternoon of the event. They will have access to the school from 1.30pm to prepare the hall ready for the Quiz, so please email [woodridgeptauk@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgeptauk@gmail.com) if you can spare an hour or two.

**The WSA would also like to ask for help on the night**, selling raffle tickets, handing out food and general help throughout the night so again please email [woodridgeptauk@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgeptauk@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



## NORTHIAM ROAD CLOSURE—NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 28th February, there are likely to be delays to and from school since Northiam (the road at the bottom of the hill from Southover) is due to be closed from 8.00am to 5.00pm for 'carriageway resurfacing.' It's unclear if all or part of the road will be closed. Suggest planning an alternative route or leaving more time for your journey .



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## BASKETBALL

Earlier today, a team of Year 6 children took part in a highly competitive Basketball Tournament at Totteridge Academy.

The team won 3 games and drew 2 games. Despite being unbeaten, they lost out on moving into the semi-finals by goal difference, scoring one less than another school.

The school finished a very creditable 5th place out of 15 teams.

Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising the team.



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## WOODRIDGE IN THE DICK BAILEY CUP

The 'A' Team gave another great team performance on the last day of half term, winning 4-0 away to Woodcroft Primary.

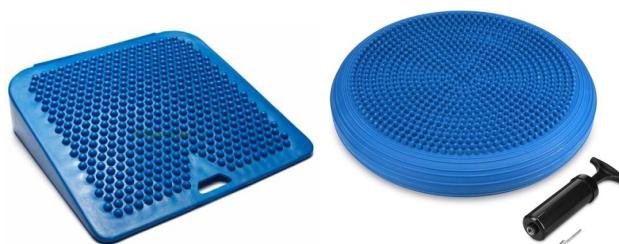
This means that the team has made it through to the last 16 of the Dick Bailey Cup. Scorers: James T Y6 (hatrick) and Jacob (1).



Opposite is a photo of the team with the Pool 1 League Winners trophy. They are still on for the treble!

## WANTED - WOBBLE CUSHIONS

If anyone has a spare wobble cushion at home that they would like to donate to the school, that would be amazing. Please let the office know, or bring it in. Many thanks.



## NOAH AT THE WATFORD MUSIC FESTIVAL

During half term, Noah W in Y3 competed in several piano competitions at the Watford Music Festival.



Noah came 2nd in the '8 and under' class and third in both the Grade 2 class and the duet class, receiving medals and a certificate. Very well done, Noah.

## LILY AND THE OWLS

This week Lily in Y2 brought in a lovely letter that she had written about an amazing bird show she had seen over half term in Windsor. It was tricky to scan the very light, but very neat handwriting, so here's a transcript of the letter.

**Woodridge School  
Southover  
N12 7HE**

**Sunday 18th February**

**Dear Mr Dowland**

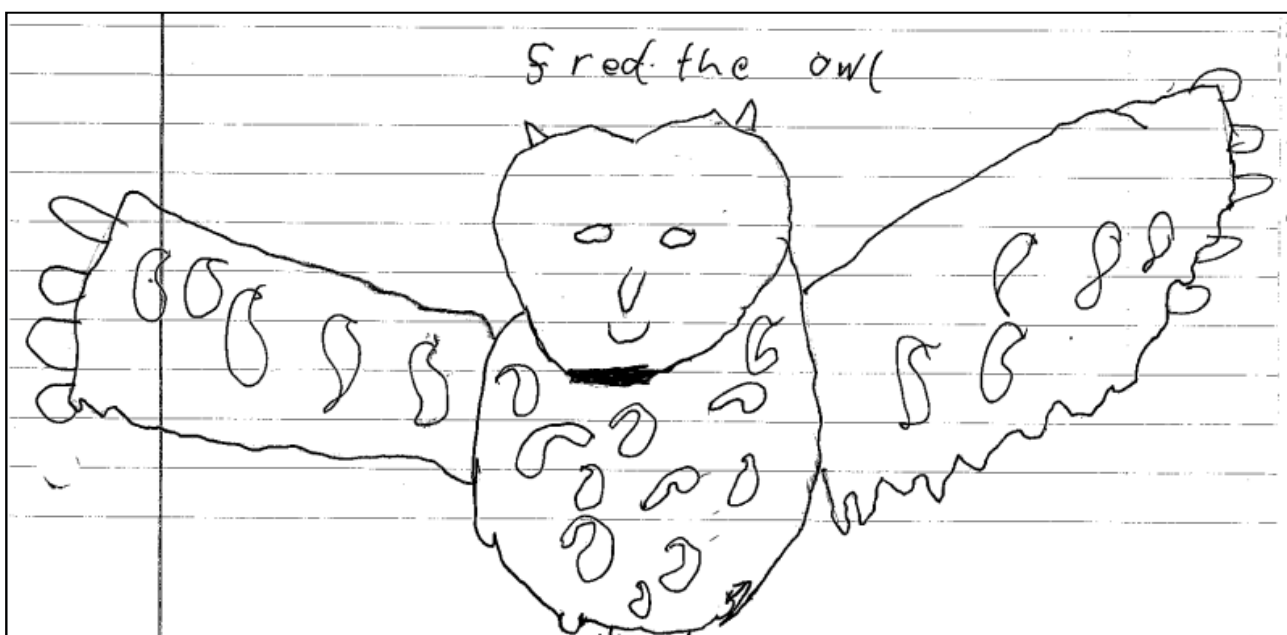
***In the half term I went to Windsor and there was a bird show. It was AMAZING!  
I was lucky enough to go on a owl walk.***

***I learnt so much about birds! They taught us about their habitats and diets.  
It would be sooo cool if they came into Woodridge!***

***If you are interested, She gave me a card with all her details on it. I put it in the envelope.***

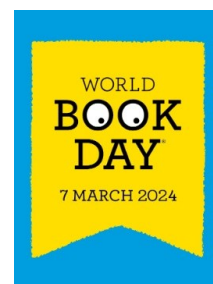
**From Lily Y2**

Thanks Lily, for this recommendation and thinking about Woodridge. We will email the organiser and see what they can do. Below is lily's picture of Fred the Owl.



## WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 7th March

Further to the letter this week about children wearing comfortable clothes for World Book Day (eg. A onesie, pyjamas etc) to link with the 'Read Your Way' theme, if your child is 'comfortable' in a book character costume, that's ok too.



**We were just trying to make it less stressful for parents!!**

## THE WIDERNESS CAFE

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

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes will be on sale. **CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME!** And please bring your own cup if you can. **THE CAFÉ WILL REOPEN IN TWO WEEK'S TIME.**



## UPDATED KEY DATES, EVENTS AND TRIPS

For your diaries - below is the updated key dates, events and trips list. World Book Day for Woodridge will now be on the national World Book Day - Thurs 7th March. **Newer events in red.**



## WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



<b>SPRING TERM</b>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March – WPS World Book Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan - HSBC Bank workshops YR-Y6	WC 11 <sup>th</sup> March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Y5 Science Museum	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March - Bubble Science Day YR-Y6
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Parent Workshop (Anxiety) 9-10am
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Y6 to Central London Mosque	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Class Assembly
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 to Nanak Darbar Sikh Temple</b>
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March - Y6 to Houses of Parliament
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March - ARTSWEEK	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Workshare Evening
	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term 2.30pm
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27 <sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Y6 to Conover Hall	

### TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 8 of this Newsletter are the term dates for 2024-25. Please do not book holidays or trips during term time.



The national expectation on attendance is **96%**. This week, we sent out letters to parents of all those children whose attendance is **below 90%**.

### MEALTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY - STARTING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The school is looking for a mealtime supervisor to join our lunchtime team. If you would enjoy taking on a variety of roles and are confident working with children, supervising them in the dining room and helping them to play together in the playground, we would like to hear from you.

## Mealtime Supervisor

Part-time – 6.25 hours a week. 12 noon to 1.15pm. Monday to Friday on a permanent Contract.

For more details follow this link to our website:

<https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/vacancies/>

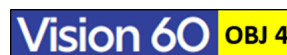


### WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

After a suggestion by the WSA, we would like to compile a list of local services that might be useful for parents, such as garages, plumbers, electricians, garden services and the like. These will then be posted on our WPS Community Services tab on the school's website which would be linked to an article in the School Newsletter every week.



Businesses would be asked to donate a fee for this service, which would run on an annual basis until the end of July each year. The contact for this is our School Business Manager email - [sbm@woodridge.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@woodridge.sch.uk) Here's the link to the page on the website: <https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/wps-community->



### 'EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM' CAMPAIGN

This week in the lunch hall, we have started the 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' campaign, which encourages children to eat more vegetables.

This is being run by our caterers *Radish*.

You'll also see adverts on the television about it!



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 23rd February 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	Ryan for working really hard on improving his reading. Ella for excellent writing and making some lovely small books full of new words!
Year 1 Willow	Raffi for being a good role model by showing kindness to his friends. Elira for amazing use of phonics, using them to help read words and write them.
Year 2 Rowan	Harry for working so hard with his writing-you persevere until you have done your very best-a great Growth Mindset attitude. Matilda for fabulous acting out of Traditional Tales.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Khadijah for amazing work in English and great spellings. Charlie for excellent work in English and great improvements in his handwriting!
Year 4 Ash	Ruben for excellent attitude to school and working hard in lessons. Tamer for working really hard to communicate his feelings and for showing kindness to others.
Year 5 Lime	Tuna for showing much better concentration during lessons and giving thoughtful responses during our Geography lesson. Haru for clear maths when talking about fractions.
Year 6 Maple	Zoe and James T for trying really hard to build suspense in their writing.
Value of The Month	February - TOLERANCE

## SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Multisports - Kaori Y2, Chloe L Y2, Hugo YR and Bea Y2

Gym - Ezra Y5 and Isabella Y6

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# 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)



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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

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# 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

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Creative  
Aiming High  
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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.