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Woodridge
Primary School



WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DICK WHITTINGTON

This week the whole school watched a performance of the pantomime Dick Whittington, given by *Chaplins Productions*.



The children had a great time interacting with the performers as they sang and danced their way through a madcap version of the story.



Ask your child about it and if you haven't paid your voluntary contribution towards the show, please go to Parentmail.pmx to do this!



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FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

Today we say farewell and good luck to teaching assistant Miss Bashir who leaves us to take up a new role as a School Business Manager at another London school.



BOLLYWOOD ASSEMBLY

This week we had an end of term performance from the children who attend the Bollywood Dance club.

The whole school also joined in with some of the dancing.

Thanks to dance coach Archita for organising this.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

In the last week, the girls' huge football squad has had two matches with a rotation of different players to give everyone a game.

The first was a home game last Friday against a talented team from St Catherine's which ended up 1-10, with Ela Y6 scoring the Woodridge goal.

On Tuesday the team played an away match at Whitings Hill where the team lost 6-0.

Thanks, as ever, to Mrs Norman for organising and coaching the team.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY

Have a great Christmas, Hanukkah and festive holiday everyone.

Thank you for all your support during another busy and successful this term.



GYMNASTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Luna Y2 for completing Level 1 Acro-gymnastics in both Fold and Floor, with *Acrotrix*.



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

This week, in assembly, Oscar Y4 played his Grade 4 pieces on the piano and Aishini Y5 played a Grade 5 piece on the violin. We also had a lovely whole school singing assembly led by Ms Savournin.



ORSI PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS...

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THIS DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY 7TH – 5PM
SATURDAY 13TH – 1PM & 6PM
SUNDAY 14TH – 12PM & 5PM
FRIDAY 19TH – 7PM
SATURDAY 20TH – 1PM & 6PM
SUNDAY 21ST – 12PM & 5PM
MONDAY 22ND – 11AM

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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 or any changes are in red.**

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

SPRING TERM	WC 2nd March - ARTSWEEK
Mon 5 th Jan – INSET Day 3	Tues 3rd March – Alice in Wonderland Show pm
Tues 6 th Jan - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Thurs 5 th Mar – World Book Day
Fri 23rd Jan - Y4 British Museum	WC 9 th March – SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 29 th Jan – Y2 Class Assembly One	Thurs 12th Mar – Y5 Class Assembly Two
Tues 3rd Feb - Y3 to Tring Museum	Thurs 19th Mar – Y4 Class Assembly Two
Thurs 5 th Feb – Y1 Class Assembly One	Thurs 19th Mar - Y5 to Sound Out Concert
Thurs 5 th Feb – Y5 Science Museum	Fri 20 th Mar – Y1 to Y6 Mid-Year reports home
Thurs 12 th Feb – Y3 Class Assembly Two	Weds 25 th Mar – Workshare Evening 5-7pm
WC 16th Feb – HALF TERM	Thurs 26 th Mar – Y6 Class Assembly Two
Mon 23 rd Feb - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	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 25th 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 Conover 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	

FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

Don't forget - the Spring Term starts again for pupils on

Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am. Have a great holiday.



PIANO SUCCESS

Congratulations to Daniel in Y4 who has passed his Grade 1 ABRSM piano exam. This comes on the back of also passing his Grade 1 trumpet with a merit this term. Well done, Daniel.



MUSIC LESSONS

We have lots of children learning musical instruments at school and new children start each term. We are particularly players keen on finding more BRASS 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 19th 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 enjoying some Christmas themed activities. The children enjoyed the Pantomime and the Infant party.
Year 1 Willow	Joshua for being a fantastic role model to our class. Always following instructions and doing the right thing. Ben for amazing effort in Reading for Pleasure.
Year 2 Rowan	Lara for your excellent, detailed instructions on how to make a fruit salad for D.T. Sophie R for your wonderful imaginative ideas for Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present.
Year 3 Silver Birch	All of Year 3 for a fantastic Autumn Term.
Year 4 Ash	Jude for showing great concentration in class and taking care when presenting his work. Aarav for showing excellent behaviour and focus in class. He stayed on task and worked hard to present his work.
Year 5 Lime	Yugo for always working hard and making good progress in English. Khadijah for always working hard and facing challenges head on.
Year 6 Maple	Lily for her excellent attitude to school life and always coming to school with a smile. All of Year 6 for their fantastic bird feeders, showing brilliant teamwork.
Value of The Month	December - Co-operation

SWIMMING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to Adrina Y1 for completing her 20 metres swimming certificate at The Oakleigh Park School of Swimming. Well done Adrina.



Congratulations also to Emelyn Y1 for completing all ten swimming requirements of 'Big Whale 2' at Poolside Manor. Well done Emelyn.



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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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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

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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

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

Woodridge Vision 60

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

