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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Next Friday it is the WSA Xmas Bazaar from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

As for the recent Diwali event, all children will be leaving school in the normal way and will then re-enter the school with parents through the front door.

Y5 and Y6 independent travellers will need a parent with them for this event.



The bazaar is a **TOKEN ONLY event**. You can pre-buy tokens and raffle tickets easily this year through the links below.

Pay from the comfort of home!

£20 Tokens & 25 Raffle Tickets - <https://buy.stripe.com/fZucN6aZU5U0158glz8AE06>

£10 Tokens & 10 Raffle Tickets - <https://buy.stripe.com/dRmfZi9VQ5U029cakb8AE02>

£10 Tokens & 5 Raffle Tickets - <https://buy.stripe.com/6oU4gA0lgdmsg024ZR8AE03>



The WOODRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Presents

THE 2025 WOODRIDGE Xmas BAZAAR

Friday 5th December from 3.30pm until 5.30pm

Collect your children as usual then enter through main school entrance.
Join the fun straight from after-school clubs.

Food and Drinks Hall * Xmas Photo Booth * Arts & Crafts
Cookie and Gingerbread Decorating * Hannukah Doughnuts
Games and so much more...

BRING YOUR XMAS CHEER!

This will be a token event.
Tokens will be on sale ahead of the Bazaar, and on the day.

The poster features a festive winter scene with a snowman, two penguins, and two bears, one holding a gift box. The background is decorated with snowflakes, hanging Christmas ornaments, and a candy cane.



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Y5 SPACE HOMEWORK

Year 5 have been learning about Space in Science this half term. They were given a choice of three Space related tasks for homework and many children chose to recreate the solar system artistically. Miss McCleneghen was really impressed by the different interpretations of the planets and the range of art media that was used. Shira's was particularly impressive, made by crochet (see photo on the right) Great work Year 5!



YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, it was the turn of Year 4 to share with everyone what they have been learning about this term. They described their learning about explanation texts, the comparisons between Italy and Greece for Geography and their Coding learning in Computing.

The children worked hard learning their lines and delivered them confidently and with expression.

Well done Year 4 and thanks to Miss Badhan for organising such an interesting assembly.



KARATE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Adam Y4 for completing a recent White Crane Karate School assessment and achieving his brown belt with two white tags. Adam explained in assembly today about how he completed complex routines and techniques for the assessment.



YEAR 4 VISIT THE SIKH TEMPLE

Year 4 enjoyed an enriching visit to a Sikh Temple (Khalsa Jatha Gurdwara in Shepherd's Bush), where they learned about Sikh beliefs, traditions and the importance of equality and service to support their RE learning.

Year 4 explored the prayer hall, listened attentively to explanations about the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy book) and experienced the spirit of hospitality in the Langar (food) hall.

Thanks to Miss Badhan and to the parent helpers on the day.

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Y5 AND Y6 FOOTBALL - TWO RESULTS AND BRONZE MEDALLISTS

On Tuesday the A Team beat St John's N20 in the league to maintain their unbeaten league record. Scorers: Zack Y6 (2), Tamer Y6, Ruben Y6 and Sebi Y6.

On Thursday, a slightly larger squad took part in a tournament at Compton Power-league where 19 teams took part.

The team beat Brooklands and All Saints N20 and drew with St John's N11, progressing through to the quarter finals where they beat SMSJ.

At the end of the semi-final against Summerside it was 0-0 and, unfortunately, Woodridge lost on nail-biting penalties.

In the 3rd place play-off, Woodridge beat Whittings Hill, earning our first official 'silverware' in many years with impressive bronze medals.

Well done to all the players and to Mr Mapes who lost his voice this week in all the excitement.



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DANGEROUS PARKING REPORTED TO POLICE

On Tuesday, at collection time at the end of the day, the car photographed below was parked over a dropped pedestrian kerb, at a dangerous crossing place and on a double yellow line. This was at the junction of Southover and Arlington, beside the school field.



It is the same car which appeared in the Newsletter for blocking the Reception Class coach from returning to school from Bekconscot in June (see below right) and for blocking a driveway opposite the school in October (see below left). **This vehicle has now been reported to the police for antisocial, dangerous parking and for endangering children and adult pedestrians.**

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WOODRIDGE KEY EVENTS/DATES 2025-26

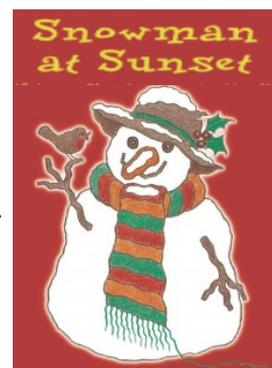


Below is a list of all the key events and dates for the whole of the 2025-26 year. Further dates, including class trips will be added as the year progresses. **New events are in red.** The term dates for **next year** (2026-2027) are in the later pages of this Newsletter.

AUTUMN TERM	Tues 18 th 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 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	Weds 26th Nov - Y4 to Sikh Temple
Fri 26 th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am	Thurs 27 th Nov – Y4 Class Assembly One
Fri 10 th Oct - World Mental Health Day	Weds 3 rd Dec – Y3 Class Assembly One
Mon 13th Oct - Y3 Stone Age workshop	Mon 8 th Dec – Inf Production Dress 2pm
Fri 24th Oct – Diwali Event 3.25pm -4.30pm	Weds 10 th Dec – Inf Production Perf 2pm
WC 27 th Oct – HALF TERM	Weds 10th Dec – Y6 to Islamic Centre
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
Thurs 13 th Nov – Y5 Neasden Temple	
Mon 17th Nov – Book Fair in school for 2 weeks	

THE INFANT CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The Infant Christmas Production performances will be on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm and Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am. This years the show is *Snowman at Sunset*. We don't issue tickets for this lovely event, but space is always at a premium, so we encourage parents and grandparents to attend just one of the two shows. At the end of the show we always have a cash collection to help with the production costs of buying the script, music and other resources.



SEBBY'S CORNER

Thank you to those families who sent in Christmas presents for families locally who don't have the resources to buy any. It is such a lovely, kind gesture. Thanks to Mrs Norman for organising this.



MUSIC LESSONS

We have lots of children learning musical instruments at school and new children start each term. We are particularly keen on finding some more cellists at the moment. To enrol with Barnet Education Arts Trust who provide the lessons at school, use this link: <https://beatrust.org.uk/learn-to-play/school-based-tuition/>



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards

Friday 28th 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	The Class has been practising their dances for the infant show and making snowman for the backdrop. In maths we focused on numbers 4 and 5. In phonics, learning tricky and high frequency words.
Year 1 Willow	Alaia for fantastic English work on One Snowy Night - writing excellent sentences to go with the pictures. Lavin for always showing a happy attitude and being such a positive and entertaining class member.
Year 2 Rowan	Hugo for your fantastic work in maths this week-you have focused really well on our money topic. Luna for your wonderful use of alliteration in poetry this week-well done!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Lola and Phoenix for great work and contributions to class discussions.
Year 4 Ash	Year 4-Ash class for a fantastic week. Being well behaved and inquisitive on our trip and for an amazing assembly. You all said your lines with expression! You made us very proud.
Year 5 Lime	Ava-for excellent science reasoning when explaining how our moon phases investigation would work. Shira-for recreating the planets beautifully using crochet techniques - outstanding!
Year 6 Maple	Shoma-for his fantastic range of grammar within his independent write about newspapers. Rohan-for his very thoughtful ideas when celebrating the people in our community who help us.
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 - Daigo Y1, Eva Y2, Joshua Y1 & Liam Y1

Gym - Chloe Y4 and 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)

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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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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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

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Our strategic objectives



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

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