

Woodfield School

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 8RL

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2025! Our pupils have settled back into the school routines well, and we have been reading and thinking about our topic linked to the seasons and the weather. Community access has re-started this week, and we have enjoyed going swimming, to the gym, to soft play and to Saracens for some active learning session; as well as local visits to the shops and our own Coffee Shop.

Our new look Coffee Morning has begun—all parents and carers are welcome in the Coffee Shop between 9 and 10am every Wednesday—please pick up a voucher for a free hot drink and snack from the front desk or request one through the class team if you haven't already got one. We'd love to see you there! Workshops will run from 10– 11 am—please see below for more details.

We are looking forward to welcoming our local MP, David Taylor, to our school this morning. We will be highlighting all the wonderful work that we do with our pupils in school and out in the local community, and talking to him about the challenges in the SEND sector.

I am very proud of all of our pupils and especially proud of the small group of pupils in KS4 and KS5 who will be travelling to the Royal Albert Hall in March to take part in a Gala performance there. I look forward to hearing their singing and signing as they rehearse in school, and I can't wait to see them perform with so many other children and young people in such a prestigious venue.

I wish you a Happy 2025 and hope that you have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,

K. Mann. Carr

DIARY DATES

**February Half-Term - Mon 17th - Mon 24th Feb
- return on Tues 25th Feb**



Close for Easter - Fri 4th April - 1PM

Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 10th January
Class 1	Zak H - for achievement, making outstanding progress walking independently
Class 2	George - for settling back in after the holidays
Class 3	Edward – For engaging well in his learning.
Class 4	Antonia - for sharing spaces with others.
Class 5	Vinnie - for doing really well with his hand movements and exercises since cast has come off. We are all really proud of you.
Class 6	Samson - for settling back into school so well and engaging so well in sessions.
Class 7	Harry and Thomas - for working hard.
Class 8	Aiden H - for being kind to others, helping staff and working really hard.
Class 9	Ollie and Archie - for an amazing return to school
Class 10	Toby - for settling in well after the Christmas break.
Class 11	Zaid - for being kind to others, working really hard, taking part in new work and making outstanding progress.
Class 12	Hifzah - for joining in more.
Class 14	Ben - sharing his feelings, working really hard, helping friends and helping staff. Lj - sharing his feelings, working really hard, helping staff.
Coffee Shop	LJ - for continuing to do a good job in the coffee shop.



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Headteacher Awards

Awards for 17th January	
Class 1	Archie - working hard in communication using eye gaze.
Class 2	Elliott - for wearing his glasses more and putting them on himself when handed the case.
Class 3	Ollie – for sharing resources with his peers.
Class 4	Jodi - for helping staff.
Class 5	Finley - for great participation in Understanding of the World work task. Working hard one to one with an adult.
Class 6	Ava Bella - for getting into her walker and standing frame consistently through the week.
Class 7	Micheal-Patrick and Corey - for trying new things.
Class 8	Ruby - for taking part in something new, for sharing feelings and ideas and helping staff.
Class 9	Josh - for engaging in work at his desk. Hayden - for having an amazing week, and engaging really well with peers.
Class 10	Freddie - for helping keeping the classroom clean.
Class 11	George - for sharing feelings and ideas, sharing spaces with others and working really hard.
Class 12	Luke - for good transitions.
Class 14	Owais - for helping his friend, being kind and thoughtful and working really hard. Hanaa - working really hard, for beautiful signing and great communication.
Coffee Shop	Alessia - for doing her best with her new jobs.



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NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class 1. It has been wonderful to have the pupils back after the Christmas holidays. We have started reading a new book based on the theme 'Weather and Seasons'. It's been great fun exploring and experiencing the props related to weather whilst reading the book. In maths, we are learning about quantities using marshmallows and pretzels. This term we have also started playing table cricket as an extracurricular activity and we have had a fantastic time playing in the hall.



Class 2. We are learning to explore our new resources linked to weather and the seasons. We are already loving our story 'Raindrop Plop'. We are learning to listen to the rhymes and counting sequences. Some of us are already learning to read the symbols and match them to the pictures and to join in with the physical process of tapping each element as it is counted. We also had our first session of table cricket. This is a new area of learning for us.



Class 3 have had a great start to the Spring Term and have settled well back in to school routine. We have been kept very busy in Class despite the very cold weather! We have been continuing our community access of visiting the local park, shops and going on the minibus to visit softplay. In class, we have been creating artwork relating to this terms topic 'The Weather'. We have been creating different weather scenes through art such as using paints and glue. We have also been working on completing a variety of wooden puzzles independently. In our roleplay session, we have created our very own 'Class 3 Tuck Shop' to take turns in role playing being a shop keeper and a customer purchasing items – We have had lots of fun!



Class 4 have settled back into their school routine very well since arriving back from the Christmas holidays. We have introduced our new topic for the half term, 'Outside my window.' We have been looking at the weather to start this off and the children have been identifying what the weather is like when they come into class in the mornings. We have also enjoyed reading our new topic book, 'One snowy night.' The children have been exploring props during this and have practiced putting on items of clothing we would need outside for the snow. Within the area of expressive arts we have been engaging in lots of messy play and expressing ourselves through both paint and dance, the children have been using their hands as a tool to put paint on paper and also enjoyed learning actions to songs we are familiar with.



NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Class 5. Happy New Year from Class 5, we hope you had a great Christmas. The students have started 2025 well and settled back into the class routine. Everybody has enjoyed starting our new topic 'Seasonal Changes'. We have discussed the differences between each season in terms of weather and what we wear to stay warm. The students have loved dressing up cuddly toys in scarves and woolly hats and identified the correct clothing from an ALD board. Our big book 'Seasons come and Seasons go - Tree' has helped with these discussions and has beautiful illustrations of the trees changing throughout the seasons. In maths the students have been working hard on using the language of more and less when comparing groups of objects.



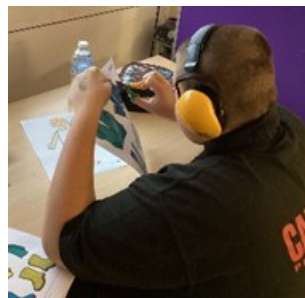
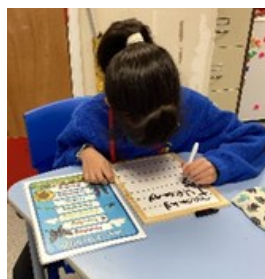
Class 6 have had a lovely first 2 weeks back after the holidays. They have settled into routines well and have enjoyed learning about our new topic of 'weather: what to wear when it's cold'. We have made some lovely art work relating to the weather as well as beginning to learn some Makaton for different weather. We have been working on our functional maths skills in cooking and touch and taste sessions. We are excited to carry on learning more about our topic this term.



Class 7 have had a lovely couple of weeks back at school after the Christmas break, we have been working hard on settling back in to school and our new topic. We have been spending some time in the sensory room exploring all the different equipment and lights with our peers.



Class 8 The first week back after the two-week Christmas and New Year break was full of energy and enthusiasm! Students returned refreshed and ready to learn. This week, we explored the topic of weather, focusing on the cold—perfect timing for such a freezing week. The children enjoyed reading and engaging in cut-and-paste activities related to winter weather. It was wonderful to see them all working hard on their individual targets and settling back into their routines. Welcome back!



Class 9. We've had a great first week back after the Christmas break, and everyone in Class 9 has done a fantastic job settling into their routines. This term, our topic is "Seasons and Weather – Signs of Spring," and we're excited to explore how the world around us changes as we move toward the brighter days of spring.

There are lots of exciting activities to look forward to! Pupils will have the chance to visit Stadium X to take part in sports sessions run by Saracens Rugby Club, which will be an amazing opportunity for teamwork and fun. Swimming lessons will now take place at Westminster Lodge, and we're excited to continue developing our skills in this new venue. Our weekly trips to Tesco on Fridays will also carry on, giving pupils more opportunities to practice independence and life skills.

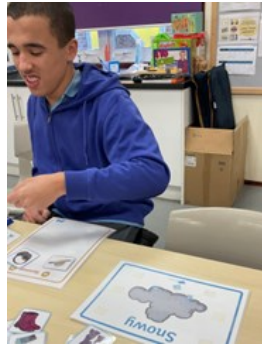
It's shaping up to be an engaging and rewarding term, and we can't wait to discover more about the signs of spring together!



Class 10. We have had a great two weeks settling back in after the Christmas break. We have enjoyed exploring our new topic, which is 'Spring' In cooking we have been learning to use new equipment which will prepare us for adulthood. In Expressive Art and Design, we have been using different materials to complete a display for our classroom. We have also introduced our positive penguin, which helps pupils and we also pass the penguin around at the end of day assembly and communicate one positive thing that has happened that day.

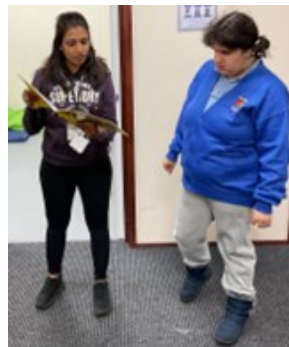


Class 11. This week the students have been learning all about weather which is this terms topic. The students have engaged really well joining in with various art activities and listening to weather stories. This week we created some fun window art using weather templates and colourful see through paper. Some students worked on this pincer grip, motor skills while others chose colours using ALD boards. They all really enjoyed it.



Class 12 are busy getting ready for the spring term. We have been focusing on reading rhyming books and making some lovely spring decorations to help make our board interactive.

We have been making some bright spring and winter crowns that help to bring our story to life along some other resources.



Class 14 have decided to spring into reading!

Students have been getting familiar with our new topic book 'meet the weather'. We have been talking about our favourite stories and where else we might read things? signposts, leaflets, road signs, our phones, and some even have watches that they can read!

Gym sessions have started up again and are going well so far. Work in the Coffee shop continues for some students and our classroom is blossoming into a lovely display of spring, leaving the cold festive period behind.



Music Therapy

We say a temporary goodbye by to Catherine our music therapist, as she goes on maternity leave.

Kate, from Nordoff Robbins will be coming in to cover the Friday sessions.

Letters will be sent to families as and when.

For Your Info



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Coffee Mornings

Parent Support Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday term time only

9:00am to 10:00am

In the Coffee Shop for tea & biscuits

10:00am to 11:00am

Workshops will be held in the meeting room.



Date	Workshop
22nd January	Transition - Part 1 - face to face
29th January	Transition - Part 1 - Virtual
19th March	Sleep
30th April	Toileting - Part 1
7th May	Toileting - Part 2
2nd July	Transition - Part 2 - face to face

Do you have.....?

We are looking for some scooters suitable for 6+.

If you have one, that is on good condition, that you are disposing of, please pass it to reception.

Many thanks.



Wheelchair Services

Wheelchair Services

Please contact, or ask the parent to contact, Wheelchair Services (provided by AJM) if there are concerns with the child's wheelchair



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