



A note from the Headteacher....

It has been a wonderful half term with all the new pupils starting so well and a lovely feel around the school.

We have had several new staff start this term and they have commented on how well the children are doing. The 8 weeks have flown by, and we have already had lots of visitors to the school giving our pupils new experiences, and as I write this they are all listening to a live performance singer.

This is always the best half term break as there can be lots of fun around Halloween and Fireworks night. As always enjoys these responsibly and make sure that our values of respect and compassion are adhered to so that everybody gets to enjoy themselves equally.

We look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday 3rd November.

Enjoy the extra hour in bed on Sunday and get the wellies and woolly hats out.

#OneWoodfield

Mr N Straw
Headteacher



Important Dates:

Oct 2025

27th to 31st – Half Term

Nov 2025

3rd – Back to school

11th – KS3 Malvern Trip Parents Meeting 4pm

14th – Children In Need

19th – Y5 Trip to Think Tank

Dec 2025

1st – Tutor Evening

8th – Y6 NCMP

9th – Christmas Concert 6pm

15th to 17th – KS3 Trip to Malvern

19th – Christmas Fayre 2pm to 3:30pm

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.

Reporting Pupil Absence

Parents/carers please ensure you report pupil absence before 8:10am by either:

- Send an email to attendance@woodfield.bmat.co.uk
- 'Report an Absence' on MCAS
- Phone the school office on 01527 527081 and press option 1

Please note we no longer use StudyBugs



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.



Parent/ Carer coffee drop in mornings

Does your child have SEND needs?
Do you want to support us to improve inclusive practice across our trust?
Please come along!

Joanne Mowby, Strategic Lead for SEND and inclusion for the Trust, would like to meet regularly with parents and carers of pupils with SEND this academic year.

Your experiences and feedback are important to us. We want to work more closely with you to ensure that every pupil in our Trust feels that they belong, that they can achieve and reach their potential.

Coffee mornings are being planned across the year at our four school venues. Based on what you would like, guest speakers and specific sessions on SEND needs will also be arranged following the first meeting. We are also hoping to work more closely with Worcestershire's Parent Carer Forum.

Please come along to any session that suits you, regardless of which school your child attends.

Sign up using the QR code or email send@bmat.co.uk to book a place



All sessions will be held 9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 22nd October: Birchensale Middle School
Wednesday 10th December: Trinity High School
Tuesday 30th February: Woodfield Academy
Tuesday 24th March: Holyoakes Field First School
Wednesday 20th May: Birchensale Middle School
Wednesday 1st July: Trinity High School



Y5 Trip to Think Tank

Parents/carers of pupils in Year 5 are reminded to please pay for the trip to Think Tank and Planetarium before Wednesday, 12th November.





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

To apply, either complete a form available from Reception, or submit an online application via the WCC Citizen Portal:

https://ems1.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en





Children's Mental Health

Following **Children's Mental Health Day**, we would like to remind parents and carers of a couple of resources available to support your child:

Lumi Nova App – Designed for **7–12-year-olds**, this app allows your child to create and complete missions that help them practice real-world skills, overcome fears, and build resilience.

Melo Onside – Designed for **11–16-year-olds**, Melo is a **free, early support service** provided by Onside Advocacy. It aims to improve the **emotional wellbeing and mental health** of children and young people across Worcestershire and Herefordshire.

Referrals can be made via:

- **Telephone:** 01905 673549
- **WhatsApp:** 07377 154731
- **Online:** [Melo :: Onside, Worcestershire & Herefordshire](#)

Library

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Parker-Evans for her thoughtful donation of books to the library. Her generosity is greatly appreciated and will be enjoyed by many.



Congratulations to 5 of our students who had their work published after winning a national poetry competition. A copy of the published book can be found in our school Library.



Digital therapy enabling children to self manage their worries

Recommended by **NICE**

LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

In partnership with **NHS**

BfB UKAS luminova.app

Science behind Lumi Nova

Research shows that **exposure therapy is the most effective** component of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), and highly effective for treating fears, worries or anxiety.

You start by setting goals, and then your child works their way through gradual steps which break their worry down - **learning that they can do it and build confidence.**

Lumi Nova's development was funded by the NHS, and co-created with clinicians, academics, teachers, parents and young people as well as award winning game experts.

Who is Lumi Nova for?

Lumi Nova is for **7-12 year olds** facing difficulties with anxiety*, including:

- » **Phobias** e.g. Being afraid of spiders or insects, heights, being near dogs, or the dark.
- » **Social anxiety** e.g. Feeling worried about making new friends, going to social events.
- » **Separation anxiety** e.g. Unable to sleep alone, worried about being away from parents, going to school.



*Lumi Nova is for children aged 7 - 12 experiencing mild to moderate anxiety. It is not recommended for use with children who have severe anxiety, are in crisis, have suicidal thoughts or are at risk of self-harm without clinical supervision. See instructions for use: bit.ly/luminova-ufa

Benefits of using Lumi Nova

Use Lumi Nova to help your child:

- » Learn **life long skills** to self manage their worries
- » Learn how to **break down big worries** into smaller, manageable challenges
- » Increase **resilience & confidence**
- » Better **understand and talk** about worries through a playful experience
- » Get **instant access** to highly effective evidence based therapy

Lumi Nova meets high standards of safety & security as a CE marked 'medical device' registered with the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency.

Scan QR code for access or visit:

NHS luminova.app/ELFT
East London
NHS Foundation Trust



Children and Young People's Early Support Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

Being a parent can be hard as well as amazing.

Supporting your child/young person through the changes and milestones of adolescence and secondary school years can be challenging at times. It is often a time when children and young people may face mental health or wellbeing challenges and life can feel pretty hard for them, and also for you as parents. They may be facing all kinds of issues including:

- Feeling anxious or depressed
- Having low self esteem or lack of confidence
- Friendship and Relationship problems
- Difficulties at school
- Struggling with anger and other emotions
- Panic attacks



A massive well done to Isabelle who took part in a Jelly Welly Dance and raised £50 for Girls Brigade - The Bridge. A great achievement Isabelle!



Knife Crime VR Experience

Last week, our Year 8 students took part in a powerful and thought-provoking Knife Crime VR experience. The immersive session used virtual reality technology to help students explore the real-life consequences of knife crime, encouraging them to make positive choices and understand the impact their decisions can have on themselves and others. The day sparked meaningful discussions and reinforced our school's commitment to promoting safety, empathy, and responsible citizenship.





A Woodfield Christmas



Story!



Tuesday 9th December, 6pm

**Pupil performances including music, dance
and comedy!**

Tickets on sale 17th Nov £2 via MCAS



Forest School

October in Forest school has been very busy with lots of activities. With the beautiful leaves dropping we have been busy creating leaf bunting to hang around our craft area, damper bread has been cooked over an open fire and the pupils have been improving their fire lighting skills and sustaining their own fires for 10 minutes this is harder than it sounds.

Pumpkin carving has commenced this week, with some amazing cutting skills being displayed but of course always keeping safe.

An ash tree was cut down last week just over the road from the school, we managed to get all the chippings to lay on our paths through the woods and spare branches which we can test our sawing skills on.



KS3 Creative ambassadors took part in two-day workshops to create re-cycled banners. The banners were then used in a banner parade as part of the On going “Love Woodrow” events as part of the “Re-imagine Redditch” organisation.

These events are aimed at raising the profile of the local area, improving the environment and encouraging local community groups to come together to celebrate and be proud of Redditch town, Woodrow in particular.

Students worked with local artist “Ildi” and made banners from re-cycled carrier bags (again donated by the local community). They produced their own positive message and used the image of the Woodfield tree as their central design emblem.





BONFIRE MENU

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

HOTDOGS
BEEF CHILLI
PIZZA PINWHEELS

POTATO WEDGES
GARDEN PEAS
SWEETCORN

TOFFEE APPLE TRAYBAKE &
CUSTARD

FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION CONTACT THE
CATERING MANAGER



National Youth Guitar Ensemble Workshop



Grab your guitars and join the National Youth Guitar Ensemble for our big play-along. We will be creating a pop-up guitar orchestra and having fun learning some pieces together on the day ready for a celebratory concert at the end for friends and family. Whatever your level of experience, you'll be playing alongside our team of guitarists from the National Youth Guitar Ensemble and there's lots of new guitar-friends to be made!

**FREE
workshop
opportunity!**

Who this is for: KS2

Experience level: most suitable for players who have completed at least one term of guitar learning. No music reading required.

What to bring: acoustic or classical guitars (not electric). If you use a guitar support (e.g. footstool) bring that too.

Timing: 1:30 – 4:30 with concert at 4pm for parents

Scan the QR code to sign up!



Woodfield Academy

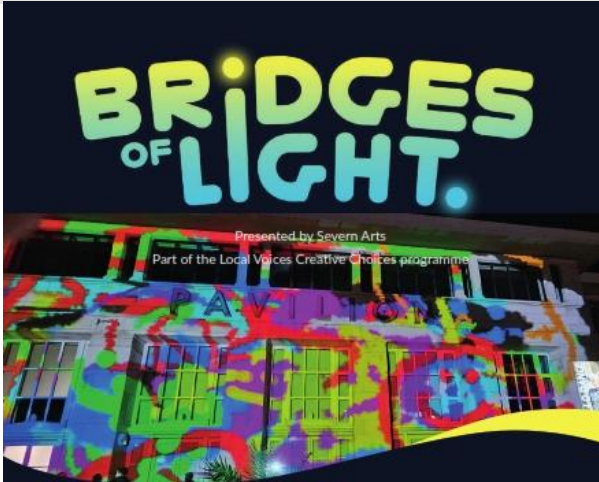
BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 14TH -19TH
BREAK & LUNCHTIMES

BUY BOOKS

The Library
Every break and lunchtime

Woodfield Academy's annual Book Fair will be held from 14th to the 19th of November. The Book Fair will run through break and lunch times and 15 mins after school. A great opportunity to purchase some new discounted books and stationery. For further information please speak to Mr Kalsi in the library.

BRIDGES OF LIGHT.

Presented by Severn Arts
Part of the Local Voices Creative Choices programme

Worcester City Centre
Free to Attend


**29 and 30
October
6pm-9pm**

Bridges of Light is a new, two-day light festival, with a focus on communities, creativity and collaboration.

Severn Arts

Through high quality light artwork, we invite you to share in our community stories. Visit our light installations, take part in our interactive artworks, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy Bridges of Light with family and friends.

Visit our website to discover more about Bridges of Light - meet the artists, explore their work, and find out how to navigate Worcester City Centre during the festival.



Share your videos and photos by tagging @SevernArts and using the hashtag #BridgesofLightWorcester

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November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



THE OLD NEEDLEWORKS PRESENTS....

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

THERE ARE 2 TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE OLD NEEDLEWORKS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

SPACES MUST BE PREBOOKED!

-DECEMBER 6TH, 2025-

9:00AM - 10:30 AM
11 PM - 12:30 PM

Please contact:
Cafe@theoldneedleworks.co.uk

To book your space!
(28 spaces available per slot, maximum 2 adults per party)

The Old Needleworks
Britten House, Britten Street
B97 6HD





Home/School Family Support

Justine, our Home/School Family Support Worker, will be working over the summer and can be contacted for any family support concerns.

In September, Justine and Mrs Ginns (EWO) will be holding weekly drop-in sessions 8.30am - 10.30am every Thursday. Parents will need to book by emailing or texting Justine directly. This will be for any worries or concerns around attendance, mental wellbeing or issues at home.



School Contact Details

Batchley First School
01527 62926

Woodfield Academy
01527 527081

Birchensale middle
01527 68430

Mobile:
07809330825

Email:
jfitzer@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

Home/School Family Support



JUSTINE FITZLER



Who is your Home/School Family Support Worker?

My name is Justine Fitzler



I have worked in the area for over eighteen years.

I know the journey of being a parent can take its twists and turns, and sometimes, we all need a little help along the way, that's what I am here for. If I can't help you, I know somebody who can.

I can be contacted through my Schools or alternatively you can contact me directly on:

Mobile:
07809330825

Email:
jfitzer@batchley.worcs.sch.uk

If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

What does a Home/School Family Support Worker do?

My role is to work closely with children and families who may be experiencing difficulties.

I listen and appreciate parents/carers issues and offer suggestions and advice for individuals and families

I can work with and support families during key school transitions including newcomers and moving to middle school.

I work with families who are going through difficult times including relationship breakdown, bereavement and mental health issues.

In consultation with parents/carers I can support children on a 1:1 basis (in school or in their home) or in a group, listening and working with them in different ways on managing their emotions, developing social skills and building their confidence

What does a Home/School Family Support Worker do?

- Bereavement, grief and loss
- Transition to new school
- Change in family circumstance
- Attendance
- Friendships
- Behavior
- Parenting
- Self-esteem
- Confidence
- Mental health
- Relationship breakdown
- Anxiety
- Trauma

This list is not exhaustive and there may be other reasons that a family might need support.

Sometimes you just might want someone to talk to outside of the family.



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.



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CHILDREN FIRST



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 - 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...





TERM DATES: ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

TERM STARTS	Monday 1 st September 2025
	TED Monday 1st September 2025 TED Tuesday 2nd September 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
	TED Friday 10th October 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 3 rd November 2025
TERM ENDS	Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

TERM STARTS	Monday 5 th January 2026
	TED Monday 5th January 2026
BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 23 rd February 2026
TERM ENDS	Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

TERM STARTS / BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 13 th April 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026
BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 1 st June 2026
TERM ENDS FOR PUPILS	Friday 17 th July 2026
TERM ENDS	TED Monday 20th July 2026

Other Dates

GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 3 rd April 2026
EASTER MONDAY	Monday 6 th April 2026
MAY DAY	Monday 4 th May 2026
WHITSUN BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 25 th May 2026



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 2025-26	Mrs P Grimsley
Head of Year 6 2025-26	Mrs N Philpott
Head of Year 7 2025-26	Mr M Hale
Head of Year 8 2025-26	Mr T Brook

Essential Equipment

All pupils should have the basic essential equipment with them every day. This includes:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Academy Planner | Reading book |
| Blue handwriting pen | Pencil |
| Coloured pencils | Eraser |
| Ruler | Sharpener |
| Refillable water bottle | |



All parents/carers are encouraged to download the MCAS app. With this app parents/carers can access all our communications, report pupil absence, 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.bmat.co.uk with the name of your child/ren, and an email with registration information will be sent to you.