



# Woodfield Word

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Welcome back to a new academic year!

## A note from the Headteacher...

The end of a long summer is finally here and I hope that all pupils and staff have enjoyed a restful break. We are riding high on a set of excellent Key Stage 2 results, some of the best the academy has achieved and I am proud to state that the academic progress made by our pupils is amongst the highest in the area.

We have had the privilege of welcoming our new Year 5 cohort and we were both proud and delighted to see our new pupils, dressed in Woodfield uniform, ready and eager to begin their learning journey with us. As the week has progressed, I hope that our children have settled in and are regaling you at home with stories of their new school. Please remember to ask what your child has learned each day and keep involved in their schooling. This helps build the positive partnership between us all. We also welcome new teachers to our team. Mrs Dowling joins us this term to teach Art and Year 6 Creative Curriculum and Mr Duggan joins us to teach in the English department. We wish them a very warm welcome and hope their time at Woodfield will be exciting and memorable.

As our first week draws to a close, we are already preparing a host of wonderful educational experiences, trips and opportunities for our pupils. Already, this very weekend, Miss Badlan will be taking two lucky pupils to join the WW1 Battlefields tour. We wish them 'bon voyage' and look forward to hearing about their exploits.

Finally, a reminder to parents of prospective pupils wishing to view Woodfield: our **open evening takes place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, between 5 and 7pm**. We look forward to welcoming you to our academy, but please get in touch if you are unable to make this date, we are happy to show you around!

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## Important Dates

17th Sep	Coffee Morning (Y5 - new parents)
24th Sep	Coffee Morning (existing parents)
1st/2nd Oct	Y6 Trip to Liverpool
5th Oct	Open Evening
8th Oct	Emma Shevah (author) Visit
12th Oct	Parents Evening 4-7pm
15th Oct	KS2 Welcome Disco
16th Oct	Non-School Uniform (food item)
21st Oct	Parents Evening 5-8pm
23rd Oct	(TED) Parent Appointments 9-11am
26-30th Oct	Autumn Half Term



## Used Postage Stamps

Used postage stamps are still being collected for Leukaemia Research. They are sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital where many children with leukaemia go for treatment.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Solar Panels

Woodfield takes its responsibility to the planet seriously and as such investigates ways of reducing energy consumption and hence the carbon footprint of the school. Parents may have noticed the scaffolding up at the end of the summer when we had solar panels installed to 5 roof areas with best advantage for maximising natural sunlight. The school now has 290 solar panels of varying sizes installed. This means that we can use the electricity that we generate free of charge and that the surplus can be sold back to the National Grid. The savings to the school will be considerable over the 25 year term and the company maintains the units free of charge during the lease period.

If anyone wishes to investigate solar panels either for a commercial property or for their home, then the school now gets £250.00 for every introduction. Please contact David Hall at Solarlec on 07713 115142.

## SATs Perfection!

James Fardoe achieved an impressive 100% in his Year 6 KS2 Mathematics SATs tests in May 2015. For those not in the know, the tests consisted of three papers, one a mental test with 20 questions and the other two were 45 minute written papers. James is only the second pupil at this school ever to achieve a perfect score and as a consequence the school are very proud of him and his wonderful achievement.

To celebrate his accomplishment we invited the Redditch Standard into school for a photo opportunity and so in the next week or so a report and picture of him will be appearing in the paper. I hope James' feat will be an inspiration to the pupils in the school who will be doing SATs in the next year or so. His terrific result came on the back of much hard work along with a great attitude in lessons. Well done James and keep it up in KS3!

Mr M. Turner



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Are you tucking in to the last of your Flora spread?

If so, we could really use your help!

Mr Smith will be collecting washed out tubs in IT1 from Monday.

Every tub collected will help us to obtain new tablets, to help support our students.

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Meet

## Darren Shan

**Sunday 4th October at 10.30am**

We are excited to have bestselling author Darren Shan in store where he will be signing copies of his new book *Zom-B Fugitive*. We will also have all sorts of grisly games and quizzes to get involved with as well as prizes given out to the best (and most gruesome) fancy dress!

This event is free to attend, for more information please speak to a bookseller.



More events at [waterstones.com/events](http://waterstones.com/events)

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## Why are middle schools so important?

Earlier this week, the BBC reported on Ofsted's findings that children in *secondary* schools are failing in Key Stage 3, mainly due to the resources ploughed into Key Stage 4 and GCSE results. Here at Woodfield, we understand that children's 'middle school years' represent a time of wide-ranging intellectual, physical and emotional development. We know our children well; Key Stage 2 assessment and all the important Key Stage 3 work that follows all take place within our academy, 'under one roof'. We are able to maximise learning, develop experience and skills to ensure children meet their full potential during an important phase of their development. We celebrate the incredible progress of our pupils make, as a result!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-34201975>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-3-the-wasted-years>