



Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very good start to the term and it was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Tuesday, we had a record number of parents, carers and pupils attend.

This term, we are having a renewed focus on internal and external communication. You will have received a welcome letter from your class teacher with lots of details for this term, including the themes that we will be working on (based on Me and My Community and Celebrations). We have also sent out the Parents' Evening agenda and details of your child's Community Access this term via Arbor. Thank you to the parents who sent positive feedback to us and to all the parents and carers who took part in the short survey on Parents' Evening. We will look at your feedback and incorporate it into our plans for the school this year.

We are also expanding our Work Related Learning offer to our KS4 and KS5 students again this year. These students continue to work on their AQA Unit Awards as part of their Preparation for Adulthood, and we have procured 10 external work experience placements for students in Year 13 and Year 14. We will also have employers coming in to run taster sessions for our students.

Finally, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and families. We have ten new pupils settling in at the moment, and it has been great to see how well they are already doing in class. We aim to have all pupils in for the full day by October half term - I look forward to seeing them all engaged in learning in their new classes.

Best Wishes,

K. Man. Carr

DIARY DATES



- 24th October—School finishes normal time for half term
- 3rd November—Inset Day
- 28th November—Occasional Day
- 5th December—Winter Fayre
- 10th December—Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- 11/12th December— Parent music lessons with Euan & Kelly
(Details to follow)
- 16th December—Santa Visiting
- 18th December—Last day of term, school finishes at 1pm



ATTENDANCE

We are making every effort to make sure that every pupil who can attend does attend school every day. As part of this, the admin team will be making phone calls for any unexplained absence after the registers close in the morning.

Please make sure that you ring in and report your child's absence by 09:00am
Many thanks for working together on this with us!

FUNDRAISING



We are busy fundraising for an additional accessible minibus and the Friends of Woodfield have been very active in promoting this.

Thank you to all the organisations and individuals who have donated
We have raised an amazing total of £12,813.21 out of £45,000 so far.

We would like to offer a big to thank you to Hadley Property Group,
The Lodge of Progression, Elaine Rattigan, Shani Warwick,
The Leverstock Green WI, The Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Rotary clubs
for all of their generous donations



Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 12th September
Holly's Class	Lottie for sharing spaces with others
Samantha's Class	Josh for being brave when he cut his finger and really focusing and developing his safety skills after this
Aleigha's Class	Maisie for using her greeting cards independently to say 'Bye' to her friends at the end of the day
Zoe's Class	Jaden for engaging in activities
Cara's Class	Zakariya for great work in maths and music
Caitlin's Class	Daniyal for working really hard in class
Lauren's Class	Jenson for settling into class really well, working hard and trying new things
Amy's Class	George for going out on the school minibus
Gerard's Class	Charlie for great communication and settling in well after te summer break
Shabana's Class	Jovan for some excellent walking
Luke's Class	Thomas for trying new and different things, also achieving his targets
Chrissy's Class	Olivier for transitioning so well into his new class and communicating well with staff and peers
Gemma's Class	Ben for helping friends and staff, working really hard and helping and being kind Julia for working really hard and helping staff
Coffee Shop	Ben for working really hard and being so helpful



WELL DONE





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 19th September
Holly's Class	Nola for coping well with change
Samantha's Class	Edward for great use of his play and regulation skills alongside his classmates
Aleigha's Class	Marley for settling well in the new school year and beginning to try and explore new foods
Zoe's Class	Samson for settling in so well into his new class
Cara's Class	Lukas for great work during physio in class
Caitlin's Class	Oli for great participation in lessons and helping out around the school
Lauren's Class	Michael-Patrick for working hard and trying new things
Amy's Class	Freddie for joining in class activities
Gerard's Class	Hayden for great listening to new staff and coming back in at the end of the day
Shabana's Class	Teddy for some amazing walking on uneven surfaces independently!
Luke's Class	Sez for exceptional work and trying new and different things
Chrissy's Class	Ayaan for listening well to staff and being kind to his friends
Gemma's Class	Efe for working really hard LJ for working really hard and helping staff
Coffee Shop	Albie for trying so hard in his new job and making an amazing cake!



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Holly's Class.

Holly's class have settled back into school routines well since returning from the summer holidays.

We have enjoyed a range of activities including learning numbers 1-5 during Maths sessions and reading our new guided reading text for the half term during our Literacy sessions.

We have also welcomed some new staff and children into our class this term. It has been a pleasure to see the children settling so well and building relationships with the adults in the class.

Since returning we have particularly enjoyed our PE sessions with Imogen, the children have been learning balancing and throwing skills. We will continue to work on these over the half term.



Samantha's Class

The pupil's have settled brilliantly back into Samantha's Class.

We are already making good progress learning to use sharp knives safely to prepare healthy snacks each morning. We all get to experience the feel and smell of a range of healthy foods as we chop them up, lots of us are licking or eating them too. So far, we have prepared spring onions, carrots, cucumber and apple slices.

This activity also develops fine motor skills, independence, and confidence in practical life tasks. It provides a controlled opportunity for positive risk-taking, helping the pupils to understand boundaries, assess danger, and build resilience in a safe, supported environment. No one pupil has cut themselves more than once yet.

This is a great success. Our wooden chopping boards have now arrived so we are starting to learn how to use these to balance the chopped pieces as we transfer them to a bowl.



Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's Class have settled wonderfully into the new school year, we are looking forward to the year ahead together. We are enjoying our new topic, 'All About Me', through a range of fun activities such as learning and recognising our facial features and body parts, sharing our favourite things, and sharing photos of ourselves and our families. We are also very pleased to welcome three new children into our class family and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks.



Zoe's Class

Zoe's class have had a very busy first full week back! We have settled nicely back into our school routine and we have begun to read our new big book 'So Much' as well as enjoying some very fun and messy attention autism sessions. We have also had lots of fun exploring our theme this term of 'How Do I Know You?' by creating self portraits using mirrors and natural materials such as rocks and sticks to create our faces! We have also enjoyed dough disco to work on our fine motor skills, making toast following simple instructions and making our own short tunes in music. We are looking forward to spending the rest of the term having fun and learning with our friends!



Cara's Class

We have had a lovely start to the new school year in Cara's Class, welcoming some of our newer staff and building positive relationships together. Our theme this term is *Me and My Story*, and we have been sharing our favourite activities with adults while building these relationships. In class, we have been recognising staff and peers and learning different touch cues for the adults working with us. We have also been working very hard on our Physio targets and making great progress. Out in the community, we have enjoyed sensory walks and visiting the shop, with a highlight being a windy day where we loved listening to the sounds, watching the trees move, and feeling the wind on our faces. In class activities, we have particularly enjoyed our Bucket Time sessions, especially with light toys, and in Art we have been exploring paint in different textures, using textured balls and objects to create marks and noticing the patterns we make. It has been a fantastic start, and we are looking forward to the learning and adventures ahead this term, as we continue to celebrate *Me and My Story* and discover new ways to share who we are.



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class have settled in so well. They have really enjoyed getting to know their new class, friends and teachers. We have engaged in lots of fun activities to help get to know each other and settle in. We have spoken a lot about what we did over summer and what we like and don't like. It has been great learning all this new information about each other. We are looking forward to a great year.



Lauren's Class

We are so happy with how well the class have settled back into school as this can sometimes be tricky. We have been exploring nature with walks to the dell and sensory garden, even in the rain. We collected different things on our walks to make art with in class.

The class have been working hard with their maths and literacy, enjoying our new class book and communicating what they like and dislike about the story, Maths we have been working on sorting out different object by colour, and shape.

A really good start to the year.



Amy's Class

It was lovely to welcome all the pupils back and hear about their adventures over the summer! After a few days to settle in, they began to embrace our exciting new topic: **Out and About**.

We started gently, with a fun scavenger hunt in the Dell on the school grounds. Pupils then ventured further afield with a trip to a local pet store, where they even got to see the animals having breakfast! Back in class, we've been exploring what we see when we're out and about in different areas—for example, on journeys home or walks in the community. Our cooking lessons have also been a big hit! Pupils have been learning to use different kitchen equipment to prepare some of their favourite foods. During choosing time, pupils have been enjoying a range of activities, including turn-taking games, colouring, and board games. We're all looking forward to starting trampolining sessions very soon—an exciting new activity that's sure to be a highlight of the term!



Gerard's Class

We have had a fantastic start to the term, settling in beautifully and making great connections with new students and staff. The atmosphere has been warm and welcoming, with plenty of laughter and teamwork already on display. Pupils have enjoyed making the most of the playground during break times, and the hall has come alive with energy during our dance sessions. Yesterday was especially delicious—students got creative in the kitchen, preparing tasty pizza pittas and beans, which were a big hit! It's been a brilliant beginning, and we're excited for all that's to come.



Shabana's Class

Over the past few weeks, we have had a wonderful time in class, fostering connections and learning about each other's interests. This week, the children had the opportunity to visit the Dell, where we explored natural materials. Using an ALD board, they were tasked with identifying specific items found in the environment. Additionally, the students enjoyed a creative activity where they designed "Mini Me" figures, decorating paper cutouts to resemble themselves using materials such as tissue paper, wool, and other craft supplies. We also had the pleasure of visiting our small sensory room, which provided a calming and engaging environment for all.



Luke's Class

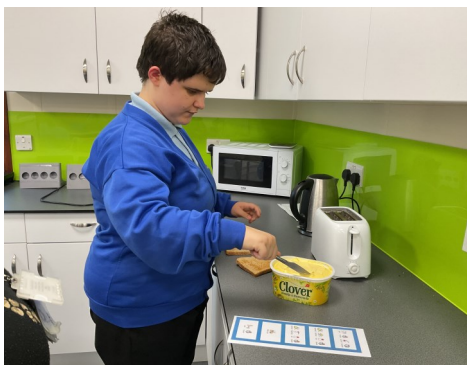
Our class recently has been having fun all going out into the community more and more enjoying what good weather we have before winter starts to settle in.

The students have been enjoying the local park next to school, in a big group going for a lovely stroll, seeing what's around school and having lots of fun exploring and using the park equipment.



Chrissy's Class

In Chrissy's class, students have settled back into school routine well after the summer break. Students have enjoyed using the cooking room to practice life skills and make breakfast and sandwiches using blue strips. We have also got arty and began to make Autumn decorations for the classroom. Students took a trip the local park where they enjoyed using the equipment and making the most of the summer sun! We are looking forward to exploring the community and learning new skills this half term.

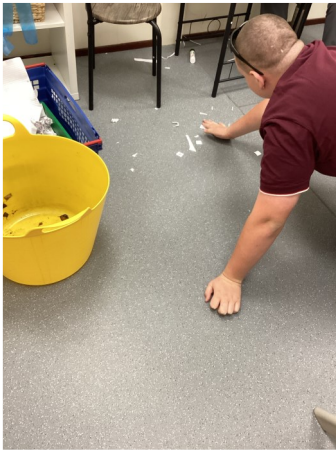


Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have settled back in nicely. Students continue to work on their life skills and preparing for adulthood.

In our cooking sessions, students are working hard to make choices about what they would like to cook. They have researched the recipes and have made lists of ingredients. They even go shopping once a week to buy supplies, making sure to look out for good deals. Students have also been working on less desirable aspects of adulthood, such as cleaning and keeping their spaces tidy!

Work in the coffee shop continues, stock taking, preparing food to sell and serving customers.



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	Provider
22/10/2025	Understanding and managing anxiety	MHST
03/12/2025	Understanding behaviours that challenge	MHST
28/01/2026	Feeding	MHST
25/02/2026	Sleep	MHST
15/04/2026	Transitions and change	MHST
20/05/2026	Toileting	MHST
24/06/2026	Transitions to new settings (Woodfield Leavers)	MHST



17th District Youth Celebration

For Disadvantaged and Disabled Young People

Sunday 23rd November 2025



A theme based on Zootropolis



The District party is to be held on **Sunday 23rd November 2025**
at **Allum Hall, 2 Allum Lane, Elstree, Herts, WD6 3PJ.**
Tel 020 8953 3415 - From 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Disco - Singing - Dancing

Magicians - Clowns - Sideshows - Games

Face Painting - Food - Drink

There are 450 places available for 10- to 18+ year-olds and their carers on a "first come, first served" basis.

Closing date: 27th October 2025.

For bookings, please contact Lion Vijay Arora
email: lionsdyc@hotmail.com

Tel: 07712447408 – District website www.lions105a.org.uk

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