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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Just a reminder to parents that we cannot routinely authorise ANY term time absence unless the circumstances are exceptional.



With written notice, we can authorise absence for key religious festivals, bereavements, medical appointments that cannot be scheduled outside of the school day, music exams and visits to prospective secondary schools, for example.

During term time, we cannot routinely authorise absence for holidays, outside club events in school hours, early picks up due to family travel arrangements, birthdays, time for tutoring, ad hoc family events and absences immediately before or after a school holiday.

Unauthorised absences can be followed up with a Fixed Penalty Fine from Barnet which is currently £80 per parent, per child. Persistent absence is reported to the Barnet Education Welfare Team.

Thanks for your support on this matter everyone and please do not be surprised if we cannot authorise an absence request.

YEAR 1 GOOGLE CLASSROOM LOGINS

Year 1 children will bring home today their login details for their Google Classroom accounts. This is in their homework books. Please make a note of all the details at home and keep them safe. **A link to the Year 1 Google Classroom was emailed to Year 1 Parents today. Please try logging on.**



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BBC 550 WORDS

The BBC 550 words competition is back, a great initiative that brought some Woodridge story writing highlights last year.



Whilst we think this is a fantastic opportunity for creative writing, this year we will not be processing entries through school. This is due to it taking up a huge amount of admin time (receiving, typing up, permission forms, uploading etc) to enter each individual story into the competition. We were also aware that parents thought ALL the entries received in school last year would be entered into the competition, when this was completely impractical, time-wise.

However, we would like to encourage entries, but these need to be done directly from home. Here's the link to the details: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - HELLO YELLOW

Next Friday, it is World Mental Health Day, a day we can all take time to think about how we can keep our minds as healthy as the rest of our bodies. It is linked to an initiative called Hello Yellow.



Children are encouraged to wear a yellow accessory or replace one item of their school uniform with something yellow. This is optional.

PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS - CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS STILL HAPPENS??

At the end of the day today, three cars were parked across two driveways each, two of the cars completely unattended for at least 10 minutes. Please don't do this, since it inconveniences our neighbours and we have to deal with the fallout.

Also, we do ask parents to avoid driving up to the top of Southover when we have 210 children and their parents arriving or leaving school. The more cars, the more dangerous it is for the children, particularly little ones and our older lone travellers. Thank you.



WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

Below is the list for your diaries/fridge of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2025-26 year. Further dates, including class trips will be added as the year progresses.

The term dates for **next year** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

AUTUMN TERM	Thurs 13 th Nov – Y5 Neasden Temple
Mon 1 st Sept – INSET DAY ONE	Tues 18 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Thurs 11 th Sept – Y1/Y2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Thurs 20 th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly One
Tues 16 th – Y6 Tudor Day	Thurs 20 th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Thurs 18 th Sept - KS2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Thurs 27 th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly One
Fri 26 th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am	Weds 3 rd Dec – Y3 Class Assembly One
Fri 10 th Oct - World Mental Health Day	Mon 8 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
WC 27 th Oct – HALF TERM	Weds 10 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
Mon 3 rd Nov – INSET Day 2	Thurs 11 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 10 th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 15 th Dec – <i>Dick Whittington</i> Panto 1.30pm
Weds 12 th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly One	Fri 19 th Dec – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
SPRING TERM	Tues 4 th March – <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> Show pm
Mon 5 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 5 th Mar – World Book Day
Thurs 29 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	WC 9 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 5 th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly One	Thurs 12 th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 5 th Feb – Y5 Science Museum	Thurs 19 th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 12 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly Two	Fri 20 th Mar – Y1 to Y6 Mid-Year reports home
WC 16 th Feb – HALF TERM	Weds 25 th Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Mon 23 rd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Thurs 26 th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly Two
WC 2 nd March - ARTSWEEK	Fri 27 th Mar – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
SUMMER TERM	Fri 26 th June – End of Year Reports home
Tues 13 th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 30 th June - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Mon 4 th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 2 nd July - Y1-Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Weds 6 th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Fri 3 rd July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Mon 11 th May – Y6 SATs week	Mon 6 th July – Junior Production Dress 1.45pm
Thurs 21 st May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 7 th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Weds 8 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Thurs 21 st May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Thurs 9 th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC 25 th May – HALF TERM	Fri 10 th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Mon 1 st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 14 th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 8 th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Fri 17 th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 17 th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two	Fri 17 th July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 25 th June – Y2 Class Assembly Two	

BARNET DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

Three children from Woodridge were nominated by Mr Mapes to attend the Barnet District Football Team Trials - Zack, Sebi and Jamie, all in Y6.

Well done to all 3 boys for this and congratulations to Jamie who was selected for the 14 player Barnet Squad from a very strong field of 67 players who attended the trials.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 3rd October 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	It was great to see Reception Class in full days all week and enjoying their learning in the classroom and in the outdoor area.
Year 1 Willow	Adrina for writing a number sentence using the addition and equals symbols correctly. Jude for following instructions at carpet times and sharing his ideas confidently.
Year 2 Rowan	Lulu for your beautifully written descriptive sentences about our book, Leaf. Ryan for always working hard and producing excellent work in every subject, you are a great role model.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Clementine and Zara for contributing really well in our work on computing.
Year 4 Ash	Bea and Kaian for their fantastic writing in English using the features we have been learning about. Well done!
Year 5 Lime	Emma for demonstrating resilience during maths discussions and activities. Eren for always offering thoughtful and insightful comments during 'Reading for Pleasure'.
Year 6 Maple	Eli for getting his pen licence! Misha for her excellent punctuation in her setting description. Florence for her fantastic use of a storyline in her settings description.
Value of The Month	October - Freedom

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Ryan Y2, Dorian Y2, Yigit Y2 & Daigo Y1

Gym - Emily Y6 & Max Y3

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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: 1.30pm finish

Please note the earlier finish times on the final day of each term.

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: 1.30pm 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 1.30pm 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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Spring Term 2027

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

Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February

Monday 22 February First day back for pupils
Thursday 25 March Last day of term: 1.30pm finish

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 April INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 13 April First day back for pupils
Monday 4 May Bank Holiday: School closed for pupils

Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Monday 7 June INSET Day: School closed for pupils
Tuesday 8 June First day back for pupils
Thursday 22 July Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Five INSET Days – School closed to children

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Monday 2nd November 2026
Tuesday 5th January 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

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Year B (2025-26)

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

