



A note from the Headteacher....

Thank you everybody for such a fantastic term. We have made lots more memories over the past few weeks as pupils have been involved in the Christmas show, carol singing at care homes, attending the Malvern residential, making money for charity at the winter fair, or just enjoying the wonderful Christmas lunch and jumper day. We also had an inspection from Ofsted who said some very positive comments about the school. These included:

- 'The School has high ambitions for pupils'
- 'Pupils enjoy learning and attend school regularly. They are friendly and polite'
- 'The school drives its ambitions for all pupils through a broad curriculum'
- 'Staff know pupils well and receive information and helpful strategies to meet each pupils needs'

There were many more and you can access the full report on our website ([10343971-Woodfield-Academy-138208-Final-1.pdf](#))

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, enjoy your time with family and friends, or just relaxing and having a break from the normal working week.

We will see you in the New Year ready to continue our amazing journey.

#OneWoodfield

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

Important Dates:

January 2025

6th – TED

7th – Start of spring 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.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am – 8:30am 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.



Communication Policy

Due to commitments on their time, staff are not always available to see you in person, take your call or respond to your email immediately.

With the exception of safeguarding concerns*, we aim to respond to calls and emails within 2 school days.

Any safeguarding concerns will be dealt with as a priority

Please note that our office hours are 8.00am-4.30pm so please do not expect to get a response outside of these times. Calls/emails marked urgent will be prioritised.

A reminder of our communication routes is on the last page. Messages can also be sent to the office/teachers via MCAS.

Please support us by following our Social Media accounts:



Facebook: [/OneWoodfield](#)

Twitter: [@OneWoodfield](#)

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.

LPPA Award

Hello parents/carers. As a school we are working our way through a course which tells us how we work with you, and how we can improve. The most recent MCAS/ePraise coffee afternoon was something which came out of the LPPA award meetings and was very successful. Please keep an eye out for future events; they will be advertised in the KS2 notice board by the KS2 gates. We also have our suggestions box in reception. Any ideas you have, please pop into reception and drop them into the box.

Thank you - Mr Hale

FRIENDS OF WOODFIELD PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

V O L U N T E E

WHAT'S MISSING?

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We are seeking new members and volunteers to join our PTA. Come and help us support the school.



Please contact T. Golding to find out more at goldingt@gov.bmat.co.uk





Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair and to the external staff holders.

It was a very busy but very successful event.

The PTA wishes staff, parents, carers and pupils of Woodfield Academy a very Merry Christmas.





Library

A huge thank you to Mrs Little and Ariana in Y6 for their very generous book donations to the library. Some fantastic books!



ART



Love Woodrow Glass Piece
By Sarah Brown and pupils at Woodfield Academy

In July 2024, people in Woodrow commissioned artist Sarah Brown to work with people in the community to design some new public artwork to brighten up the centre, bring people together and help make the community feel proud of where they live.

Sarah asked people to share their memories and photographs of the area. She hosted 50 creative workshops and she sent out Love Woodrow craft bags to every household.

Sarah spent a week of her residency at Woodfield Academy, where pupils had the opportunity to work with glass for the very first time. They learned how sheets of glass are made by hand, and how to create images using frits, glass shards and enamel. They also learned how glass changes once fired in the kiln.

These designs came from memories of Woodrow shared by members of the community. They include the old sweet shop, 12p toy planes from Bill store, fishing at Arrow Valley Lake, and the muchloved discos on a Friday night.

It was lovely to see so many students and their families at the launch party for the unveiling of Woodfield's glass art.

Re-imagine Redditch invited the whole school to the event on Saturday 14th December at the Den and Woodrow Centre. Pupils were given the chance to make paper lanterns and were treated to songs by the Christmas tree, hot chocolates and a lantern parade as part of the "Love Woodrow" projects.

The glass work that students made with Sarah Brown was framed and displayed in the Community Centre and looks fantastic. You should all be very proud of yourselves. What a great collaborative piece of Public art!! Our visiting poet "Spoz" was also hosting an open mic session and there was a disco in spirit of the Year 7 panels based on disco balls and dancing. Well done to all students and their families who took part.

Please visit the Community Centre when in Woodrow Centre to view the artwork that you have made!

Happy Christmas from the Art department



Forest School

We have had a very creative and fun-filled autumn term at Forest School learning new skills, developing our existing ones and practising safe use of tools and fire making. We have cooked apples, made damper bread, made popcorn, built willow domes, carved pumpkins and made a variety of Christmas decorations using woodland material.

We would like to wish all our Forest Schoolers and their families a very happy holidays.

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Creative Ambassadors

KS3 Creative Ambassadors were invited along with the Woodfield Choir to visit two local care homes on Redditch.

Eight students drew beautiful portraits of the elderly residents which will be delivered to the care homes and displayed within the Academy. It was a great opportunity to draw from life and to forge links in the community. Even some of our younger students from the choir were keen to practice their drawing skills and participated in between songs!

The residents loved the artwork and were really impressed by our artistic students!

I look forward to displaying the portraits in the foyer in the new year!





Woodfield Christmas Show

On Tuesday 10th December we held our Woodfield Christmas show. Pupils across all year groups performed in front of a packed hall and treated family and friends to some festive entertainment. Some of the talented pupils who performed included Charlotte in year 8, performing 'Silent Night' on the violin, Lydia in year 8 who sang 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas', Alex in year 6 playing 'Jingle Bells' on the guitar as well as the Woodfield singers and the Woodfield dance group. The Woodfield animation group also showcased their short film 'The 12 days of Christmas'. The evening was a showcase of the amazing work teachers and pupils have been doing in creative and performing arts this term.



Carol Singing at Care Homes

On Friday 13th December Music and Art pupils from Woodfield Academy visited two local Redditch care homes to entertain the residents with some Christmassy music and crafts. Miss Dawes and the singing group sang carols and played hand bells, whilst the art pupils under the direction of Mrs Lawlor, sketched portraits of the residents. It was a lovely festive day and our pupils were warmly welcomed by staff and residents from both homes.





Student Council

A big thank you to everyone that donated money or items for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. On our non-uniform day, we raised £336 which was used to buy various items such as toys, toiletries, chocolate, socks, gloves and scarves. The Student Council have worked tirelessly to put together an amazing 100 shoeboxes! These have been donated to Redditch Night Stop, Friends of Isaac's Foodbank and the rest will be going to the St Stephens toy appeal. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Essay Writing Competitions

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS LISTINGS

The Magical Map

Creative Writing Competition for 7 – 12-year-olds. You can win a creative writing goody bag! Your story could be published in a book!

Write 100-word story. Deadline Dec 12th.

Cartoon Museum Awards

Anyone under the age of 30. Create cartoons, short comic strips. We are looking for a wide range of cartoonists all ages from all over the UK.

Deadline Feb 2nd 2025

www.cartoonmuseum.org/about/awards


The Royal Mint Write a Short Story

Writing Competition launching January 2025. The topic will be Sustainable Futures.


www.royalmintmuseum.org.co.uk/learning/short-story-competition/

INTERESTED IN ENTERING
SPEAK TO MR KALSI







Redditch School Holiday Club



Christmas HAF

This Christmas season, we're offering a festive lineup of exciting activities for everyone to enjoy!



Holiday Camp 5-13 Year Olds.

This Christmas, enjoy a variety of camps, including Football, Dance, and Gaming, running from 9AM to 3PM. These camps are free for children eligible for free school meals. These camps are a great opportunity to engage in something new over the break.

<https://huf.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001/4o7n>

Youth Club 11-16 Year Olds.

This Christmas, our youth club for older children offers plenty of fun, with pool tables, game consoles and more! Attend all four sessions and receive a free season ticket for the rest of the 24/25 season! This is completely free for children eligible for free school meals.

<https://huf.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001/4o7n>


Breakfast With Santa.

Come and enjoy a magical breakfast with Santa himself on December 14th! Everyone will tuck into a delicious breakfast and every child will receive a present from Santa. This is free for children who are eligible for free school meals.

<https://huf.bookinglab.co.uk/worcestershire/37001/4o7n>

Match Day Family Packages.

We are handing out match day packages to various families in the community, through our partner schools, which will include a family ticket to our January 4th Fixture and a family food voucher to be used at the game and also various Redditch United Merchandise.




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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR FUN DAYS

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

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January



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 £27.50 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.



Scan the QR code for more information, call 01344 508008 or email info@lets-play.org.uk
Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk

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Family Support

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.



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:

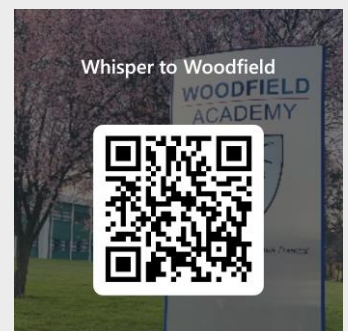
Telephone: 01527527081

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.





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...





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 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

TERM STARTS	Monday 2 nd September 2024 TED Monday 2nd September 2024 TED Tuesday 3rd September 2024
BACK TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 4 th September 2024 TED Friday 25th October 2024
HALF TERM	Monday 28 th October 2024 – Friday 1 st November 2024
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 4 th November 2024
TERM ENDS	Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 6 th January 2025 TED Monday 6th January 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 17 th February 2025 – Friday 21 st February 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 24 th February 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 11 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

TERM STARTS / BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 28 th April 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 26 th May 2025 – Friday 30 th May 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 2 nd June 2025
TERM ENDS FOR PUPILS	Friday 18 th July 2025
TERM ENDS	TED Monday 21st July 2025

Other Dates

GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 18 th April 2025
EASTER MONDAY	Monday 21 st April 2025
MAY DAY	Monday 5 th May 2025
WHITSUN BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 26 th May 2025



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

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

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

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

SEND: send@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 2024-25	Mr T Brook
Head of Year 6 2024-25	Mr M Hale
Head of Year 7 2024-25	Miss J Brettle
Head of Year 8 2024-25	Mrs P Grimsley



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

