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WOODRIDGE IN TOP TEN BEST SCHOOLS IN LONDON



The *Telegraph* has published its *Best Primary Schools Guide 2026*, which was shortly followed by an article in *Time Out* showing the Best Schools in London for 2026. This is for state funded primary schools.

Woodridge features in the top ten for London, **ranking 7th in the whole of London - out of 3,000 schools!** We gained the top ranking of 'Very Good.' Nationally, Woodridge is **ranked 28th out of 15,500 schools!**

There are 9 indicators used for their judgements, including KS2 data, national data expectations, comparison with other LA Schools, being over-subscribed, class sizes and attendance. (But not *Ofsted* reports)

The 10 best primary schools in London for 2026, according to the *Telegraph*

1. St Mary's Bryanston Square CofE School, Westminster
2. Park Academy, Merton
3. Stockwell Primary School, Lambeth
4. Hampden Gurney CofE Primary School, Westminster
5. St Andrew's Catholic Primary School, Lambeth
6. Merton Park Primary School, Merton
7. Woodridge Primary School, Barnet
8. Benedict Academy, Merton
9. St Luke's Church of England School, Camden
10. St Mary Magdalene Academy, Islington



HEALTHY SCHOOLS
LONDON



GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

This week a team of 12 gymnasts from Y2, Y3 and Y4 took part in a gymnastics and movement festival at Hendon Leisure Centre.

The children worked at 8 activity stations, showing high energy in a non-stop morning.

They were also immaculately behaved. Thanks Mr Mapes for organising and to the parent helpers.



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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - HELLO YELLOW

It was great to see so many children, staff and parents wearing something yellow today for World Mental Health Day.

In assembly this morning the children watched a video about 'How to be Happy' with some ideas about this, with the added advice that its' okay to be sad sometimes, but this usually passes.



YEAR 1 ART DAY

Last week, Year 1 spent a creative day doing art. Having experimented with the primary and secondary colour wheels, the children looked at the paintings of Jackson Pollock. They then created their own masterpieces in the Pollock style.

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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

Below is the list for your diaries 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	

YEAR 2 R.E. VISITOR

Year 2 had some hands-on learning in RE this week, when Reuben's grandpa - a retired vicar - came to talk to them about Christianity, the Bible and the important celebrations in the Christian calendar.

Thank you Mr Mason.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 10th 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	This week, Reception Class have made a great start to their phonics work, learning about s, a, t and p.
Year 1 Willow	Rosie for creating a fantastic story map for The Gruffalo. Bar for the Woodridge value of kindness- helping classmates to log on and use the chrome books.
Year 2 Rowan	Eva for her wonderful writing about polar bears and for showing some amazing facts she found herself. Reuben for his fantastic progress in writing since starting Year 2.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Abdullah for showing great resilience in Maths. Sana for working really hard, particularly in Maths.
Year 4 Ash	Gray for her resilience and persistence with tricky learning. Lily for being a great team player and supporting others with a positive attitude always.
Year 5 Lime	Orla and Megan for always presenting her work beautifully and demonstrating excellent science reasoning this week during our 'Forces topic'.
Year 6 Maple	Sebi for his creativity and hard work when comparing religions. Hana for her thoughtful comparisons between the Abrahamic and Dharma religions.
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 - Alma Y1, Liam Y1, Reuben Y2 and Esme Y1

Gym - Mays Y3 & Cai 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

