

# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy first half term of the year, and we've enjoyed exploring our topic all about spring and the weather. Have a look at all the photos and comments below to get a sense of the range of activities on and off site that our pupils have accessed.

We have our workshop on Puberty for Boys coming up on 5th March in school - please pop in for a drink and a snack in the Coffee Shop first, and then Helen, our School Nurse, and Sarah from the Family Liaison Team will lead the workshop. It is suitable for all parents, whether your child is pre-pubescent or has already entered puberty. Sarah and Helen are also happy to share resources afterwards if you are not able to attend on the day. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Finally, I wish you all a good half term break. We will see all pupils back on Tuesday 25th February.

Best Wishes,

*K. Mann. Carr*

## DIARY DATES

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

**World Book Day - Thurs 6th Mar - details to follow**

**Opportunities Evening - Thurs 13th Mar - Year 9  
and above - details to follow**

**Comic Relief - Fri 21st Mar - details to follow**

**Close for Easter - Fri 4th April - 1PM**



### Headteacher Awards

Awards for 7th February	
Class 1	Thomas - for working hard and swimming on his back.
Class 2	Joseph - For great communication to ask for things he couldn't get himself.
Class 3	Lukas - for working really hard during Literacy sessions.
Class 4	Ibrahim - for working hard all week.
Class 5	---
Class 6	---
Class 7	Khaya - for sharing spaces with others, working really hard, taking part in new or different work
Class 8	Ella - for working really hard, helping staff and peers, sharing with peers
Class 9	Hayden & Ibrahim - for dealing well with change.
Class 10	Ella - for helping friends.
Class 11	Christian - for being kind to others, doing something amazing, working really hard and taking part in new work.
Class 12	Thanish - for joining in with class tasks.
Class 14	Liam & Niomi - for caring and sharing with others.
Coffee Shop	---



**WELL DONE**



### Headteacher Awards

Awards for 14th February	
Class 1	Lottie - for sharing spaces with others.
Class 2	Wilfred - for giving items to adults.
Class 3	Michael - for requesting to play new games to his trusted adults verbally.
Class 4	Reed - for coping with change.
Class 5	Ana - for her determination and progress with her walking around outside and inside school.
Class 6	Jaden - for engaging and listening to activities and stories.
Class 7	Jovan - for working really hard, verbally communicating very well and doing lots of great standing and walking !
Class 8	Alessia & Ruby - for sharing feelings and ideas, working really hard, helping staff and making outstanding progress.
Class 9	Conor & Josh - for making great progress towards their AQA targets.
Class 10	Miles - for joining in with different activities.
Class 11	Olivier - for doing something amazing, sharing work and helping staff and taking part in new work.
Class 12	Ayaan - for sharing spaces with adults and peers.
Class 14	LJ - for being helpful and supportive to everyone. Ethan - his calmness and for coping this week.
Coffee Shop	LJ - for being so helpful to staff and his peers. He has made a big difference this week! Ethan - for coping so well with all the changes this week, he has been a superstar!



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## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

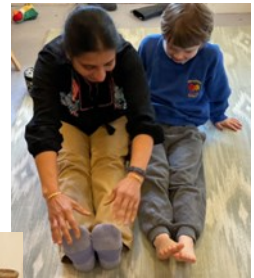
**Class 1** have had great couple weeks. We have continued to learn more about weather by exploring the props related to the story. We are learning to choose props and commenting on the story using our personalised communication systems. Most popular choice of props were tweeting birds and bubbles, we enjoyed popping bubbles and pretend feeding the hungry birds. We have been continuing to take part in the community access by visiting local shops by walk and soft play in our school bus. It was a great experience listening to the environmental sounds whilst walking to the shops.



**Class 2.** All term Class 2 have been working on our balance and co-ordination skills. This has included our gymnastics sessions, in sensory circuits on the trampoline and using our different physio balls. Many of us are getting very adventurous with our climbing now. We are still figuring out the most effective ways to climb back down. It is great to help develop our core strength and to plan what to do next.



**Class 3** have been very busy these last few weeks with community access and learning skills! We have been learning to take turns with an adult when playing a variety of games using symbols to support this, many of us have enjoyed playing 'Pop up Pirate'. As part of 'Children's Mental Health Week' last week we have been talking about our emotions in class, we also made our own 'Mindfulness Sensory Jars' in class choosing what we would like to add in our jars to personalise it to us. We have been thoroughly enjoying our weekly Yoga sessions with Jyothy in class too!



**Class 4** have been enjoying lots of community access over the last few weeks, we have visited soft play, swimming, St Albans Cathedral and the Coffee Shop. We have also been learning how to play Table Cricket on a Monday afternoon in the school hall, the children have engaged brilliantly with this and are learning the rules of the game, it is also a great turn taking activity for us all.

During our Understanding the World sessions we have continued to practice making toast with the use of a blue strip. The children have used aided language displays to choose toppings and tell adults their likes and dislikes.

We continue to work on our independence skills in class and have enjoyed taking it in turns to complete small jobs around the school, these include, recycling, sorting the Tesco order and collecting the lunch trolley.



## NEWS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Class 5** have had lots of fun experiencing different weathers through learning opportunities. They explored different clothes for different weathers and loved joining in with an old favourite sensory story, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', experiencing different weathers through actions and sensory materials representing cold and snow as well as windy weather. We have also been working on identifying our feelings and exploring different facial expressions and actions related to how we feel. We love our Attention Autism sessions and are developing our understanding of turn-taking through this activity. These sessions supporting us to build anticipation, engage in shared experiences, and develop our focus and communication skills. The children have particularly enjoyed the exciting visual surprises and engaging activities that make learning fun and meaningful!



**Class 6** have had a lovely end of term. We have enjoyed learning about the weather and seasons and have explored lots of fun activities to support our learning. We have been accessing table cricket weekly which has been lots of fun and the students have been enjoying this. We have been doing lots of reading in class especially our big book about 'the snow thief'. We also have enjoyed reading our class book about activities we have been doing in and out of school. We are all looking forward to the half term after such a busy Spring term 1.

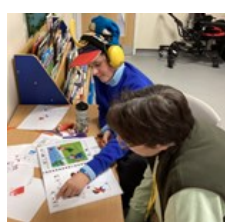


**Class 7** have been working hard in their Math and literacy lessons , we have continued reading our chosen books relating to the topic of seasons , reading various stories and using props and sensory objects to explore the different stages of the story. Jumeer has been a firm favourite with lots of great dancing ! with peers from across the school.

In expressive Art we have been busy mark making using a variety of resources and also creating wonderful valentines cards .



**Class 8** had a wonderful time taking part in the Mental Health Club, where they enjoyed calming activities that helped them relax and feel at ease. Throughout the week, students expressed their feelings more confidently using Makaton, supporting their communication with peers and staff. In Maths, they engaged in regular practice, working on their problem-solving skills. They also showed greater independence in their daily tasks, taking more responsibility and completing activities with confidence. It has been lovely to see them navigating their routines with enthusiasm and determination.



**Class 9.** The last two weeks have been packed with exciting activities, and Class 9 has been making the most of every opportunity! Pupils have loved taking part in sports sessions at Stadium X with Saracens, developing their teamwork and physical skills. Our weekly trips to Tesco have continued, giving pupils valuable chances to practice independence and decision-making.

One of the highlights has been creating our own photo book based on the theme 'Happy,' which the pupils chose themselves. They had a great time capturing moments that bring them joy and putting them together into a wonderful keepsake. Swimming sessions, both on and off-site, have also been going really well, with pupils showing fantastic progress and confidence in the water.



**Class 10.** In class 10 since the last newsletter, we have learnt about Chinese New year and made our own Chinese lanterns. In art we have been making stain glass windows of flowers we may see in spring. We have also been learning new yoga poses and focusing on different breathing activities. In PSED we have been looking further into understanding emotions and other peoples emotions and what we can do to support them. In cooking, we have made sandwiches and choosing a different fillings.

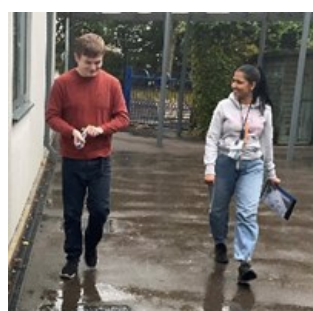




**Class 11** enjoyed a lovely session of student wellbeing with various classes. Exploring tactile materials, bubbles and engaging with their peers and adults.



**Class 12.** It has been a very busy start to 2025. Our topic this half term has been hello spring. Class 12 really enjoyed bringing the spring inside and brightening our room. We have particularly enjoyed our big book where we have made lots of props and resources. We have been working very hard on preparation for adulthood and jobs, the jobs we do As a class and the jobs that other adults do around the school. Next half term the topic is the musician in me , where we will explore different types of music and what we can use to make instruments and music.



**Class 14** made the most of a dry sunny day and went to fly a kite! Students walked to a local park and took turns running up and down the field trying to get their kites to take flight. It was a bit tricky to start with as we chose the least windy day. But, working together and sharing tips with each other, students managed to get their kites soaring! Everyone had a great time and we got back to school in time for lunch. Some students have been taking part in work experience with a local grounds maintenance company. They first identified areas around the school that needed attention and then what equipment will be used. The guys from John O'Connor grounds maintenance came on site once a week to support our students and teach them how to use the equipment safely. What a great experience, our students worked hard and thoroughly enjoyed it.



## 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	Run by
5th March	Puberty for boys	Nurse Helen and Sarah
19th March	Sleep	MHST
30th April	Toileting - Part 1	MHST
7th May	Toileting - Part 2	MHST
2nd July	Transition - Part 2 - face to face	MHST

## Workshops



# Puberty for Boys

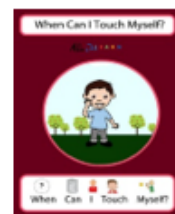
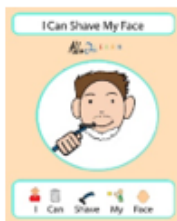


Sarah and Helen invite you to  
'A chat around Puberty for Boys'

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 10am

Woodfield School Meeting Room 2

Come and have a chat and discussion around all things puberty for boys – space to raise questions, share what is happening to our boys, and laugh!!



Support Service

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-  Staying healthy
-  School attendance/anxiety
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-  SEND Local Offer
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-  and much more



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# SUNDAY SMILES

In partnership with the Dacorum Sports Trust, Absolutely Together are offering free leisure activities every Sunday for families that support children with additional needs in Hemel Hempstead.

## ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE INCLUDE-

- Family Footgolf (Little Hay Golf Complex)
- Family Discgolf (Little Hay Golf Complex)
- Skate Park Access (The XC Centre)
- Accessible climbing (The XC Centre)
- Accessible Gym use (Our Gym)



To book a session, please email

[smiles@absolutely-together.org](mailto:smiles@absolutely-together.org)

## 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



0808 175 3040



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