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WPS NEWSLETTER

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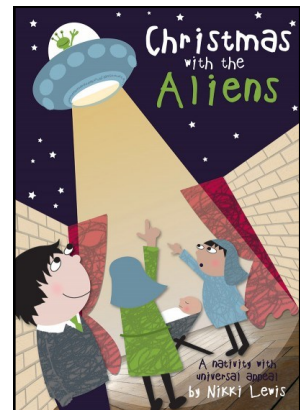
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THE INFANT PRODUCTION

Congratulations infants! You put on an amazing production of *Christmas with the Aliens* this week with some amazing acting, super singing and dynamic dancing.

Thanks to Mrs Baikie and the rest of the infant team for co-ordinating everything, to Ms Savournin for leading the music and to parents for helping with the costumes. Brilliant.

What a fabulous way to launch into Christmas!



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THE WOODRIDGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who came yesterday to a packed-out Woodridge Bazaar. It was a very busy event with lots for the children to do, things to buy and fabulous food to eat.



Thanks to everyone who donated on the day and over the last few weeks and thanks to all the parents who helped to run the stalls.

The total amount you raised from both the Bazaar and the raffle is an amazing **£3574**. That's £1400 more than last year. Brilliant!

A huge thank you to Hannah Sweetman (new Chair of the WSA) for coordinating the event with an amazing WSA support team.



Raffle Prizes - to be collected from the School Office WITH YOUR TICKET:

Yoga session at Finchley Yoga (one private lesson or three group lessons) - Blue 97 Isaac C
Red Stair Soft Play in Barnet Family Ticket - Blue 302 Chris G
Red Stair Soft Play in Barnet Family Ticket - Yellow 640 Steph Reception
Red Stair Soft Play in Barnet Family Ticket - Blue 563 Bobbie
Laugh and Cry Comedy Session (pair of tickets) - Blue 290 Reika
Laugh and Cry Comedy Session (pair of tickets) - Yellow 526 Zahra
Laugh and Cry Comedy Session (pair of tickets) - Yellow 515 Belkis YR
£50 voucher for Fortune Club Chinese Restaurant in Whetstone - Yellow 326 Ruth D
Pair of Everyman Tickets - Yellow 363 Ges
Holiday Session at KidsArt (worth £40) - Blue 464 Grinham
4 tickets to 'There's a Monster in my Xmas' at the Arts Depot - Yellow 14 Jeannett D
£150 Amazon Voucher - Orange 453 Tamsin Y2
4 Vue tickets - Yellow 741 Lee Y2
4 Vue tickets - Blue 993 Caz Rec
Venus Fly Trap - Yellow 581 Nicola Rec
Venus Fly Trap - Blue 882 Daniel K
Venus Fly Trap - Yellow 187 Ben A

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LET'S ALL CALL OUT INCONSIDERATE PARKING

This white Audi EA17 CRK is parked across a driveway opposite the school at 3.04pm with the engine running. Please can EVERYONE call this out, at the time, when it happens. Yesterday, someone parked over a driveway and went into school to spend time at The WPS Bazaar! This can't happen.

We receive regular emails from the neighbours around the school and also from Barnet Council with complaints.



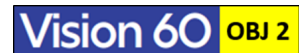
Please don't park like this, even for a few minutes.

MORE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The great run of unbeaten football results keeps coming. This week, the mixed team progressed to the next round of The Dick Bailey Cup winning 4-2 against St John's N20. Scorers: James T Y6 (2), Elmir Y6 and Jacob Y5.



The team are currently top of their league and still in two cup tournaments.



Well done team and a big thank you to Mr Mapes, as always.

THE GCHQ CHRISTMAS PUZZLE CHALLENGE

The Government Communications Headquarters, which oversees the work of MI5 and MI6 have published their Christmas Puzzle Challenge (The Mince Spy Challenge?).



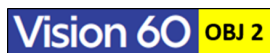
If you are up for some lateral thinking then have a go. It's aimed at 11-18 year olds, but the challenges are fun to solve as a family.

Here's the link: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/files/2023%20GCHQ%20Christmas%20Challenge.pdf>

BOLLYWOOD ASSEMBLY

This morning we were treated to another lovely assembly from the Bollywood Club dancers.

Thanks to Archita for teaching such elegant dancing and for leading the assembly.



THE PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Mrs Norman writes: Last week 10 children who show good problem solving skills in maths lessons were chosen to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. There were 5 children from Y5 and Y6. As a result, the following awards were achieved:

Silver = James B Y6, Kaelyn Y6 and Oliver Y6

Bronze = Daniel Y5, James T Y6 and Kaylan Y6

Participation award: Rina Y5, Lyra Y5, Ezra Y5 and Anoushka Y5.



Those children awarded Silver have been invited to the next round of the challenge, which will be in February. Well done everyone to who took part.



TERM DATES FOR 2024-25

On page 9 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 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>

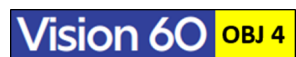


FREE MONEY FOR WOODRIDGE!!

The DfE don't give us enough money to be able to run the school the way we need to. So...free money is available for Woodridge when you do any shopping via **EasyFundraising**. There are thousands of brands to shop with, including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay & Argos. Start your shopping by opening the app and a percentage of your spend will automatically raise money for the school.



We're trying to raise £500 this Christmas, which will go towards the new outdoor school gym. **Anyone who uses the app for a purchase before the Xmas Bazaar will be entered into a draw to win a £50 shopping voucher!**



You can do it via iPhone, Android or Web, just follow the links below. Once you sign up you can also see the running total of money raised! Here are the sign up links:

Apple https://apps.apple.com/us/app/easyfundraising/id915474725*

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ef.easyfundraising&...>

Web <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodridgesa>

LAST DAY OF TERM - EARLY FINISH 2.30PM

Don't forget that we finish earlier, **at 2.30pm next THURSDAY** and there will be no After School Club.



The Spring Term 2024 starts for pupils on Tuesday 9th January 8.55am.

INFANT PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT 8.45-8.55AM

Please don't forget that we do not allow children to play on the climbing frame in the infant playground first thing in the morning due to lack of monitored supervision. This is particularly the case in icy weather.



DOCTOR BIKE

Barnet Council's Parking team has arranged free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics in December. Members of the public can take along their bikes to have a free, full safety check, including the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required. Children and adults. The sessions will take place on the following dates between 9am and 3pm.

<i>Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8</i>	<i>16/12/2023</i>
<i>Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12</i>	<i>17/12/2023</i>
<i>Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7</i>	<i>23/12/2023</i>
<i>Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5</i>	<i>30/12/2023</i>



THE WIDERNESS 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.



Last Friday the team made £105 profit towards the Christmas Party Fund

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WPS KEY DATES/EVENTS FOR 2023-24



AUTUMN TERM DATES/EVENTS	Tues 21 st Nov – Y4 Class Assembly
Mon 30 th Oct – INSET Day 2	Tues 21 st Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 7 th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly	Wed 22 nd Nov – Parents' Evening
Tues 7th Nov - Y1 to Nature Reserve	Tues 28 th Nov – Y3 Class Assembly
Mon 13th Nov - Individual School Photos	Weds 29th Nov - Y4 to Science Museum
Mon 13 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 11 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2.00pm
Mon 13th Nov - Y2 at Infant Music Festival	Weds 13 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2.00pm
Tues 14 th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly	Thurs 14 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Weds 15th Nov - SEND Coffee Morning 9.00am	Fri 15th Dec - Bollywood Assembly
Weds 15th Nov - Y2/Y5 Music Assembly 9.10am	Thurs 21 st Dec – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 20 th Nov – Panto 'Cinderella' pm	
SPRING TERM	
Mon 8 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Fri 8 th March – WPS World Book Day
Tues 23 rd Jan – Y1 Class Assembly	WC 11 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 30 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly	Tues 12 th March – Y6 Class Assembly
Tues 6 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly	Tues 19 th March – Y5 Class Assembly
WC 12 th Feb – HALF TERM	Fri 22 nd March – Y1 to Y6 reports to parents
Tues 27 th Feb – Y4 Class Assembly	Tues 26 th March – Workshare Evening
WC 4 th March - ARTSWEEK	Thurs 28 th March – Last day of term 2.30pm
Tues 5 th March – 'A Little Princess' Show pm	
SUMMER TERM	
Mon 15 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 18 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Tues 30 th April – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
Mon 6 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Fri 5 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Mon 13 th May – Y6 SATs week	Tues 9 th July – Infant Sports Morning
Fri 17 th May – Red Nose Day	Tues 9 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Mon 20 th May – Walk to School Week	Thurs 11 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Tues 21 st May – Y1 Phonics Parents' Mtg 9.00am	Fri 12 th July – Junior Sports Day pm
Weds 22 nd May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.20pm	Mon 15 th July – Junior Production Dress 2.00pm
Thurs 23 rd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 16 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27th May – HALF TERM	Tues 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Mon 3 rd June – INSET day 5	Weds 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7.00pm
Tues 4 th June – Y1 Phonics Check Week	Fri 19 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Tues 4 th June – Y4 Tables Check Week	Weds 24 th July – Last day of term 2.30pm
Mon 10 th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 15th December 2023

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	This week, Reception have been getting ready for the Infant Production and performed brilliantly during the three shows.
Year 1 Willow	Emma for writing sentences in English. Manami and Neil for fantastic singing and dancing in the Christmas Infant Production.
Year 2 Rowan	Sadie for your fantastic work in English this term, using a wonderful imagination and producing some super creative writing. Kaori for working so hard and producing a consistently excellent work.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Shira and Aishini for great organisational skills, showing an amazing passion for reading and being wonderful librarians.
Year 4 Ash	Shoma for helping others during PE and in class. Haruka for settling in so well and making new friends.
Year 5 Lime	Neve for excellent listening skills and good responses to history questions. Anoushka for excellent responses during the Anglo Saxon vs. Vikings debate.
Year 6 Maple	Dev and Yusuf for working really hard on their writing and editing. Well done.
Value of The Month	December - CO-OPERATION

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Emily YR and Sia Y2

Gym - Ezra Y5 and Jacob Y5



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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

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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.