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# WPS NEWSLETTER

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## WPS VALUES AWARDS

This week, we have relaunched our Woodridge Values Awards.

Each week, two members of support staff will nominate two children who have followed one of the 24 Woodridge School Values, our core values being - *Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Responsibility.*

The names of the two award winners will be published in this Newsletter.



## FIXED PENALTY FINES

You will have seen much discussion in the news this week about the issue of low attendance in schools which is a nationally priority in Education. Also this week, Fixed Penalty fines have been processed for 3 Woodridge families who have taken unauthorised absences during term time.



## FOOTBALL B TEAM RESULT

This week, the Woodridge mixed B team played against Dwight International A team. It was a fairly even game with some great Woodridge teamwork and goalkeeping.

Dwight International came out 3-0 winners.

Thanks to Mr Mapes and to the parents for great support.



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## GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This week, Mrs Norman took a girls' football team to Powerleague in Mill Hill to play in a tournament. The team played 3 other schools in the group stage with scores of 1-1, 0-0 and 0-1. Despite scoring and conceding just a couple of goals, the team didn't progress to the next round. However, they played really well as a team. Scorer: Rufia Y5



## THE WIDERNESSE CAFE

On Fridays, from 3.00pm, The Widerness Café will open, led and run by pupils in Year 6 as part of KS2 Wider Woodridge. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes will be on sale. CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME!

Bring your own cup if you can.



## UPDATED KEY DATES, EVENTS AND TRIPS

For your diaries - below is the updated key dates, events and trips list with newer events **highlighted 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	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March – WPS World Book Day
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan - HSBK 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	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March - Y6 to Houses of Parliament
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March – Workshare Evening
WC 4 <sup>th</sup> March - ARTSWEEK	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 Condover Hall	

## CEOP ONLINE SAFETY VIDEO

This week in assembly the children in the juniors watched a video about how to keep safe online. The video, produced with backing from CEOP (the *Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre*) explores which information children should not share online and how chatting/texting online to people they don't know can be dangerous. It also stressed the need for Privacy Settings to be put in place which only allow information to be shared with friends the children know. As your child about it.



Here's the link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5lqSYSi1kE>

## REDUCING PARENTAL CONFLICT

Below is a flyer from Barnet with details about support for any families needing support with parental conflict in the home.

**Are there disagreements between you and your partner which might be affecting your child?**

There is a range of support available to help you.

**Self Help tools:**

- videos demonstrating potential impact on children
- handbook providing helpful tips
- exercises to promote positive relationships.

[www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-children-young-people-and-families/reducing-parental-conflict](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-children-young-people-and-families/reducing-parental-conflict)



**If you feel you need further support, you can contact the Child and Family Hubs where trained practitioners are able to provide:**

- individual support to reduce parental conflict.
- group sessions offering peer support.

For further information on the support available please visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-children-young-people-and-families](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-help-children-young-people-and-families)



Domestic abuse is not the same as parental conflict, relationships should not make you feel unsafe, and you should not be frightened of your partner.  
[www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/domestic-abuse](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/domestic-abuse)

If you feel you or your children are in immediate danger please call the Police.  
If you have urgent welfare concerns about your child, please phone the Barnet's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **020 8359 4066**.

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### TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 7 of this Newsletter are the term dates for 2024-25.

Please do not book holidays or trips during term time.



### MEALTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY - STARTING JANUARY 2024

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:



### 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->



### HIRING WOODRIDGE SCHOOL

Did you know that you can hire Woodridge Primary School as a meeting, event or party venue? We are also interested in finding an appropriate long term hire for our Suite, which is a classroom and an office room with a kitchen and two toilets.



For details and photos go to <https://www.sharesy.com/v/woodridge-primary>



# STARS OF THE WEEK!

## Achievement Awards

Friday 12th January 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	Isaac for showing lots of enthusiasm for learning and producing some amazing work. Luna for working independently to explore all the different shades of pink and for talking well about her work.
Year 1 Willow	Lola and Sami for writing fantastic sentences in our English lessons. Phoenix for using his phonics knowledge to help sound out words.
Year 2 Rowan	Jude for a fantastic start to the term – you have worked really hard and been a kind and caring friend. Sia for a beautifully written letter as part of our English lesson this week.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Kornel for amazing reading skills, always being polite and having a contagious positive attitude towards school. Noor for a wonderful attitude towards reading and amazing public speaking skills.
Year 4 Ash	Rojeen for always challenging herself to improve her writing. Eshal for always working hard in Maths.
Year 5 Lime	Sylvia for clear and detailed instructions about 4 X 1 digit multiplication. Shohei for thinking carefully about his diary entry plan.
Year 6 Maple	Molly for working really hard in Maths and English. Agata for working really hard in Maths work on decimals.
Values Award Winners	Hugo YR for Kindness and Friendship James B Y6 for Courtesy
Value of The Month	January - RESPONSIBILITY

### WE HAVE A DEFIBRILLATOR

Woodridge now has a potentially life-saving defibrillator in school. This is for the whole local community whenever the school is open and is registered on 'The Circuit' (<https://www.thecircuit.uk/>) a national database for find their nearest one. It is for adults and children and the device talks the user through all the emergency procedures.

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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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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

