



A note from the Headteacher....

Half term??? Well that was a quick one, but we still managed to pack so much in to the start of Spring. Today was our mental health 'Express yourself' day where pupils could attend school in any outfit, they felt showed who they are. I went back to my Physical Education teaching days and felt quite at home out of the collar and tie and in my tracksuit. It was surprising to see so many Aston Villa shirts around the school since they were well beaten in the FA cup by my team, Chelsea! I would like to thank all parents/carers who attended the evenings this week and for all those who have completed the survey on the evening or online. This gives us a valuable tool to keep doing many of the things you like, but also to develop other areas you have suggested.

I wish you all a happy and safe half term, and we will see you on Monday 19th February.

#OneWoodfield

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

Important Dates:

Feb 2024

19th – Return to School

23rd – Y7 Spoz Visit

Mar 2024

6th – Y7 [select pupils] to Worcestershire Skills Show

7th – World Book Day

18th – KS3 Assembly Worcestershire

Apprenticeships

22nd – Last day of 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 2nd February 2024



The winners of 'In to Win' are:

Willow C 5 CA

Tanaka S 6LD

Carson S 7PG

Ethan F 8DA

Scoot School winners:
5SS & 8IS



Freddo Friday winners:

1st 5SS - 98.97%

2nd 8IS - 98.5%

3rd 8JB - 94.14%



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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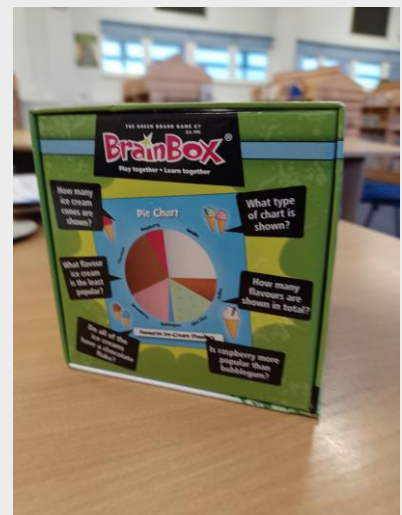
Instagram: [OneWoodfield](#)

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.

Library

Thank you to Miss Philpott for her book donation of 8 Dogman books to the library, they are very popular with the pupils. Thanks also to Mr Harvey for his donation of a BrainBox game.





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:

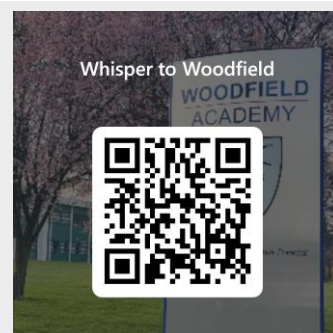
Telephone: 01527527081

Email: familysupport@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

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

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

We have had a great couple of weeks in Forest School, developing our whittling skills, building mini fences, competing for the best mud inspired Masterchef creation and planting trees. A huge thank you to the two lovely residents of Broughton Hackett for donating some logs for seating and to AA Salt and AA Grounds Maintenance for their generous donations of saplings.

Our Year 5 Forest School group thoroughly enjoyed spending their session working with AA Grounds Maintenance planting the saplings. Our pupils were fantastic Eco-Ambassadors for Woodfield and we can't praise or thank them enough for their hard work and enthusiasm.

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 :

7PG
Runners up 7DD & 7DN

Top 10 Students of the week!

Charlie 8IS
Marlena 8DA
Hamaad 7FD
Poppy 7PG
Julia 7DD
Henry 8JB
Alex 7HM
Muhammad - Eissa 7FD
Iris 7DN
Aizah 7PG



Year 8 Stratford Visit

90 Students from Year Eight and 9 members of staff visited Stratford-Upon-Avon on Friday 19th January.

This was a cross curricular visit organised by the Art, Science and English departments. It was a great day and demonstrated the connections between core and foundation subjects. Students were given the opportunity to handle mini beasts at the Butterfly farm, write with a quill and experience an immersive lesson at Shakespeare's School Room and view interactive installations and sculptures at the Mad museum.





Chinese New Year

Our fabulous catering team treated staff and pupils to some incredible food in celebration of Chinese New Year.



Dogs Trust Visit

KS2 students recently participated in a workshop with Charlotte from the dog's trust. The aim of her visit was to encourage students to display safe and kind behaviours towards both familiar and unfamiliar dogs. The workshops provided students with training on how to approach everyday situations with dogs - including some drama and role play with real-life scenarios. Students thoroughly enjoyed learning about this we were all impressed with their listening and thoughtful questions. Many thanks to Charlotte for coming in to provide this valuable experience for the children.





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



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www.bmat.co.uk/teacher-training



BMAT is located at:
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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 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

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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

