



A note from the Headteacher....

Ho Ho Ho to all of the Woodfield Community, a brief message from Greenland (or an office in school!).

I do hope this festive season allows everybody involved in #OneWoodfield to make a special moment. That may just be being with people you care about, see somebody for a long time or being treated to a special gift. My personal favourite is Boxing day when the Christmas day madness dissolves, we literally lock all our doors and have a day of relaxing, playing games and watching tv. We all have our own special moments but also think of others who may need support during this time. Being there for each other, offering kind words and just lending an ear can all be the best gifts at Christmas.

From all the staff and Governors we wish you seasonal greetings and a happy new year.

See you all in 2024 on Tuesday 9th January.

Merry Christmas

Mr N Straw
Headteacher



Important Dates:

Jan 2024

- 8th – Start of Spring Term (TED)
- 9th – Pupils back to school
- 19th – Y8 trip to Stratford-upon-Avon
- 23rd & 26th – Dogs Trust visit KS2

Feb 2024

- 5th – Parents Evening (in person)
- 9th – Parents Evening (online)
- 12th-16th – Half Term

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 15th December 2023



The winners of 'In to Win' are:
Yr5 Scott C 5CA
Yr6 Bentley P 6BW
Yr7 Abigail H 7DN
Yr8 Miriam S 8IS

Scoot School winners:
6MT and 5NP



Freddo Friday winners:
1st – 5NP
2nd – 6MT
3rd – 8IS



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



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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 :

5CA

Runners up 5NP

8IS

Runners up 7PG & 8SH

Top 10 Students of the week !

Anthony 5EC
Zohair 8DA
Samira 8SH
Nhyiraba 8SH
Amelia 5EC
Anyia 8TM
Nimra 7FD
Yahya 8IS
Tanaka 6LD
James 6MT



Carol Singing

On Thursday 14th December, some of our singers spent the day visiting two local care homes to sing Christmas carols and perform for them. We visited Miles House for a morning of songs and then Field view residential home in the afternoon, where the residents were singing and dancing along to some Christmas classics. Both our pupils and the residents at both homes had a great time and were definitely feeling the festive spirit by the end of the day.





Christmas Show 2023

On Tuesday 12th December Woodfield Academy hosted our annual Christmas show. Family and friends were treated to a festive evening of music and dance, compliments of some of our very talented pupils. The audience were also entertained by some of Woodfield staff delighting them with Christmas bell ringing performance, one you had to have seen to believe! Thank you to all the supportive families and amazing pupils for taking part and sharing in our Christmas celebrations.





Family Support

Family Support at Woodfield is changing...

We understand that life can be hard and sometimes we all need a little extra help and support. We are working with local agencies to improve our 'Family Support' offer. As a school we recognise, that a problem shared can be a problem solved - or at least we can point you in the right direction to get help! By working together to help you, your child(ren) we can hopefully make a difference - especially for our pupils.

To help shape our Family Support offer, please following the link and complete a short 5 question survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/ApkeR9KQ7V>



Whether it is an issue with finance or housing, health or SEND, Mental Health or relationships we are here for you. You can reach out to the Family Support Team for advice and guidance - Miss Doidge, Mrs. Freeman and Miss Chapman - by:

Telephone: 01527527081

Email: familysupport@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

For more information following the links from our webpage: [Family Support | Woodfield Academy](#)

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.



Forest School

We have had another busy and enjoyable few weeks at Forest School, outside having fun in all weathers, pupils loving the mud and being creative with Christmas crafts. Whittling wooden gnomes, making decorations from clay, decorating wooden roundels and drilling conkers to hang on the trees.

We have made bird feeders from oranges, practised our fire lighting skills and drunk hot chocolate.

Our Forest School site will be rested over the festive period to allow the plants and animals who live there to enjoy some peace and quiet and have time to recover.

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming back our Forest Schoolers in January.





On Wednesday 6th December, several staff from Howmet Aerospace came into the school to do a workshop with some of our Year 7 pupils. This is one



of several of the school's initiatives to get pupils thinking about what they'd like to do in the future as a career. Howmet Aerospace is a local engineering company that has over eighty years of history in the manufacture of parts used in the aircraft industry. Pupils got to find out



what is involved in the manufacturing process including how robotics is used, which particularly interested them. Howmet creates amongst other things, a wide range of fasteners used in aircraft, and pupils were astonished to learn that over a million of these are used in an average plane. In the Spring term the same group of pupils will visit their factory in Redditch to take a first-hand look at what the manufacturing process involves. Howmet is a company that employs a number of apprentices. An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences of that particular trade. Alongside on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally recognised qualification. Many apprentices end up getting a job with the employer they did their apprenticeship with, and this is certainly true with Howmet. Apprenticeships are a valuable and popular route into employment and later in the school year we will have a representative from Worcestershire Apprenticeships come in to explain to our Key Stage 3 pupils exactly what they involve. If you'd like to find out more information about apprenticeships and careers you can find information and links on our school website. The workshop ended with a very intense but enjoyable jigsaw challenge. Unfortunately I am sworn to secrecy about which team came out the winners!

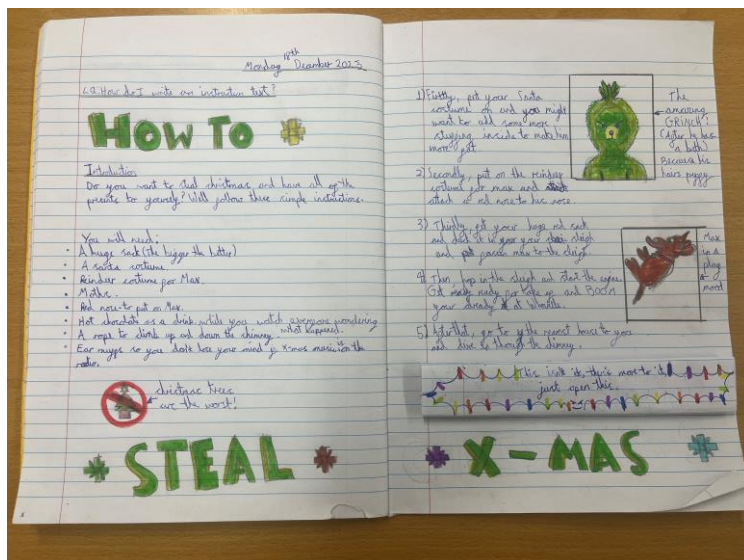
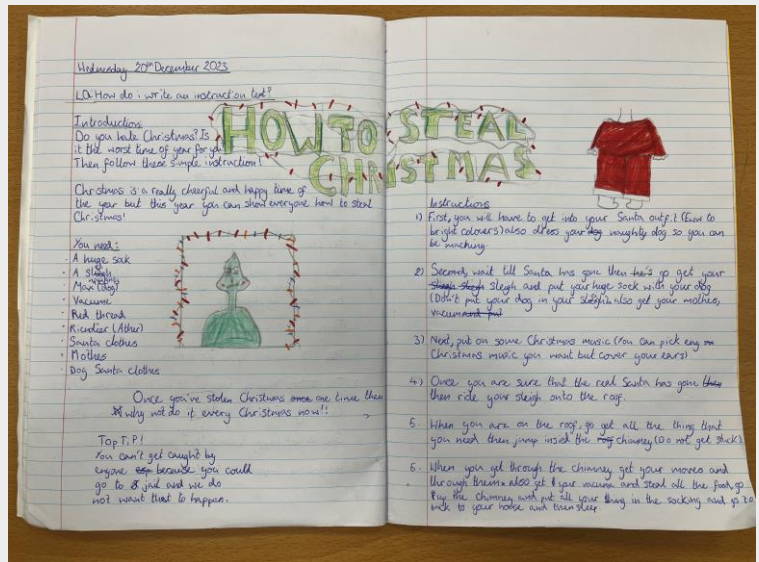
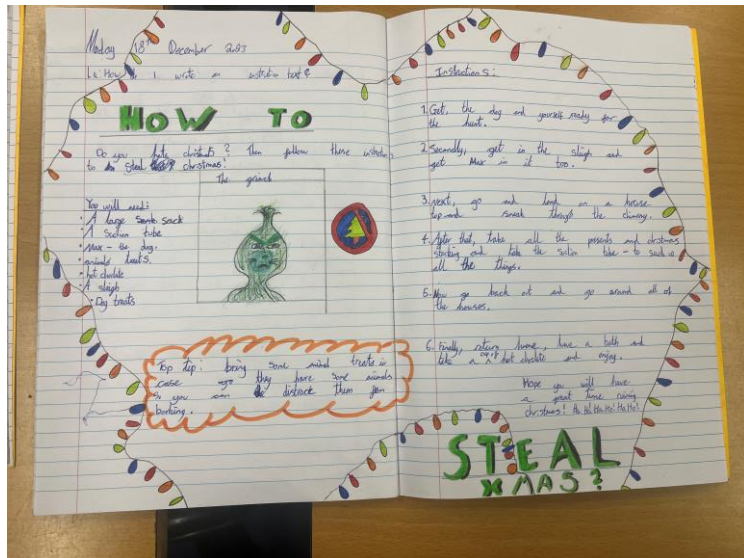
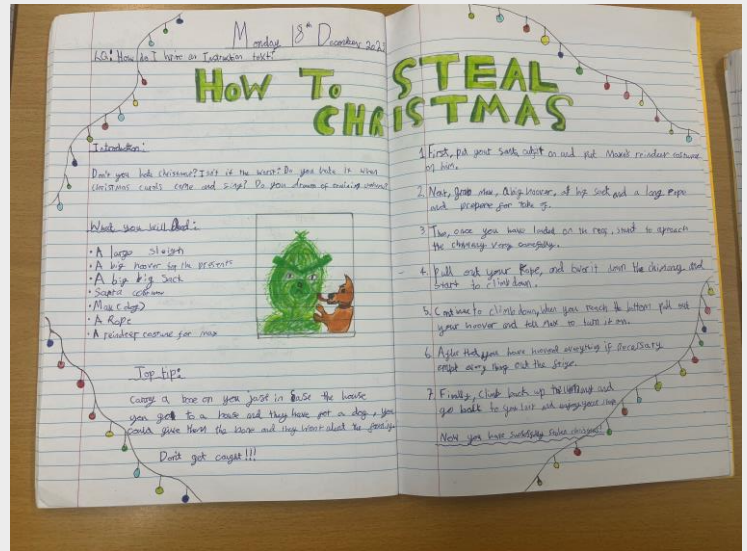




Year 5

For the past couple of weeks, year 5 have been learning about how to write a set of instructions, and in the theme of Christmas we asked them to create an instruction text based on 'The Grinch' and 'How to steal Christmas'.

They have really enjoyed this topic and in the process, they have produced some great pieces of work. Please see below a selection from across the year group.





KS3 Pupils were invited to apply for the role of "Arts Leader" in years 7&8. Interested artists were asked to create a piece of artwork inspired by the themes "Past, Present and Future".

There was a great mix of responses and 25 Arts leaders were selected by the Art Department. The successful pupils will earn colours on their paint palette badges for tasks, such as working in three dimensions and working with a professional artist.

The pupils were awarded their keyrings and certificates in awards assemblies this week and the roles will commence in January 2024.

KS3 Arts Leaders





Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

Once again, Debs and Grace dressed for the occasion. Our fabulous catering team put on a fabulous meal and Mr Straw donned his sparkly jacket and joined in with the festivities.



Cyberfirst Girls

In November, four year 8 girls took part in the National Cyber Security Centre's competition, CyberFirst Girls. The CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire girls interested in technology to pursue a career in cyber security. At present, women make up only 17% of the UK cyber workforce. This contest is designed to help address the lack of diversity and encourage girls to explore the world of cyber and technology. The competition, which was a team event, saw the "Woodfield 1 Wonders" tackle challenges from cryptography and logic to artificial intelligence and networking.

After a week of completing challenges and much hard work, the team amassed 5168 points, with cryptography being their most successful subject. Some challenges pushed the girls to think even deeper and addressed many high-level topics (some of which even made Mr Smith cry!).

This year saw the biggest uptake of competitors, with over 12,500 girls taking part nationwide across 750 schools. The "Woodfield 1 Wonders" placed 2nd in the West Midlands region, and 95th in the country- meaning that the four girls placed in the top 12% of the country.

The girls have performed admirably, and we want to congratulate Darcey, Aishah, Anya, and Hafsah, for their effort and achievement. They are a great representation of our #OneWoodfield values.



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

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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

