



A note from the Headteacher....

Welcome back,

I hope you all had a great break and are looking forward to the Spring term.

For 2024 we have launched our #OneWoodfield Wonder Of The week, where only one pupil each week is awarded with the prestigious title. A pupil can be nominated for the award by displaying at least one of our core values of Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Compassion. The very first winner was Jacob who returned to school with an amazing attitude towards his studies especially in his PSHRE lessons. The winning pupil will be displayed in reception each week with a greeting to all visitors and their picture displayed on the school 'Wonder Wall' for the next year.

We wish you all a prosperous and successful new year.

#OneWoodfield

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

Important Dates:

Jan 2024

23rd & 26th – Dogs Trust visit KS2

Feb 2024

5th & 8th – Parents Evening (in person)

12th-16th – Half Term

19th – Return 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 12th January 2024



The winners of 'In to Win' are:

Eshaal A 5NP
Riley F 6LD
Carwyn B 7FD
Lacey S 8DA

Scoot School winners:
5VP & 8IS



Freddo Friday winners:

1st – 8IS (97.77%)
2nd – 8JB (96.98%)
3rd – 5VP (96.88%)



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 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.

KS2 Spelling

Year 5 and 6 pupils have recently brought home a Spring 1 Spelling Booklet and each week they are given a list of spellings to learn. Please support and encourage your child to complete the weekly activities in their booklet. Pupils who complete all three activities each week and show them to their English teacher will receive an E-praise point.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Sealey



Library

Thank you to Miss Morris and Mrs Sheffield for their kind book donations to the library.



Please support us by following our Social Media accounts:



Facebook: [/OneWoodfield](#)
Twitter: [@OneWoodfield](#)
Instagram: [OneWoodfield](#)



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>



Compassion Respect #OneWoodfield Responsibility Resilience



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:

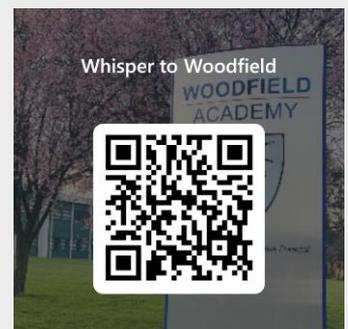
Telephone: 01527527081

Email: familyssuppot@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

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

Report @ Whisper to Woodfield

If you are worried about a child or a family member and would like to alert school to your concerns, please use the QR code or [link](#) to our anonymous reporting tool. Your report will be logged with the Safeguarding Team.





Forest School

Forest School has been a hive of activity since returning from Christmas Break. We have been investigating what animals have been scampering around by identifying what tracks have been left in the mud.

We have continued making bird feeders to keep our feathered friends well fed in this freezing weather. We have also continued to develop our whittling skills to make wooden stakes to keep our pathways in place. The bowsaw has become a favourite tool for many of our pupils.

The groups have demonstrated all of Woodfield's core values these past few weeks

Responsibility - taking care of our Forest School

Resilience - keeping going even though the weather has been so cold

Compassion - providing food for the animals who we share Forest School with

Respect - making sure we don't damage or disturb the habitats of our animal friends
#OneWoodfield



Creating a more active and healthier two counties

£7000 awarded to support us in opening our facilities for community use

Woodfield Academy has received £7000 in Opening School Facilities funding from the Department for Education, distributed by Active Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The funding will support us in renovating our Sports Hall flooring and launching a weekly multi-sport session exclusively for girls, in partnership with local organisation P&E Sports.





Are you nearing the end of your University Degree? Are you looking for a career change? Ever considered a career in teaching?

With TEACH@BMAT you can train to teach secondary at Trinity High School or primary at Holyoakes Field First School

Trainee places available

Art & Design	Design & Technology	Mathematics	Physics
Biology	English	Modern Languages (French)	Primary
Business Studies	Geography	Modern Languages (Spanish)	Psychology
Chemistry	Health & Social Care	Music	RE
Computing	History	Physical Education	

Why train with us?

Bordesley Multi Academy Trust is an accredited provider of school-based teacher training, where courses lead to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). These courses are designed to prepare our trainees to start their journey towards becoming an outstanding teacher, delivering high-quality, purposeful and inclusive learning experiences, inspiring a love of learning, and bringing outstanding outcomes for our students.

What are the entry requirements?

An undergraduate degree at class 2:2 or above, or equivalent.
Grade 4 (C) or above in English, maths and science, or equivalent qualification.
We consider candidates with pending GCSEs.
We consider candidates who need to take a GCSE equivalency test in English, Maths or Science.

What to expect?

The main placement school is Trinity High School for secondary or Holyoakes Field First School for primary. Our trainees will be in school with us for four days a week and will be involved in all aspects of a teacher's work. One day a week there will be pedagogical training, which will be a combination of specific 'Subject Studies' sessions and more general 'Professional Studies' session. These will take place at different school involved in the SCITT. There will also be a second, shorter school placement at a contrasting school, in the spring term.

Can I get any financial support?

You could be eligible for a bursary of up to £28,000. To be eligible you'll need a 2:2 degree in an eligible subject. You may also be eligible for a student loan.

Get in touch

@ teach@bmat.co.uk

01527 58 58 59

www.bmat.co.uk/teacher-training



BMAT is located at:
Trinity High School, Easemore Road, Redditch, Worcestershire, B96 8HB

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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 4th September 2023

TED Monday 4th September 2023

TED Tuesday 5th September 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL Wednesday 6th September 2023

TED Friday 6th October 2023

HALF TERM Monday 30th October 2023 – Friday 3rd November 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 6th November 2023

TERM ENDS Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

TERM STARTS Monday 8th January 2024

TED Monday 8th January 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL Tuesday 9th January 2024

HALF TERM Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 19th February 2024

TERM ENDS Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

TERM STARTS / BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 8th April 2024

HALF TERM Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 3rd June 2024

TERM ENDS FOR PUPILS Friday 19th July 2024

TED Monday 22nd July 2024

TERM ENDS Monday 22nd July 2024

Other Dates

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

