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Woodridge Primary School

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 5 AT NEASDEN TEMPLE

Year 5 visited Neasden Temple on Thursday. They all loved the stunning decoration inside the temple and the children learned a lot about the Hindu faith.

The class were exceptional ambassadors for Woodridge, demonstrating excellent behaviour and respectful attitudes to both the temple staff and the building itself.

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Thanks to Miss McCleneghen for organising such a great trip.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A Year 5 and Year 6 girls' team put in an amazing performance at a tournament this week, winning three games in the group stages and making it through to the quarter finals.

Alice Y6, Michal Y6 and Kelsey Y6 all scored goals and Termeh Y6 saved a penalty.

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Thanks to Mr Mapes for organising.

Y1 to Y6 PARENTS' EVENINGS

The Y1 to Y6 Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday and Thursday next week after school and you will have been sent the sign up links for appointment times. We look forward to seeing you there.

MUSIC MARK

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

VbE Values-based Education

HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON

stars Gold level accreditation

BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Leader of English, Mrs Hooper writes:

The Scholastic School Book Fair is next week at school from 17th-21st November!

Come and explore a wonderful selection of books for all ages. Books make perfect gifts for this time of year, so it's the ideal opportunity to stock up on holiday surprises while supporting our school's love of reading.

The book fair will be open every day after school outside on the green if the weather is fine or in the school hall.

We can take cash and card payments by Zettle so paying is quick and easy. Every purchase at the book fair earns the school points which we can use to buy books for every class and the school library. We can't wait to see you there!

The brochure for the Book Fair was emailed out on Wednesday.

YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, Year 6 kicked off our series of Class Assemblies which give the children an opportunity to tell the rest of the school and parents about the learning they have been involved in this term.

Year 6 told about their history and geography topic on the Docklands and how to write a newspaper report. They also showed us some clay tiles they had made inspired by the work of Augusta Savage, and finished with a Movement Maths dance demonstrating the maths concept of Reflection.

Thanks to Mrs Norman and the Y6 team for preparing such an informative assembly.

WSA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

3.30-5.30pm.

OUR NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted to report that Tania Hirsch has been appointed as a new Woodridge Parent Governor, since there were no other nominations.

Tania's background is in television, where she spent 20 years working her way up to Series Producer. She had the privilege of leading large teams from diverse backgrounds, managing tight budgets and deadlines, and encouraging creativity, collaboration and problem solving.

She stepped back from the television world in recent years to focus on her children's early years development and is currently working part time as Company Director for an industrial property company.

She is committed to supporting the continued success of Woodridge whilst helping find areas of improvement, as well as ensuring the best interests of the children remain at the heart of every decision, and the school's resources are used to benefit all pupils.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Tuesday, all the children in Y1 to Y6 observed a minute's silence at 11.00am for Remembrance Day, as Mrs Hooper played The Last Post on the cornet. The children were all immaculately respectful.

A TEAM CUP FOOTBALL

There was a thrilling game this week for the mixed team in the Central Cup against Whitings Hill. The team were 4-1 down by half-time, but had a great second half, levelling the score at 4-4. The game went to penalties where Whitings Hill finally clinched victory.

Scorers: Zack Y6 (2), Jamie Y6 and Sebi Y6. Well done team for fighting back and thanks to Mr Mapes.

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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

Below is a list 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. New events are in red. The term dates for ***next year*** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

AUTUMN TERM	Tues 18th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Mon 1st Sept – INSET DAY ONE	Tues 18th Nov - Y2 to Infant Music Festival
Thurs 11th Sept – Y1/Y2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Thurs 20th Nov – Y5 Class Assembly One
Tues 16th – Y6 Tudor Day	Thurs 20th Nov – Parents' Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Thurs 18th Sept - KS2 New Teacher Mtgs 9.10am	Weds 26th Nov - Y4 to Sikh Temple
Fri 26th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am	Thurs 27th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly One
Fri 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day	Weds 3rd Dec – Y3 Class Assembly One
Mon 13th Oct - Y3 Stone Age workshop	Mon 8th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Fri 24th Oct – Diwali Event 3.25pm -4.30pm	Weds 10th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
WC 27th Oct – HALF TERM	Weds 10th Dec - Y6 to Islamic Centre
Mon 3rd Nov – INSET Day 2	Thurs 11th Dec – Inf Production Perf 9.30am
Mon 10th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week	Mon 15th Dec – *Dick Whittington* Panto 1.30pm
Weds 12th Nov – Y6 Class Assembly One	Fri 19th Dec – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 13th Nov – Y5 Neasden Temple	
Mon 17th Nov – Book Fair in school for 2 weeks	
SPRING TERM	Tues 4th March – *Alice in Wonderland* Show pm
Mon 5th Jan – INSET Day 3	Thurs 5th Mar – World Book Day
Thurs 29th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	WC 9th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 5th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly One	Thurs 12th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 5th Feb – Y5 Science Museum	Thurs 19th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 12th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly Two	Fri 20th Mar – Y1 to Y6 Mid-Year reports home
WC 16th Feb – HALF TERM	Weds 25th Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
Mon 23rd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Thurs 26th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly Two
WC 2nd March - ARTSWEEK	Fri 27th Mar – Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
SUMMER TERM	Fri 26th June – End of Year Reports home
Tues 13th April – INSET Day 4	Tues 30th June - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 4.00-7.00
Mon 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY	Thurs 2nd July - Y1–Y6 Learning Reviews 5.00-7.30
Weds 6th May - Y1 Parents Phonics Mtg 9.00am	Fri 3rd July – Junior Sports Day 1.30pm
Mon 11th May – Y6 SATs week	Mon 6th July – Junior Production Dress 1.45pm
Thurs 21st May – Reception Class Assembly	Tues 7th July – Infant Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 21st May – Y6 School Journey Mtg 3.30pm	Weds 8th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
Thurs 21st May – Y5 Southover Sleepover	Thurs 9th July – Junior Production Perf 7pm
WC 25th May – HALF TERM	Fri 10th July – Reserve Junior Sports Day pm
Mon 1st June – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Tues 14th July - Reserve Infant Sports Afternoon
Mon 8th June – Y6 to Condover Hall	Fri 17th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
Weds 17th June – Y1 Class Assembly Two	Fri 17th July - Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 25th June – Y2 Class Assembly Two	

MUSIC AND SPORTS SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Aum Y4 for passing his OCN Grade 1 Hindustani Class Vocal Exam, singing and playing the harmonium and to Daniel Y4 for achieving a merit in his recent Grade 1 Trumpet exam.

Amelia in Y4 has also moved up from beginner belt to intermediate grey/white belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Congratulations to all of you.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 14th November 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	In Reception Class we started our 'Drawing Club' adventure and the children all drew lots of great pictures. In maths they all worked hard learning about 1 more than and 1 less than.
Year 1 Willow	Shiv and Eden for drawing an excellent story map of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.
Year 2 Rowan	Sienna for being so kind, helpful and always hard-working-you are a great role model! Emily for working hard on your resilience-even when you find things tricky.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Zuri and Max B for making great contributions to our work on nutrition and diet.
Year 4 Ash	Arthur for showing outstanding initiative by independently creating a special addition to our class assembly. Amelia for showing remarkable resilience and for always supporting others when they need it.
Year 5 Lime	Lime Class for being fantastic ambassadors for Woodridge, demonstrating excellent behaviour and a fantastic attitude to learning.
Year 6 Maple	Eshal for her fantastic resilience and always being brave enough to ask for help. Rojeen for trying to improve her writing-both her vocabulary and her sentence structure.
Value of The Month	November - **Understanding**

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Tom Y1, Ray Y1 and Sophie R Y2

Gym - Adiel Y5 and Aimee Y5

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SPORTS STARS

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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)

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

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TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

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

Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Monday 2 November	**INSET Day: School closed for pupils**
Tuesday 3 November	**First day back for pupils**
Friday 18 December	**Last day of term: 1.30pm finish**

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

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

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Tuesday 5th January 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

(Plus Monday 4 May 2027 - Bank Holiday)

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Our Values

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

Woodridge Vision 60

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.

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