



A note from the Headteacher....

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. I hope you have all had a great start to the New Year and that the Dry January, gym membership and healthy eating is going well!

We have already had a busy first 3 weeks with Year 7 spending some time with our visiting poet and Year 5 experiencing a virtual reality day to bring their learning to life. All the clubs for Spring term are now underway and the swimming for some Year 5 groups is up and running.

It has been particularly sad to hear of the news of a stabbing of a 12-year-old boy in Birmingham when he left school this week. Although we send a constant message to pupils on respect and have knife awareness assemblies, I urge all parents to have the same conversations at home. It is all of our duty to keep the children safe, but also teach the about societal challenges and the peer pressure of carrying a weapon. Some of you will agree that some of our pupils have a bit to say for themselves, but I hope we can all send the right message about how to act if challenged on the local streets or parks. If the adults keep the same constant message, then the streets of Redditch will be safer.

I hope you have all received the message about parents evenings on the 3rd and 6th of February. We frequently get asked about communication and this is a great way to meet subject teachers face to face and discuss the progress of your child.

I hope to see most of you at these evenings, stay safe and #OneWoodfield.

Mr N Straw
Headteacher

Important Dates:

February 2025

3rd and 6th – Parents Evenings

13th – Y5 Trip to Think Tank

17th to 21st – Half Term

March 2025

3rd and 4th – NCMP (Y6)

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





Pupil Premium @ Woodfield

The Pupil Premium is extra government funding which is paid to support children in reaching their full potential

Am I eligible for Pupil Premium?

Qualifying benefits are as follows:

- ⇒ Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits
- ⇒ Income Support
- ⇒ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ⇒ Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- ⇒ Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- ⇒ Guaranteed Pension Credit
- ⇒ Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school receives additional funding to enable us to enhance our support.

We can support you with:

- Uniform costs
- Up to 50% subsidised costs towards school trips and residentials
- Targeted support for early readers, pupils in their SATs year and SEMH needs
- Musical instrument lessons
- A place at our Forest School
- A place at Breakfast Club

Scan the QR code to find out more and apply



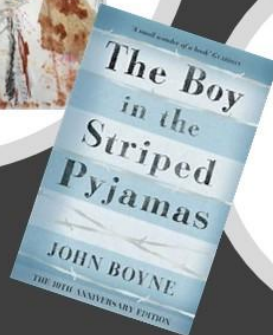


Library

A huge thank you to Mr Harvey for his kind book donation this week.



ART



Holocaust Memorial Day 2025: For A Better Future

Year 7 pupils were invited to produce a piece of artwork to remember the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution. The work had to involve a candle or a flame that could be displayed in the Ecumenical centre and possibly Redditch Library.

Twelve pieces of creative work all very different in interpretation, were delivered to the Library and will be used on Sunday 26th January (the day before the official Holocaust Memorial day which falls on Monday 27th January) to mark 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz. Pupils in year 7 have also been reading "The boy in the striped pyjamas" which gave them thoughtful insight to the atrocities.





Spoz

January 21st saw the return of guest speaker author and poet Giovanni 'Spoz' Esposito. Delivering an outstanding workshop to all Year 7 students. It was great to see every single child taking part in the programme.

Although not everyone may not of had the confidence to deliver and perform their poems at the end of the day. Every single child was involved in the process. Walking into the hall, I was met with a loud noise coming from the pupils cheering each other as they took part in a word-based rap battle.

This is a what our guest speaker Spoz is known for. He entertains, excites, motivates, and challenges the pupils to explore and expand their use of words and the English language. Watching them it looks like they had a lot of fun doing that.

There were two sessions run and from the two groups, two teams have been selected to perform and represent the school at the poetry slam event to be held at the Palace theatre sometime in April. Congratulations to the teams of 'the Sigma Stanzas and Macie's Metaphor for their winning presentations.



Writing Competition

Congratulations to the 13 pupils from Woodfield spanning the year groups KS2 and KS3 for being selected as part of a national writing competition. All the pupils will be having their work printed and published in a book to be released later in the year. The competition was open to all pupils nationwide under the age of 13. The task was to write a Magical Story no more than 100 words.

Pictured are 10 of the selected writers. Well Done.





Y5 VR Day

On Wednesday, 15th January, Prime VR delivered a workshop that transported our Y5 pupils to the tallest mountain on earth, Mount Everest. They visited Base Camp as well as a village settlement 4,750m above sea level. This workshop was a fantastic opportunity to put mountains into perspective and help our pupils understand scale and landscape.





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:

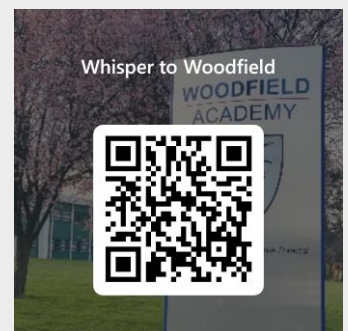
Telephone: 01527527081

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

