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WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

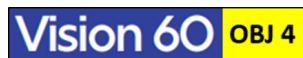
It was great to see the hall and dining room packed with children and parents today for the WSA Christmas Bazaar.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this so well, buying so many tokens and raffle tickets, taking part in all the Christ-massy activities and eating lots of donuts!

We will let you know how much we have raised in next week's Newsletter, along with the list of raffle prizewinners.



Thanks to Hannah Sweetman, Jason Scheiner and all the amazing WSA team for organising such a successful community event.



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 12th December this year, rather than the national day which clashes with the Infant Production.



Any sort of colourful jumper is fine (over school uniform) and sensible Christmas accessories are also encouraged - as is bringing in a £1 or £2 coin to go towards the Save the Children charity.

PANTOMIME AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES

You will have received a letter this week about the whole school pantomime being performed in the last week of term. This year it is Dick Whittington. Please pay your £5 voluntary contribution and £1 for the Class Christmas Parties, via Parentmail. Thank you.



YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, it was the turn of Year 3 to share with everyone what they have been learning about this term.

Year 3 told us about their work on different genres in English, including biographies and their linked work on Mo Salah and Stephen Wiltshire. They also told us about bones in the body, nutrition and food waste, ending up with a lively rap about the food groups.

Well done Year 3 for some very clear speaking and thanks to Mrs Hooper for organising a lovely assembly.



WPS CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The Christmas Postbox is in the entrance hall for anyone who wants to send a card to a member of staff or other children. Please ensure that the first names and class are on the envelope and a surname initial since we have several children in the same class with the same first name!



FOOTBALL WIN

This week the A Team had a match against Deansbrook Juniors in the Dick Bailey Cup. It was a closely fought match with Woodridge coming out on top with a 1-0 win. Scorer: Zack. Well done team and thanks to Mr Mapes.



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SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS - WOODRIDGE WIN SILVER!

This morning a team of 30 Woodridge athletes took part in a Sportshall Indoor Athletics Competition, finishing a brilliant 2nd out of 7 schools. The team all won weighty silver medals.

Of particular note were the girls winning the Obstacle Race and the Over & Under and there were individual wins in the triple jump, vertical jump, 2 by 2 relay and speed bounce. Well done team.

It feels very much like the investment we have made it taking up all the sporting opportunities on offer since Covid is really paying off, since we have started to regularly win medals!



A big part of this is Mr Mapes' enthusiasm and drive to keep improving.

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DANCE PRESENTATION

It was great to see the children from Zoe's dance club performing in their end of term show today. Both infant and junior groups danced to *Hawaiian Rollercoaster* from Lilo & Stitch and *Golden* by Huntrix.

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Thanks to Zoe for all her enthusiasm with the group and well done children.



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Trombone Tuba Bassoon Violin Guitar Flute Drums Saxophone

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 1 st Sept – INSET DAY ONE	Tues 18th Nov - Y2 to Infant Music Festival
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	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 next week on **Wednesday 10th December at 2pm** and **Thursday 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.



PIANO SUCCESS

Congratulations to Oscar Y4 for passing his Grade 4 Piano exam with distinction. This is a very high level to reach by Year 4. Well done Oscar.



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 5th December 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 we have been learning about what the world is and who or what made the world. We have also been practising all our songs and dances for the school play!
Year 1 Willow	Ray for showing great enthusiasm for finding the missing numbers on a number line. Leah for correctly ordering a sequence of events in 'One Snowy Night'.
Year 2 Rowan	Ayaz for your fantastic work in maths all term-you are always enthusiastic and focussed. Mizuki for your great progress in reading, writing and phonics this term-you are doing great!
Year 3 Silver Birch	Sami and Gen for great RE work this week.
Year 4 Ash	Mahi and Ayaka for excellent effort with Blue Sky Thinking challenges and extending your learning by showing deeper knowledge!
Year 5 Lime	Sara for always working hard, being attentive and producing beautifully presented work. Arbel for making a great effort to improve his handwriting.
Year 6 Maple	Shaked for her excellent work in Maths-listening and watching carefully. Ayaana for her lovely ideas in religion lessons, thinking carefully about her answers.
Value of The Month	December - Co-Operation

SPORTING STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Multisports - Ridhee Y1, Summer Y1, Ryan Y2 & Rania Y2

Gym - Jana Y3 and Arthur Y4

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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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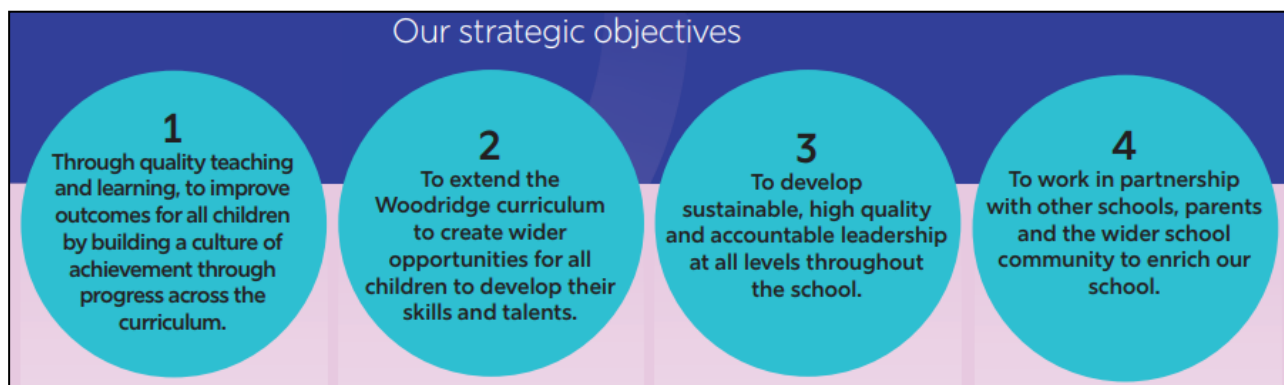


Year B (2025-26)

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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