



## A note from the Headteacher....

Welcome back everybody and I hope you had an enjoyable, or at least restful half term. It has been great to drive to school without the full beam headlights on, and that when leaving it is still nearly daylight. This means Spring is upon us and we look forward to the second half of our school year.

We have spoken to the pupils about pride in themselves and their work. To do this they need the correct uniform and also equipment for learning. Many pupils are now running out of pens and pencils and this half term is a good opportunity to top up the pencil cases. As I have been around classrooms in the past few days the pupils have really taken to this and their presentation in books has vastly improved.

I look forward to writing to you again in a few weeks when the daffodils are on full parade, and we start to think about Easter.

#OneWoodfield

Mr N Straw  
Headteacher

## Important Dates:

### March 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Mock SATs week

### April 2025

1<sup>st</sup> – Woodfield's Got Talent

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Heights and Weights

## 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](mailto: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





## ATHLETICS

Our KS3 pupils attended the District Indoor Athletics on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Arrow Vale High School.

All pupils represented the academy immaculately.

Our Y7 girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place, winning the silver medals as a team. Our Y8 girls also achieved silver as a team. An amazing achievement by the girls!

Unfortunately, our Y7 and Y8 boys' teams did not place in the medals this time, although they played extremely well.

## STEM

A huge well done to all who participated in the Worcester primary STEM engineering competition. While there were lots of amazing designs a special well done to Alex and Lilly-Ann in 6EC who will be representing the school in the finals later this year.



## THINK TANK TRIP (YEAR 5)

The year 5s did the school proud with their outstanding behaviour at the Thinktank museum in Birmingham which had something for everyone from spitfires to thermal cameras!



Featuring Woodfield pupils showcasing their talents in a bid to win 1st place!



**Tuesday 1st April**

**6pm**

**Tickets available via MCAS £2**







## 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?](#)

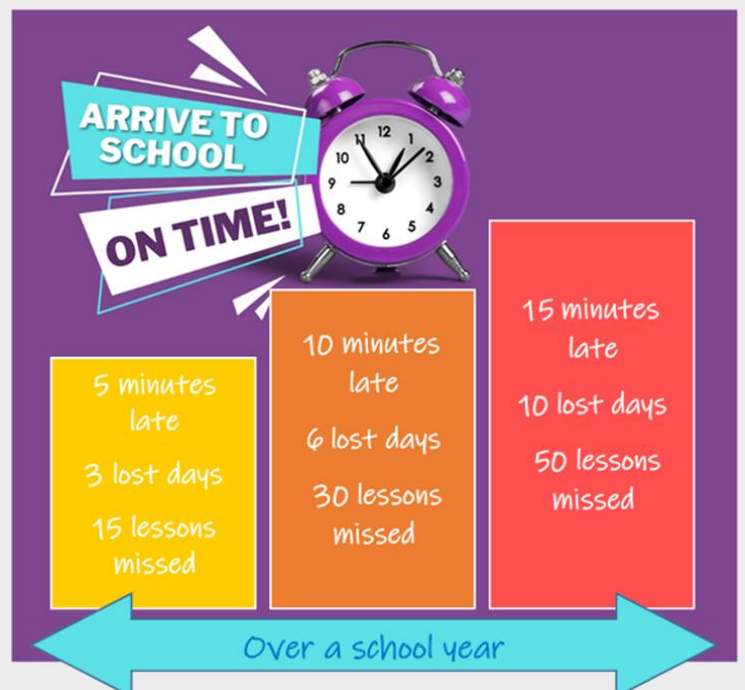
If your child is worried or anxious and not wanting to attend, please contact school via [attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk) so that Mr Hanks can assist and support.

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 WCC Citizen Portal:

[https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

### TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

#### Autumn Term 2024

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

#### Spring Term 2025

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

#### Summer Term 2025

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

#### Other Dates

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



## Communication & Apps

Telephone: 01527 527081

Website: [www.woodfield.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.woodfield.worcs.sch.uk)

Main School Email: [office@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:office@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Attendance: [attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Behaviour Issues: [behaviour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:behaviour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Anti-Bullying: [bullying@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:bullying@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Teaching & Learning: [teachingandlearning@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:teachingandlearning@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

SEND: [send@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:send@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Book A Tour: [tour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:tour@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Mental Health: [iamworried@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto:iamworried@woodfield.bmat.co.uk)

Safeguarding: [safeguarding@woodfield.bmat.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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

