



A note from the Headteacher....

Well, it's happened again, another half term has flown by and we are ready for a rest and recharge. The pupils are at the centre of everything we do, but this year we are looking to focus on the wider family and community who support our wonderful pupils. It is important that we hear from you as much as possible on how to develop our school, so we are looking at as many ways as possible to get parents/carers into the school building. This week we had a very popular SEND coffee and croissants event in conjunction with Worcestershire parent carer forum. It brought together some very interesting points on the challenges for pupils in modern society. This was followed up with the Swap Shop Cafe, giving parents the chance to exchange uniform, meet with a computer/phone expert and to have a coffee and a chat. Watch out for our next event before Easter where we will be encouraging you to come in and take part in activities with your child.

Also, please sign up for the parents evening after half term where Year 6 will also be able to sign up for a 'helping your child' event.

Right, I am off to do the sun dance ready for the half term break.

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Mr N Straw

Headteacher



Important Dates:

Feb 2026

16th to 20th – Half Term

25th – Creative Arts Trip to Birmingham Hippodrome

Mar 2026

2nd – Tutor Evening (Subject)

5th – World Book Day

5th – Tutor Evening (Subject)

17th – Woodfield's Got Talent 6pm

27th – Last day of term

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](https://www.facebook.com/OneWoodfield)

Twitter: [@OneWoodfield](https://twitter.com/OneWoodfield)

Instagram: [OneWoodfield](https://www.instagram.com/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.

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It's back for 2026!

Woodfield's



**GOT
TALENT**



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



**Tuesday 17th March
6pm**

Tickets available via MCAS £2



**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!

Jeanne Mawby, 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: Birchesdale Middle School
Wednesday 10th December: Trinity High School
Tuesday 24th March: Holycoakes Field First School
Wednesday 20th May: Birchesdale Middle School
Wednesday 1st July: Trinity High School



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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 residential
- 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://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en





Children's Mental Health

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](https://www.onside.org.uk/our-services/mental-health-and-wellbeing/melo-onside)

Digital therapy enabling children to self manage their worries



Recommended by **NICE**

LUMI NOVA
TALES OF COURAGE

In partnership with **NHS**

BfB 

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-ifu

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

CE 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



Melo 

Be well being you.

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's 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



ONSIDE Charity no. 116202

melo_onside.org.uk onside-advocacy.org.uk/melo 11–16 years parents

Forest School

January in Forest School has been very wet and challenging. The pupils have had amazing resilience, they have been building dens using new skills to tie knots, we have also been cooking damper bread over an open fire, which the pupils have built and lit. All these new skills have been helping pupils develop confidence and working well within a team of pupils they normally do not work with. Of course, there has been many chances to jump in puddles and get muddy, which shows resilience to our adverse weather.



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Music Mark of Recognition

Woodfield Academy has been awarded the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality in Music Education.

This award is given to schools that actively engage with local music hubs and provide extensive opportunities for young people to thrive in music and the arts.

A huge special mention goes to our fantastic Miss Dawes, Head of Music, whose passion and dedication consistently inspire pupils to engage with music and the performing arts .

We're incredibly proud of our students and staff for making music such a vibrant part of life at Woodfield Academy.





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Trinity High School & VIth Form Centre
Production of



ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.

Music & Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

Book by
Dennis Kelly

25th, 26th & 27th February 2026

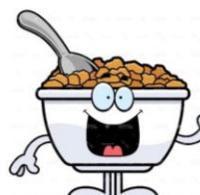
Main Hall 7pm

Buy Tickets Online £6.50

www.ticketsource.co.uk/trinity-high-school-vith-form-centre



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk



Where?
[Redditch Baptist Church](#)
When?
9.30am – 10.15am
Monday to Friday
From 16th to 20th February

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CLUB FOR FAMILIES

Contact the Breakfast Club at

whatson@redditchbaptist.org.uk

We are generously supported by

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Redditch
BAPTIST CHURCH
Where Christ is the centre and people matter

Entry is free. We aim to offer children and parents:

Cereal and fruit. Toast, crumpets and bagels with various toppings.

Orange and apple juice, squash, tea and coffee.

Toys and activities for younger children.

And always a warm and friendly welcome!

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LAUNCH PAD YOUTH

...FROM HERE, YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE!

for 8-14 year olds

VENUE:

Old Needleworks
Britten Street, Redditch
B97 6HD

WHEN:

Thursdays
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

£3 per session,
Creative arts, games, emotional/ wellbeing support, and social development.

To register your young person email
upfrich@gmail.com



Virtual Reality

This term pupils in Years 5-8 took part in a Virtual Reality workshop focused on understanding anti-social behaviour and its impact on others. Through immersive scenarios, the children were able to explore everyday situations from different perspectives and consider how choices, words, and body language can affect people around them. The follow up discussions showed thoughtful reflection and strong empathy, and the session provided a powerful way to support our PSHRE learning about respect, community, and making positive decisions.



Careers Assembly

This term our KS2 and KS3 pupils took part in an engaging careers assembly, exploring future pathways, new possibilities, and the skills they are developing every day in school. We were delighted to welcome a local police officer who shared a real insight into policing as a career and brought along their vehicle and equipment to make the session interactive and memorable. A group of pupils were invited to look around the squad car and take part in further discussion with the officers, which sparked lots of thoughtful questions and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see such curiosity and interest as pupils gained a broader understanding of the many opportunities open to them in the future.





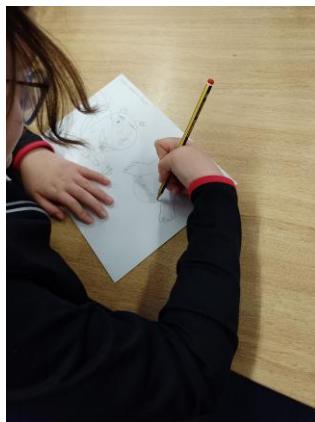
Celebrating Creativity and Wellbeing: Katie Abey Visit

This week, Key Stage 2 were treated to an inspiring visit from illustrator and author Katie Abey. Her visit couldn't have been better timed, as it coincided with Children's Mental Health Week. Her vibrant artwork and uplifting messages gave the pupils a powerful reminder of the importance of self-belief, resilience and embracing what makes them unique.

During a special assembly, Katie spoke openly about her journey to success, sharing not only achievements, but also challenges she faced along the way. She explained how she had to show resilience and put in lots of practice to be able to achieve her goals all while embracing her individuality.

Katie also worked with small groups of pupils to design their own "comforting creatures", imaginative mascots they can call upon whenever they need a boost of positivity. The results were wonderfully inventive, from a thoughtful Mindful Monkey to an Optimistic Octopus called Owen, who also loves oranges. Pupils combined features from different animals to create creatures that reflected their personalities, strengths and hopes, leading to some truly expressive artwork.

Katie's warmth, humour, and honesty left a lasting impression on pupils and staff alike, and the comforting creatures now on display in the library are a colourful reminder that positivity, imagination, and self-kindness go hand in hand.





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WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS
Parents online Workshop

NHS
Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Helping your child cope with the stress of exams and tests.

Run by the NHS's Wellbeing and Emotional Support in schools team. (WEST)

On the 26th of March, Online, on Teams: From 12pm to 1pm

Who is it for:
Parents who want to learn more about

Tips on how to support your child.

How to plan for exams and manage the associated stress and anxiety.

Join on Teams
Meeting ID: 351 821 756 529 4
Passcode: dk92dc7j

Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west

CHINESE NEW YEAR
February 24th

MAINS

CHICKEN CHOW MEIN
SWEET & SOUR QUORN WITH RICE
CHINESE CHICKEN CURRY
SERVED WITH
SELECTION OF SPRINGS ROLLS
PRAWN CRACKERS

PUDDING

CHINESE MANGO PUDDING
CHIFFON CAKE

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS
Parents online Workshop

NHS
Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

Building resilience in your child.

Run by the NHS's Wellbeing and Emotional Support in schools team. (WEST)

On the 2nd of June, Online, on Teams: From: 1pm to 2pm

Who is it for:
Parent who want to learn more about

How stress affects children and young people

How you can support your child to build resilience and improve their wellbeing.

Join on Teams
Meeting ID: 391 708 672 432 8
Passcode: T7wQ9ip7

Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west

BE A GOOD EGG

Easter egg appeal for local families
In association with Home-Start NEW

Donations can be dropped off at
Woodfield Academy
by **Friday 20th March**

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HOME START
North East Worcestershire

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Home/School Family Support

Justine and Mrs Ginns (EWO) hold weekly drop-in sessions 8.30am - 10.30am every Thursday. Parents will need to book by emailing or texting Justine directly.

This is for any worries or concerns around attendance, mental wellbeing or issues at home.



Who is your Home/School Family Support Worker?

My name is Justine Fitzer



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.

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 FITZER



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.



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

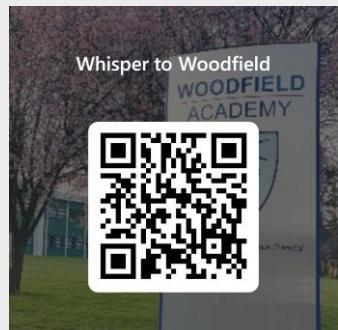
Email: familysupport@woodfield.bmat.co.uk

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



Every Day Counts....

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
WHITSON BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 25 th May 2026



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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:

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.

