



A note from the Headteacher....

I find that sport is still my main way to get away from things and to focus solely on a ball, an opponent, some equipment or sometimes even the pain! This weekend was very similar, watching two games of football, another one on TV, but also the Ryder cup in golf. Seeing how the different nations across Europe came together to win the trophy, providing many memories and special moments along the way. This reminds me of our Woodfield ethos of #OneWoodfield where we strive to work together and provide the very best moments and memories. We look great in our uniforms and PE kits, displaying the badge with pride and hope more families recognise this and come to view the school this evening at our Open Evening. By coming to view the facilities, pupils and staff you can get a real sense of belonging and what it means to be a pupil at Woodfield Academy. The next time I write to you will be near the end of half term, and yes it really has gone that quick. #One Woodfield

A reminder that the school gates open at 8:30am. Please instruct your children to enter via the school gates and not through reception *unless with prior arrangement. Large groups of pupils are gathering in the staff car park which is unsafe and obstructs staff who are trying to park.

Road safety is major concern for our pupils and their families. Please cross at the junction using the designated crossing areas. Where possible, it is suggested that parents/carers park in the car park next to the KS3 gate, this would mean less pupils have to cross the road in front of school.

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

Important Dates:

Oct 2023

- 2nd – Open Evening 6:00-8:00pm
- 6th – Pupils Not In (TED)
- 9th – Author Visit Bali Rai (KS2)
- 10th – World Mental Health Day (wear something yellow)
- 20th – School Photographs (2nd visit)
- 30th Oct to 3rd Nov – HALF TERM

School Driveway

Parents/Carers are reminded that the school driveway is **not** to be used for drop-off or collection unless there is a medical reason, or it is an emergency.



Attendance

Parents/carers please ensure you report pupil absence via StudyBugs. There is a link on our website or you can download the app. This needs to be done every day your child is off ill.

Please note that afternoon registration marks take time to write back to MCAS. Parents/carers are requested to please wait until 2:00pm, before calling the office to enquire about a missing pm mark.

Freddo Friday

(Week ending 29th September 2023)

AN AMAZING RESULT FOR 5SS
WITH 97.2% ATTENDANCE !!!

2ND PLACE	5VP	94.9%
3RD PLACE	7PG	94.5%





Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am – 8:45am every morning and is an opportunity for your child to have a hot drink and cereal or a bagel in a warm, safe environment with a member of staff always present. There are games and activities available; your child can receive help or advice with homework, or simply spend the time with friends before lessons begin.

Our Breakfast Club is FREE of charge to all pupils. Your child does not have to attend every day and you are welcome to select the days that suit you best.

If you are interested in your child joining our Breakfast Club, please contact the office.

Language Angels

The Language Angels interactive games and karaoke app is now live on BOTH the Google Play store and the Apple app store and is completely free and available to all pupils.

Username: la2023app

Password: la2023app



School Plot

Autumn is in the air on the school plot. We are now harvesting our produce; we've already picked lettuce, courgettes, tomatoes, cabbage, runner beans and lots of potatoes. We're now awaiting Halloween so we can pick and carve out the pumpkins. The flowers are still blooming which is good news for the insects and of course they look beautiful.



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Well Done to everyone who has completed their Reading
Plus For the week!

In the last week, the best performing classes in each key
stage have been:

5EC

Runners up 5CA

Year 7 Set 3

Runners up Year 7 Set 2

Top 10 Students of the week!

Piotr 6SL
Phillip 6SL
Ethan 6SH
Aaron Layton 5CA
Junior Marcus 5CA
Summer 5CA
Aishah 7PG
Isabelle 6SL
Zoya 6BN



Forest School

Our Forest School started only 3 weeks ago and in this time, groups of pupils from different year groups have been discovering and enjoying our woodland environment.

Through Forest School, children learn about the environment and about themselves and have in even just a short amount of time improved their communication and team-working skills. The woodland environment provides a wonderful location for children to explore their interests and develop their skills in a range of activities. We have built dens of all kinds, whittled sticks, toasted marshmallows on an open fire and been creative using woodland materials. We are really looking forward to developing our skills further over the next few weeks.





#HelloYellow

YOUNG Mi MINDS

#HelloYellow is a fundraising and awareness day that takes place each year on World Mental Health Day.

On Tuesday 10th October we want to support young people and show them that how they feel matters. We are inviting pupils and staff to show their support for Mental Health by swapping items of their school uniform for something yellow (or a yellow accessory) and donating £1 to raise money for YoungMinds.

(normal school uniform to be worn unless the item is yellow)

YOUNG Mi MINDS AWARENESS DAY

— 10th OCTOBER



Say yes to wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day and donate to YoungMinds in support of young people's mental health.

#HelloYellow

M&S | YOUNG Mi MINDS



FUN | INCLUSIVE | EDUCATIONAL

OCTOBER FUN WEEK

MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS, SWIMMING, LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, ESPORTS, LEGO BUILDING & MORE!

Open between Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November



Studley Leisure Centre

Pool Road, Studley B80 7QU

9.00am – 4.00pm

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

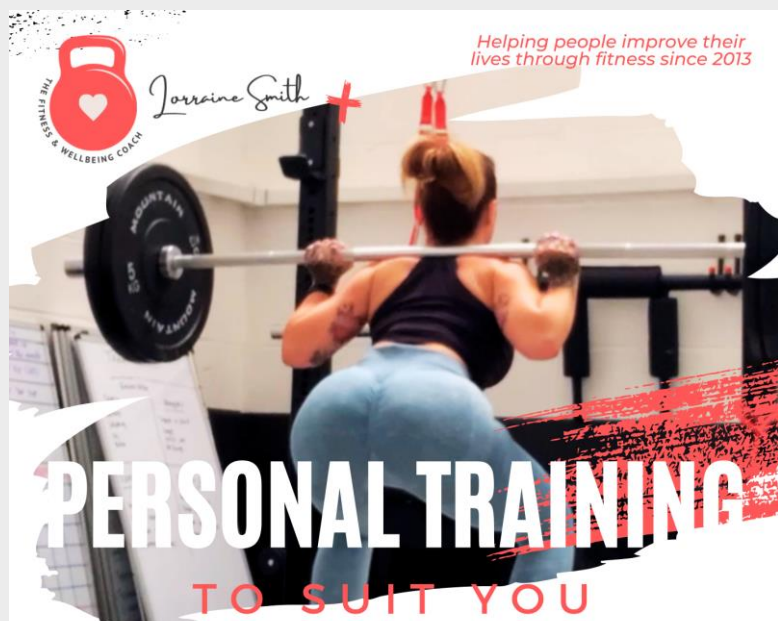
FROM £22.50 PER DAY!

Discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details.

We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Clothing & A Refillable Drinks Bottle.

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School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

It is vitally important that parents/carers inform us when their child/ren will be absent from school (for illness, medical appointments or any other reason). Text messages are sent when a pupil is missing from education without prior notification.

All holidays should be requested on our Leave of form (available from Reception). As a general rule all holidays are not sanctioned and County are now pursuing fines for holidays taken during in term time. International holidays, especially, have hugely impacted on pupils' attendance and the Headteacher has the authority to sanction and fine (if necessary), and in some cases can insist of a date of return.

Pupils' attendance should be above 95%. Attendance below 90% is considered to be 'Persistent Absence' and this is reported to County.

Parents/carers can view their child's attendance on MCAS.

A Request for Leave During Term Time application form must be completed PRIOR to any holiday. Forms are available from Reception.

How does your **ABSENCE** affect your **ATTENDANCE** figure in any six-week term?



School expectations	Attendance	Not more than...
Excellent	98% and more	1 day
Good	97% to 96%	1.5 days
Requires improvement	95% to 91%	2 days
Concerns	Below 90%	More than 3 days off
Serious concerns	85%	More than 4.5 days off
	80%	More than 6 days off



Friends of Woodfield is a friendly and informal voluntary body of parents who have children at the school and teachers who work there.

How Will Money Raised Be Spent?

Funds raised by Friends of Woodfield are intended to provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's main income - often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting.

Friends of Woodfield and the Headteacher decide how to spend PTA funds. Common items include; a minibus, computers and other technological items such as digital cameras, iPads, and other smaller purchases like books for the library or sports equipment.

Later in the year pupils, parents and staff will all be asked for their ideas on how to spend the money raised this year that will most benefit the pupils.

Our Mission:

The core aim of the Friends of Woodfield PTA is to support our pupils and the school through fundraising events which will provide additional resources to strengthen our pupil's education and achievements. The Friends of Woodfield PTA want to support a learning environment where pupils, parents and staff have space to interact, to engage and are at the core of our community.

If you are interested in being a part of our PTA or have any suggestions or ideas for fundraising, please email Ms. T Golding at goldingt@gov.bmat.co.uk





Free School Meals

You may be eligible for free school meals if your child attends a state school, and you must be receiving one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Child Tax Credit, and your annual income is less than £16,190
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits.

To apply, either complete a form available from Reception, or submit an online application via the WCF Citizen Portal:

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

TERM STARTS	Monday 4 th September 2023 TED Monday 4 th September 2023 TED Tuesday 5 th September 2023
BACK TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 6 th September 2023 TED Friday 6 th October 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 3 rd November 2023
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 6 th November 2023
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

TERM STARTS	Monday 8 th January 2024 TED Monday 8 th January 2024
BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 9 th January 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 12 th February 2024 – Friday 16 th February 2024
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 19 th February 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

TERM STARTS / BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 8 th April 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 3 rd June 2024
TERM ENDS FOR PUPILS	Friday 19 th July 2024 TED Monday 22 nd July 2024
TERM ENDS	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Other Dates

GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 29 th March 2024
EASTER MONDAY	Monday 1 st April 2024
MAY DAY	Monday 6 th May 2024
WHITSUN BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 27 th May 2024



Communication & Apps

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Behavioural Issues: behaviour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Anti-Bullying: bullying@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Teaching & Learning: teachingandlearning@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

The SENCO Staff: senco@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Book A Tour: tour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Mental Health: iamworried@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Safeguarding: safeguarding@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Head of Year 5	Mr M Hale
Head of Year 6	Miss A Chapman
Head of Year 7	Miss C Philpotts
Head of Year 8	Mr T Brook



All parents/carers are encouraged to download the MCAS app. With this app parents/carers can access all our communications, make payments and consent to school trips, update contact details and book onto clubs; as well as view pupil behavior, timetable, school reports etc.

If you aren't yet a MCAS user, please send an email to office@woodfield-academy.org.uk with the name of your child/ren and an email with registration information will be sent to you.



Studybugs is our preferred method of reporting pupil absence.

Daily School Equipment

Academy Planner

Blue handwriting pen

Coloured pencils

Ruler

Reading book

Pencil

Eraser

Sharpener

