



A note from the Headteacher....

With the 1st of December arriving briskly, so has the cold weather and the bright blue skies. All of a sudden it feels very wintry, and the thought of Christmas is close by.

Please keep looking out for the notifications about Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner and the Christmas show. These events really help to bond the pupils and give a real meaning to #OneWoodfield.

We have parents evening next week on Monday and Thursday so please make sure you have made an appointment as the contact between home and school is so important.

Have a great weekend and wrap up warm.

#OneWoodfield.

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

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.

Important Dates:

Dec 2023

- 4th – Parents Evening
- 7th – Y5 Trip to Think Tank
- 7th – Parents Evening (online)
- 12th – Christmas Show
- 19th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 22nd – Last day of term

Jan 2024

- 8th – Start of Spring Term (TED)
- 9th – Pupils back to school

Attendance



Parents/carers please ensure you report pupil absence via Study Bugs. There is a link on our website, or you can download the app. This needs to be done by 9:15am every day your child is off.

Week ending 24th November 2023



The winners of 'In to Win' are:
Yr5 Aleeyah G 5VP
Yr6 Ayaan S 6LD
Yr7 Alex N 7HM
Yr8 Zalan B 8DA

Scoot School winners:
6MT and 5SS



Freddo Friday winners:
1st - 6MT
2nd - 5SS
3rd - 7PG



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



Please support us by
following our Social
Media accounts:



Facebook: [/OneWoodfield](#)

Twitter: [@OneWoodfield](#)

Instagram: [OneWoodfield](#)

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:

5NP

Runners up 5VP & 6MT

8SH

Runners up 8IS

Top 10 students of the week!

Joshua 8IS
Samira 8SH
Daniya 8SH
Hanna 8SH
Waqas 8SH
Eliakim 8JB
Belle 8DA
Hafsa 8IS
Kyle 8SH
MJ 5CA





Touchstones Providing Hope for a Brighter Future

TOUCHSTONES LANTERN WALK

A lovely time to remember those we love,
who have died. Open to Everyone

MORTON STANLEY PARK - REDDITCH
Saturday 16th December 2023

Walk starts at 5:45pm
with the cafe open, and lantern collection from 5:15pm

A special family occasion open to everyone,
to remember those we love and who we miss

A gentle 30 minute walk with lanterns and a
short time of memory and reflection in the
lighted grotto - followed by a visit from
Father Christmas and his sleigh at 6:30pm
Suitable for all ages and buggies

Lanterns available at £5.00 each,
or bring your own

Hot drinks and snacks available from the
wonderful Morton Stanley Cafe

Parking in main car park - off Windmill Drive

It would be really helpful to know how many people
are coming, so could you please;
text or ring Rob on 07491 968 695, or
email rob@touchstones-support.org.uk

One the day, for any poor weather updates, keep
checking out Touchstones Support on Facebook

*Special thanks to the wonderful Redditch Round Table,
Redditch Borough Council and the Morton Stanley Cafe*

WOODFIELD ACADEMY

Christmas 2023

Tuesday 12th December, 6:00pm

Featuring festive performances by Woodfield
pupils and staff!

Tickets £2 on sale 1st December via MCAS

Plus raffle & refreshments



Attendance Matters



Whilst we all know that it is inevitable that children will have periods of illness during their time at school, it is essential that we look at ways to minimise this and the impact it has on achievement.

Regular and punctual school attendance is essential – only pupils who attend school regularly can take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

If your child is suffering from a minor ailment such as a cold or a cough, please consider sending them to school. We will always send them home if we feel they are too unwell to be here.

[NHS Live-well - Is my child too ill for school?](#)

If your child is worried or anxious and not wanting to attend, please contact school via attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk so that Mr Hanks can assist and support.

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

What does your child's attendance % mean?

Yearly Attendance %	Total of days missed in a school year	Number of lessons missed in 1 school year	Number of lessons missed in 4 school years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	120
95%	10	50	200
90%	20	100	400
80%	40	200	800
50%	100	500	2000

Good punctuality at school is just as essential for pupils to achieve their full potential as attendance. Being on time for school every day is an important step in forming good habits for later life. The impact of lateness soon adds up over a school year...





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

Telephone: 01527 527081

Website: www.woodfield.worcs.sch.uk

Main School Email: office@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

Attendance: attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

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

