



Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had several opportunities over the past couple of weeks to walk visitors around our school, and I have been very pleased with how well all of our pupils have settled into their new classes. I have seen lots of work about ourselves and our world, and it is exciting that all of our classes have started to access the community again. We also have had regular sessions in school with Saracens and with our new dance provider, as well as a session for some of our older students with a First Responder to practice First Aid skills.

I hope that by now all of you will have had a chance to catch up with your class teacher, whether in person at Parents' Evening or remotely. There will be several opportunities next half term to come into school in the lead up to Christmas - we'll publish these in the next newsletter.

Finally, we are looking forward to developing our outdoor spaces further for play and learning. As part of this, some of our staff attended an Open Day about Outdoor Play and Learning at Brockwood Primary School, and we are looking forward to adapting some of their ideas for our curriculum.

I wish you and your family a good weekend, hoping that the weather improves a little,

Best Wishes,

K. Mann. 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

Headteacher Awards

| Awards for 26th September | |
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| Holly's Class | Lawrence for taking part in new and different work |
| Samantha's Class | Jodi for his efforts helping with jobs around the class |
| Aleigha's Class | Rory for transitioning well & building positive relationships with his peers and staff |
| Zoe's Class | Reed for good listening and following instructions |
| Cara's Class | Lukas for great physio and trying hard with his new routine |
| Caitlin's Class | Aiden T for taking part in new and different activities |
| Lauren's Class | Harry for coping well with change and trying new things |
| Amy's Class | Ines for her help around the classroom and in the coffee shop |
| Gerard's Class | Ruby for great participation during colourful semantics |
| Shabana's Class | Ava Bella for making outstanding progress on her listening, attention and using both hands in activities |
| Luke's Class | Sienna S for trying something new and different |
| Chrissy's Class | Hannah-May, for trying new things and engaging well in class. |
| Gemma's Class | Hanaa for excellent work in speech therapy |
| Coffee Shop | Lj for excellent independent work and learning new jobs |



WELL DONE



Headteacher Awards

| Awards for 3rd October | |
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| Holly's Class | Arlo for taking part in new and different work and adapting to change |
| Samantha's Class | George for positive attitude in his transition back to full days |
| Aleigha's Class | Harry & Walter for transitioning well into their new classrooms and becoming familiar with places within school |
| Zoe's Class | Cayson for settling back in to the school routine |
| Cara's Class | Maida for an amazing rebound session and some great communication |
| Caitlin's Class | Zaara for making outstanding progress, working hard and taking part in new and different activities |
| Lauren's Class | Varshana for working really hard |
| Amy's Class | Toby for settling into a new classroom and joining in activities |
| Gerard's Class | Charlie for remaining regulated during morning routine Hayden for working well with peers and new staff |
| Shabana's Class | Rafe for engaging and working hard in all activities in class |
| Luke's Class | Ellie for working so hard with her new eye gaze system |
| Chrissy's Class | Christian for helping tidy up the class and doing well with life skills tasks |
| Gemma's Class | Liam for working well in class during group activities |
| Coffee Shop | Zaara for progressing independently with her jobs and learning new skills |



WELL DONE



Holly's Class.

Holly's class have been very busy over the last few weeks. We have welcomed our new children and they are settling well into routines. During our Maths sessions we have been learning number, this has included counting to 5 and listening to favoured number rhymes in small groups. Within our Literacy sessions we have been mark making using a range of materials and learning to engage and listen to our texts for the half term.

The children have all coped well with all of the changes happening around them and are starting to build some lovely relationships. We are slowly beginning to introduce Community Access to the children, this started with a trip to the Coffee Shop to buy some cake.



Samantha's Class

Samantha's class are really enjoying the Autumnal weather and have been developing our fine and gross motor skills alongside our communication and social interactions when in the orchard and dell. We have really enjoyed working out how to move a super heavy log, and to pick, then smash up and squeeze apples to make fresh juice.

The pupils have been trying out different ways to work together co-operatively to achieve their goals, developing their problem solving skills, teamwork, strength, and awareness of risks whilst having fun outdoors. This is all whilst developing their understanding of key verbs (action words).



Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's Class have had a fantastic time taking part in community access activities over the past two weeks! We're excited to continue our weekly outings as they offer such valuable learning experiences for us. For some of us, we are becoming more familiar and confident with travelling on the minibus, and we've been going on short drives to help support this transition. We have enjoyed visiting soft play travelling by minibus, where we had so much fun climbing, sliding, and playing together with friends. We also enjoyed walks to our local park, where we made the most of the dry weather to explore the swings, slides, and other play equipment. In addition, we've been visiting the coffee shop in school, where we have had the opportunity to choose items to buy and practise using money independently. Some pupils have also taken part in other exciting off-site activities, including foot golf at Little Hay and climbing at XC.



Zoe's Class

Zoe's class has had a very busy couple of weeks. In maths, we have been practising our counting by taking trips down to the dell to collect different natural materials such as apples and sticks, as well as using these materials to make self portraits. In Literacy we have been enjoying our big book story and we are learning to comment on the different actions of the different characters and are beginning to explore the props that we can squeeze, stretch and listen to. We have also had lots of fun making different food such as toast and smoothies, following simple instructions, being as independent as possible! And we have had lots of fun practising our throwing, catching and climbing in PE on the climbing apparatus. We are looking forward to beginning our swimming sessions in Amersham very soon!



Cara's Class

Cara's class has had a joyful week filled with music and exploration! The children have been engaging in music therapy, discovering a variety of instruments and expressing themselves through sound and rhythm. We've also enjoyed outings to the local shops, helping the children build confidence and connect with the community. Our current focus book, *This Is Me*, has inspired activities around self-awareness—using mirrors and photos, the children have been learning about their unique features and celebrating what makes them special



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class has had a fun and busy couple of weeks. We have continued to develop our understanding of our topic 'how do I know you'. The students have been reading a book 'so much' and have really enjoyed this. It has explored members of our family and who they are to us. We have enjoyed our community access so far, going swimming and accessing the local shops and park. Caitlin's class have started doing yoga in the afternoons which the students have enjoyed so much, they are engaging so well with this. We have also continued to enjoy our cooking sessions focussing on making healthy snacks for ourselves. We look forward to the rest of the term and exploring more of our community and topic.

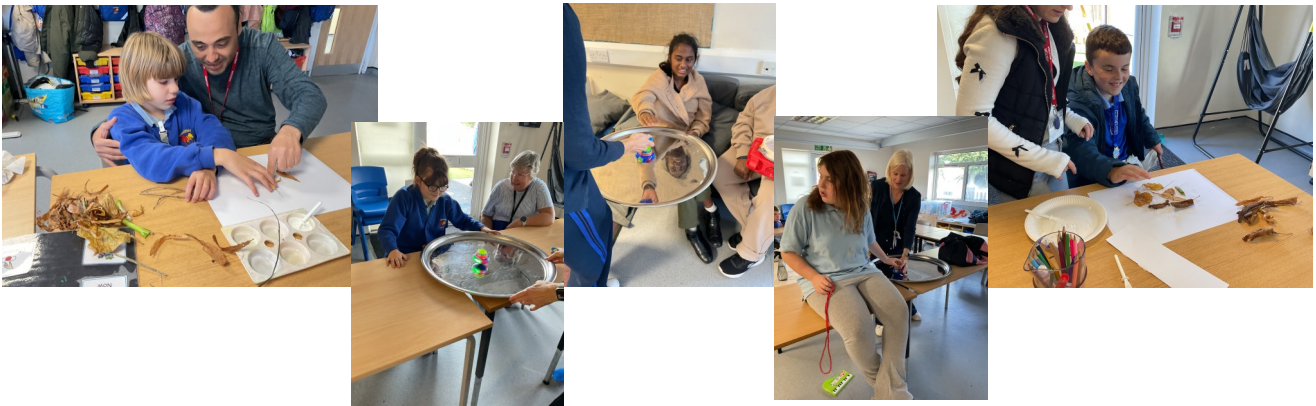


Lauren's Class

Lauren's class have participated in a range of enjoyable and engaging activities in the last few weeks. The students had fun in our outdoor spaces collecting leaves and other interesting objects to craft Autumn pictures.

We also got creative by making delicious homemade pizza and exploring various flavours and textures during our touch and taste sessions. During these activities, students practiced following simple instructions, which helped enhance their independence and fine motor skills.

We look forward to exploring our theme of festivals over the next few weeks.



Amy's Class

In Amy's class, pupils have continue to enjoy our community outings, where the pupils actively engage by making comments about what they see, hear, and smell. These experiences enrich their learning and help develop their communication skills. Back in the classroom, pupils have been busy creating a themed display titled **"Out and About"**, based on our current sub-topic. During our Expressive Art and Design lessons, we made a road and trees to bring the display to life. Pupils will keep adding pictures and information about the places they visit as the topic progresses. The pupils have also enjoyed our dance sessions in the hall, which provide great opportunities for physical development and self-expression. Alongside these activities, pupils continue to focus on their EHCP targets and I am pleased to report great progress across the board.



Gerard's Class

In Gerard's class, we've been busy with lots of exciting activities! The children have been enjoying their swimming sessions, growing in confidence and having so much fun in the water. In the kitchen, we've been cooking tasty pizza pittas and making healthy smoothies – a great way to explore new flavours and practice life skills. In class, we've been focusing on colour semantics, helping to build our understanding of language in a fun and interactive way. Our P.E. lessons with Imogen have been a big hit too – full of movement, laughter, and energy. And of course, the playground remains our favourite place to play, explore, and enjoy time with our friends!



Shabana's Class

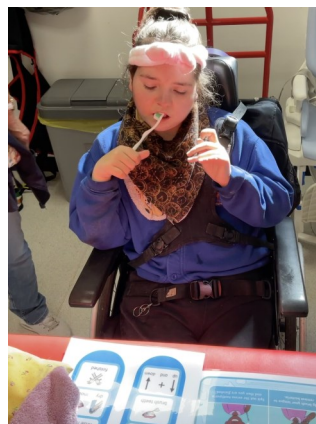
We have been very busy the past few weeks, getting out and about in the community either on a local walk or on the minibus to Leavesden Country Park. We have also been choosing where to go around the school and outdoor areas and exploring areas with trusted staff, demonstrating our self confidence and self awareness. As part of our learning in Maths and Expressive Arts and Design, we have been out in the Dell exploring the environment via a sensory walk and collecting natural objects of interest such as pinecones, leaves, twigs, acorns, feathers and stones. The class have brought them back to class and sorted like items into groups and worked on counting skills. The pupils have also loved producing art work such as face pictures with them. We have started to look at who is in our families via photographs and share these with adults and classmates and considering our overall theme 'How Do you know me?'



Luke's Class

This week in class the students have been talking about themselves, their families and working on personal care. We have been talking about how to look after ourselves and keep ourselves clean and tidy.

We have been introducing a personal care session after lunch, this includes brushing teeth, wiping our faces, cleaning our hands and then choosing whether they want more like their hair brushed or if they have finished. We use ALD boards and blue strips to assist with the activity and help the students communicate.



Chrissy's Class

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Chrissy's class. We have been working on life skills such as washing dishes, folding laundry and sweeping floors. We have been accessing the community more with trips to the local park, the XC for climbing, trampolining and the gym. Students have enjoyed exploring the different places and have engaged so well in all activities. Touch and taste and music with Euan have been big hits in classes with all students enjoying exploring new food and instruments. This week, we had an exciting visit from paramedics who ran a session on life saving. Students learnt how to perform CPR, use a defibrillator and stop a bleed. This was a very popular session and all students engaged so well throughout the session. In art, students have continued to make autumn decorations for class. We have had a lovely couple of weeks and are looking forward to the rest of this half term.



Gemma's Class

This week we have been working on sentence building, re telling our big book story. We are learning to listen to a story and answer questions about the plot and then using different communication systems to re tell to our friends. We have started visiting the gym again, focusing on health and fitness. This learning also continues into our cookery lessons, thinking about what ingredients are healthy and thinking about portion sizes. In maths we have been working on quantities and how we use this daily for example how many plates/cups we need for a number of people during snack and dinner times.

We have all loved working on some autumn based crafts to decorate the classroom to match the season.

Photo's from The Coffee Shop



Ines

In Amy's class, Ines is passionate about playing basketball outside of school. It's always a popular topic of conversation in the classroom, and she loves to challenge staff to put their skills to the test during playtime. Last week, Ines played for her local basketball team, and not only did her team win, but Ines also received special recognition for her outstanding performance on the court. Please join me in congratulating Ines on this fantastic achievement. Well done, Ines – we are all so proud of you





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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**PARMITERS
SCHOOL**

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HATFIELD HUB

**SUNDAYS 10-
11.30AM**

**CHANCELLORS
SCHOOL**

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HITCHIN HUB

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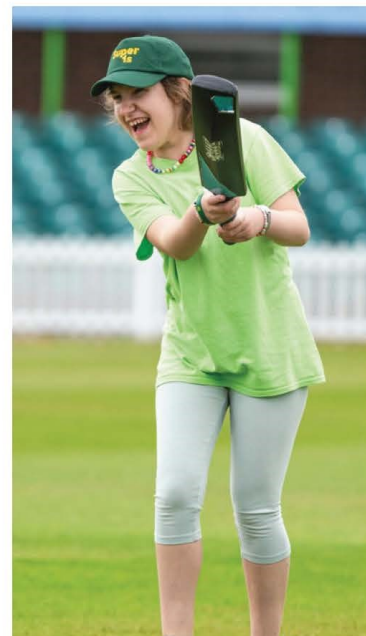
**ALL OTHER HUBS
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www.hertfordshire.wheelchair.services



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