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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

It was great to see all the children and staff in red, white and blue yesterday to mark the 80th Anniversary of V-E Day.

We had a special assembly where the children heard about what V-E day is and how the second World War ended. They watched and listened to Winston Churchill's famous speech declaring the end of the war and saw lots of photos of the 1945 celebrations.

They also listened to Vera Lynn singing *We'll meet Again* and William Walton's *Spitfire Prelude and Fugue*, written in 1942.



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SUMMER FAIR - SAVE THE DATE

This year's WSA Summer will be in the afternoon of:

SUNDAY 29th JUNE



SAFEGUARDING IN THE NEWSLETTER

As part of our safeguarding of the children, when we want to celebrate the achievements of individual children (rather than groups), we cannot put both a photograph of a child and their name in the Newsletter. So, as with the next article, we just put a photograph and no name.



FOURTH PLINTH AWARD PRIZEGIVING

Yesterday, Miss McCleneghen and one of the children in Y5 (and her parents), attended the Fourth Plinth Award prize-giving ceremony at City Hall in East London.

It was a glittering affair, in an amazing building with the awards presented by children's author Onjali K Rauf.

Here's a great picture of our Woodridge designer and her design, who was one of 30 winners nationally out of thousands of entries and a Barnet Borough 8 to 11 Age Group Winner too.

It is a brilliant design, called 'Nature Fades Over Time' and a worthy winner.



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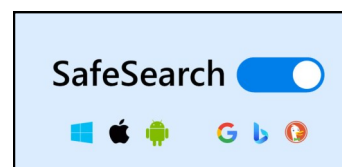
HONESTY, EMPATHY, TRUST AND KINDNESS

It was great to hear of two children in Y3 this week who saw a man in a wheelchair drop his wallet when they were going swimming at Copthall. They quickly picked it up and returned it to him, without telling anyone they had done this. Other children reported it to Mrs Norman. Well done Aarav and Aum for really demonstrating the Woodridge Values.



SAFE SEARCH

This is just a reminder to parents to check that internet settings at home are appropriate for children. Occasionally, we see homework which doesn't reflect this and has content that may not be appropriate. Do regularly, check the settings on your home and child's devices.



ATTENDANCE

Over the last few weeks we have had children absent from school for odd days and half days to have early starts to holidays, West End shows, the ballet, to spend time with visiting relatives, go to weddings - all during school time. We cannot authorise these requests and they are all times of lost learning.



Y6 SATS

Next week Year 6 will be sitting six SATs tests - in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths. It will be a tiring week, but Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this year towards them. Early nights this weekend, Year 6!



TRAVEL TRACKER

Mrs Wheatcroft writes:

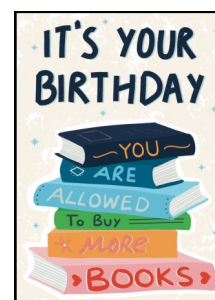
The Travel Tracker winners for April were **Reception** and **Year 4**. This is all part of our Travel for Life Gold Level Award, the banner of which you can see outside the school, on the fence.



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thanks to the Rahman family for donating two lovely sets of books on the occasion of Amelia and Sophie's birthdays.

We are about to launch a list of books on Amazon that you can go to if you would like to donate a book on your child's birthday. Watch this space.



WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2024-25

- **Monday 2nd June is NOT an INSET Day - pupils need to be in school that day**
- **There are newer class visit/event dates for your diaries in red**

SUMMER TERM	
Tues 22 nd April – INSET Day 5	Weds 18 th June - Y3 to River Thames
Thurs 24 th April - Y4 Roman workshops	Thurs 19 th June – Y1 Class Assembly
Fri 5 th April – Y2 to Roald Dahl Museum	Tues 24 th June - YR to Bekonscot
WC 28 th April - Y3 Swimming Wv 1	Weds 25 th June – Sept '25 Reception Mtg 6.30pm
Mon 5 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 26 th June – Y2 Class Assembly
WC 6 th May - Y3 Swimming Wk 2	Sunday 29 th June – WPS Summer Fair pm
Thurs 8 th May - Y1 Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Thurs 3 rd July – Spanish Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 8 th May – V-E Day (red, white & blue)	Fri 4 th July – Y1-Y6 Short Reports sent home
Thurs 8 th May – Y5 Music Festival rehearsal pm	Tues 8 th July - Y4 Brass Assembly 9.10am
Mon 12 th – Thurs 15 th May – Y6 SATS week	Tues 8 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thursday 15 th May - Y3 to Science Museum	Tues 8 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4-6.30pm
Thurs 22 nd May – Reception Class Assembly	Thurs 10 th July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.30-8.00
Weds 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Fri 11 th July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Thurs 22 nd May - District Sports Event	Mon 14 th July – Junior Production Dress 2pm
Thurs 22 nd May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Tues 15 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Morning
WC 27 th May – HALF TERM	Weds 16 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Mon 2 nd June – Term starts for children	Thurs 17 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC Mon 2 nd June – Y4 Tables Check (2 weeks)	Fri 18 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Thurs 5 th June - Active Times Tables Workshop 9am	Mon 21 st July – Y6 Leavers Event
Mon 9 th June – Y6 to Conover Hall	Tues 22 nd July - Last Day of Term (Finish 2.30pm)
Mon 16 th June - Y5 to Barnet Music Festival	
Weds 18 th June – Y6 to Young Citizens	

ACTIVE TIMES TABLES WORKSHOP

Maths Leader Mrs Norman will be running a times table workshop for parents on Thursday 5th June from 9.00 to 9.25am. This will involve using a range of methods to support children who struggle with rote learning. Please wear clothing that you can move about in! To enable Mrs Norman to know how many are parents are coming and the year groups represented please sign up with this Sign-up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A82AA4F5C07-56614155-time#/>

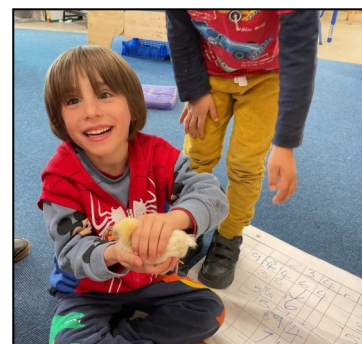


THE CHICKS

The chicks leave us today and have been the usual hit with children who have been able to see how much they have grown in just a week.



Thanks to Mrs Wheatcroft for organising and to the WSA for paying for us to have the chicks each year.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 9th May 2025

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	Lavin and Haruto for working hard at painting a picture of a chick and labelling it. Well done!
Year 1 Willow	Hugo for trying really hard in his Maths work correctly doubling numbers. Luna for creating a fantastic list of items needed to catch an alien.
Year 2 Rowan	Sami for your outstanding work in English based on our book, The Dark. You have a wonderful talent for writing. Maya for your fantastic acrostic poem about The Dark using a vivid imagination.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Jude for his continued effort to extend his mathematical Blue Sky Thinking. Hugo for his quick-thinking in our persuasive debate.
Year 4 Ash	Noor for her perseverance and not giving up when learning is tricky. Kornel for his focus in our lesson in English. He took on the learning and improved his work to make it the best he can.
Year 5 Lime	Rohan for writing poetry with focus and enthusiasm. Eli for writing excellent rhymes and accurate rhythms when writing his sonnet. It was great to see how proud he was of his work!
Year 6 Maple	Ofek and Nil for working really hard at Maths work.
Value of The Month	May - EMPATHY

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Gym - Florence Y5 and Harry Y3

Multisports - Maral Y1, Rania Y1, Ayaz Y1 and Arjun Y2



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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
Tuesday 22 April 2025

(Plus Monday 5 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)

Please do not book holidays during term time. Fixed penalties fines from August will now be £80 per child, per parent.



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TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 September INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 September First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 4 November First day back for pupils
Friday 19 December Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 6 January First day back for pupils

Half Term: Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February First day back for pupils
Friday 27 March Last day of term: 2.30pm finish

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 14 April First day back for pupils
Monday 4 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June First day back for pupils
Friday 17 July Last day of term 2.30pm finish

Four INSET Days – School closed to children

Monday 1st September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 13th April 2026

(Plus Monday 4 May 2026 - Bank Holiday)

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Woodridge Primary School Value Cycle

Year A (2024-25)

September	Respect
October	Unity
November	Friendship
December	Peace
January	Honesty
February	Resilience
March	Hope
April	Love
May	Empathy
June	Courage
July	Trust



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.