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Woodridge Primary School

WOODRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

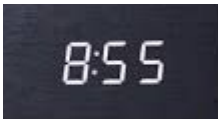
We hope you have all had a great Christmas break and New Year.

It was great to welcome everyone back into school this week. Despite the forecast, we managed to dodge the snow today!

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

Currently, we have lots of children arriving to school late. There were at least 30 late children today, which is a whole class!

Please ensure that your child is in the playground for the start of the school day at 8.55am, since it helps them and the rest of the class to settle quickly into work and they don't miss any learning.



PERSISTENT ABSENCE AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

The national expectation on children's attendance in school is 95%.

This week we are writing to parents of children whose attendance comes into the category of Persistent Absentees, which is any child with attendance that is below 90%.

Also, over the next two weeks, Barnet will be processing Fixed Penalty Notices for those families who took unauthorised leave from school over the Christmas period. This is currently £80 per child, per parent.

MUSIC MARK

Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

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stars Gold level accreditation

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

SIA AND THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Sia in Y4 did something amazing over Christmas! Sia has been growing her hair for a number of years and wanted to donate some to *The Little Princess Trust*, a charity who make and provide wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer and other illnesses.

Sia had her hair cut and an incredible 24inches was sent to *The Little Princess Trust.* Alongside this, Sia has raised an impressive £1,365 for the charity. It is an amazing thing to do and Sia's example reflects Kindness, Compassion and Empathy - three of the Woodridge Values. Sia's mum, Parul, who is WPS Governor, has also donated hair.

If you want to contribute to their fundraising, here's the link: https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/princess-sias-fundraising-page.

Here's a 'before' and 'after' photo.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Achievement Awards — Friday 9th January 2026

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	Kira and Adam for making very good progress with phonics and for learning some tricky words.
Year 1 Willow	Ray for using his knowledge on number bonds to add 1. Alma for writing a fantastic caption for our story of the week - Jack and the Beanstalk.
Year 2 Rowan	Eva for your detailed and beautifully written recount of your Christmas break. Dorian for showing resilience and focus to complete an excellent thank you letter.
Year 3 Silver Birch	Danny and Hiroto for working really hard in our maths work on multiplication.
Year 4 Ash	Sia for fantastic writing from 3rd person to 1st person and for writing another paragraph from a different character's perspective. Ezra for fantastic writing when converting a text from 3rd person to 3rd person.
Year 5 Lime	Noor and Taha for accurate and scientific use of vocabulary during our science learning on the properties of materials.
Year 6 Maple	Termeh for her excellent attitude to learning and seeing each lesson as an opportunity to improve. Kelsey for her increased participation during class questioning and presenting her work beautifully.
Value of The Month	January - **Responsibility** (A WPS Core Value)

RECEPTION CLASS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Today, Reception Class joined our Friday Celebration Assembly for the first time. From this week, two children in Reception Class will receive Achievement Awards every week, like all the other classes - see above.

SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Arun Y5 for achieving his Silver Award through the *Better Swim School*. Arun had to complete survival, rescue and aquatic skills to achieve this. Well done, Arun.

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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**

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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

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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

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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