



Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It suddenly feels much closer to the middle of winter with the change in the clocks and sunset being earlier in the evening.

We have settled back into school well after the half term break. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Winter Fayre on the 5th of December and into class to see the music lesson with Kelly or Euan the following week. Our pupils are busy getting items ready to sell! Please look out for the brochure where you can pre-order items.

We are delighted that we are now in a position to release observations of your child via the EFL App. You will receive a total of nine observations this half term, in fortnightly batches of three. Please let your class team know if you would like help to access these via the EFL App.

We are also very pleased that one of our pupils has won a prize in the Wintertime Care competition that our local MP, David Taylor, launched. David will be coming into school on Thursday next week to present the prize.

Have a look at all our work about celebrations below and at all the different reasons for pupils winning their Headteacher Award. I am very proud of all of our pupils and their perseverance and the progress that they are making.

K. Man. Carr

DIARY DATES



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 7th November	
Holly's Class	Oliver for having a great 1 st week at Woodfield
Samantha's Class	Khadijah for great thinking and participation in the Electric umbrella workshop
Aleigha's Class	Ollie for his listening and attention during group sessions
Zoe's Class	Jamie for brilliant progress
Cara's Class	Maida for great rebound and going out into the community
Caitlin's Class	Zaara for working hard in the coffee shop supporting her colleagues
Lauren's Class	Harry for good waiting and working hard
Amy's Class	Sean for a great first week back
Gerard's Class	Ruby for settling in so well after half term
Shabana's Class	Jovan for walking and becoming more independent!
Luke's Class	Njoki for working hard , trying something new
Chrissy's Class	Olivier for doing so well transitioning around the school and doing fantastic work
Gemma's Class	Ben & Jordan for helping staff, helping friends and working really hard
Coffee Shop	L.J for excellent customer service and trying really hard to recognise coins when giving change



WELL DONE



Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 14th November
Holly's Class	Jesse for doing something amazing
Samantha's Class	Elliott for having his haircut
Aleigha's Class	Rosetta for taking turns with her peers
Zoe's Class	Antonia for being kind/polite to others
Cara's Class	Thomas for reaching all his weekly targets
Caitlin's Class	Aiden for joining in with class activities
Lauren's Class	Varshana for working hard and great transitioning
Amy's Class	George - For communicating his feelings throughout the day
Gerard's Class	Josh for spending more time in class
Shabana's Class	Archie for following a blue strip to brush his teeth and hygiene routine !
Luke's Class	Thomas for working hard , achieving all weekly targets
Chrissy's Class	Zaid for doing great work and helping staff in class
Gemma's Class	Julia for sharing with friends and working really hard & LJ for helping staff and working really hard
Coffee Shop	Zaara for her amazing talking this week!



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Holly's Class.

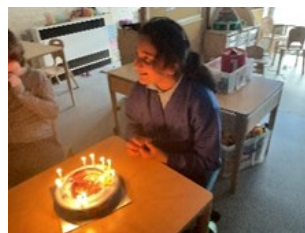
Holly's class have settled into school well since the half term break. We have welcomed another new student to our class and we are all now starting to become familiar with routines. Our main aim for this half term is to get used to transitioning around the school, this in turn will help us when we start to access the wider community. The children have already shown great progress in transitioning and we have been able to make trips to the Small World Room, Coffee Shop and Soft Play.

Within class we have been working on our new topic of celebrations, last week we were looking closely at colours, in line with firework night; we used the tuft tray to explore with powder colours and make our own fireworks designs. The children have also been designing their own birthday cakes using materials such as paint pens. Our new guided reading text for the half term is, 'Festival of Colours.'



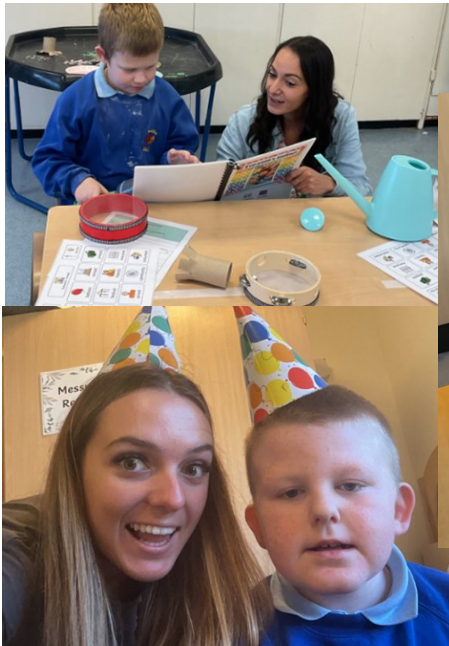
Samantha's Class

Samantha's class had such fun learning about Diwali. We explored traditional clothes and enjoyed trying them on, tasted some traditional foods, made beautiful rangoli patterns, and decorated our classroom with bright garlands. Through these activities we developed our exploration skills, used our hands for fine motor work, practised sharing and taking turns. We have made a great start to our new topic, *Whose birthday is it?* Chloe visited our class with her "baby bump" to help us understand that babies grow inside a tummy before they are born. We are focusing lots of our learning on babies as part of this topic. We are supporting to pupils to develop their understanding that the day we were born is special and people celebrate as they are glad we were born and pleased to know us. We even celebrated a birthday on our very first day back after half term. All the pupils loved the work shop we had with Electric Umbrella. It has been a lovely start to the term, full of curiosity and excitement.



Aleigha's Class

Aleigha's Class have settled well after our half term. We are beginning to explore our new topic 'Celebrations'. We have particularly enjoyed reading our new big book 'everyone is invited' and our roleplay sessions of 'celebrative meals' with a variety of props including pretend cake and party hats. For bonfire night last week, we used paints to create our own fireworks using our fingers to create marks and cardboard tubes, it was lots of fun!



Zoe's Class

Zoe's class has had an exciting couple of weeks back to school! We have really enjoyed our new community access trip, trampolining, we have loved bouncing, and exploring the equipment. In music with Kelly, we have been using a range of instruments to explore different sounds and songs, we have been making lots of noise together! In literacy, we have been role-playing our very own tuck shop, building sentences to request our favourite items and practising our communication skills. Our weekly visits to the coffee shop have continued to be a highlight, helping us to develop our independence, confidence and social interaction. We've also been busy getting creative with lots of messy autumn art sessions, using natural materials we've collected from our weekly trips to the dell to make seasonal artwork.



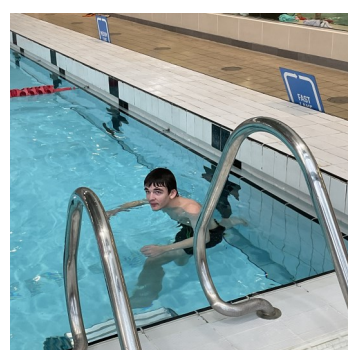
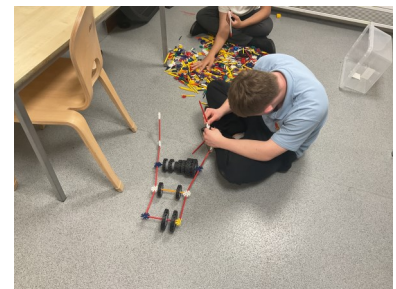
Cara's Class

Welcome back after the half-term break! We've had a lovely time settling back into school and reconnecting with our routines. This week, Cara's Class enjoyed a sunny trip to Aldenham Country Park, where the children were excited to travel by bus, see the animals, and have lunch out in the community — it was a wonderful experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We also welcomed Electric Umbrella into school, and their vibrant music sessions had all the children fully engaged and smiling. During our cooking session, we got creative and made edible fireworks using breadsticks, melted chocolate, and sprinkles — a fun and festive treat to celebrate the season. It's been a joyful and busy week, full of learning, laughter, and lovely moments.



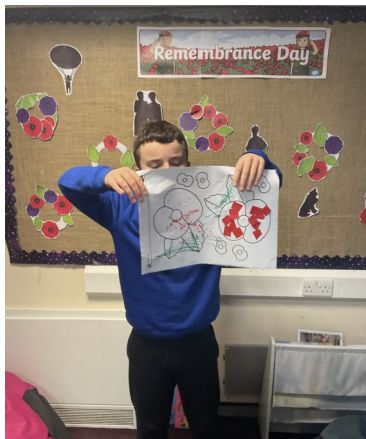
Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class have had such a fun couple of weeks. Our topic this term is 'let's celebrate' and we have been exploring different events and festivals through our learning. We have learnt about bonfire night, Halloween and birthdays. Last week we had a visit from 'Electric Umbrella' who came in to do a work shop with us, this was great fun and the students loved it! We have continued our community access swimming and local area visits and the students are growing in confidence accessing these. We can't wait to continue exploring different celebrations this term.



Lauren's Class

Lauren's Class has enjoyed a lovely couple of weeks. We have been doing a variety of crafts, for Halloween, bonfire night and Remembrance day. We have been cooking and developing our skills in preparation for adulthood. We also made some delicious sparklers as a special treat! We have continued to enhance our skills in the community and enjoyed a visit to the pumpkin patch. We finished the week with a fantastic visit from Electric Umbrella, where we all had the opportunity to join in some fun singing and dancing.



Amy's Class

"It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half-term break! We've had a fantastic start to our new topic, **Celebrations and Festivals**, and the children have been eager to get involved. We've loved exploring our new big book, *Little Glow*, and using colourful semantics to help us talk about the story in more detail. The class has also enjoyed using the laptops to research their favourite festivals, discovering lots of fascinating traditions from around the world. This week, we've been building our communication skills through meaningful interactions with adults and peers, and we even had an exciting visit to our local community. During our outing, we were lucky enough to witness some real-life filming in action—and even met **Diane**



Gerard's Class

We've had a lovely start to this half term and are excited to share what we've been up to. First off, a big warm welcome to our new supply teacher, Angharad! She's settled in beautifully and already feels like part of the Class 9 family. The students have really enjoyed getting to know her and have responded so positively to her friendly and supportive approach.

Lately, we've been focusing on working together as a team. Group activities have been a big part of our lessons, helping students build confidence, listen to each other's ideas, and solve problems together. It's been fantastic to see everyone encouraging one another and learning how to collaborate more effectively.

We're really proud of how the class is growing—not just academically, but as a community too.



Shabana's Class

Shabana's class have started our learning on our new topic, Let's Celebrate. Some pupils shared what they did over half term and Halloween. We have also been looking at fireworks and Bonfire night, through pictures, creative activities and being imaginative, getting ready for Bonfire night by dressing in warm hats and gloves and twirling a fibre optic light toy to mimic sparklers. We have been learning makaton signs and lyrics to Celebrate good times, by Kool and the gang and a fireworks song with Kelly in music sessions. We also had lovely time with an Electric Umbrella workshop, enjoying music and movement! We will be going to the garden centre and looking at decorations and lights as part of our community access. We would welcome photos to be emailed from parents and carers showing celebrations such as birthdays, Diwali, Christmas etc that your child has participated and experienced so we can add these to our family books and develop our understanding of similarities and differences we have as part of our People and communities work.



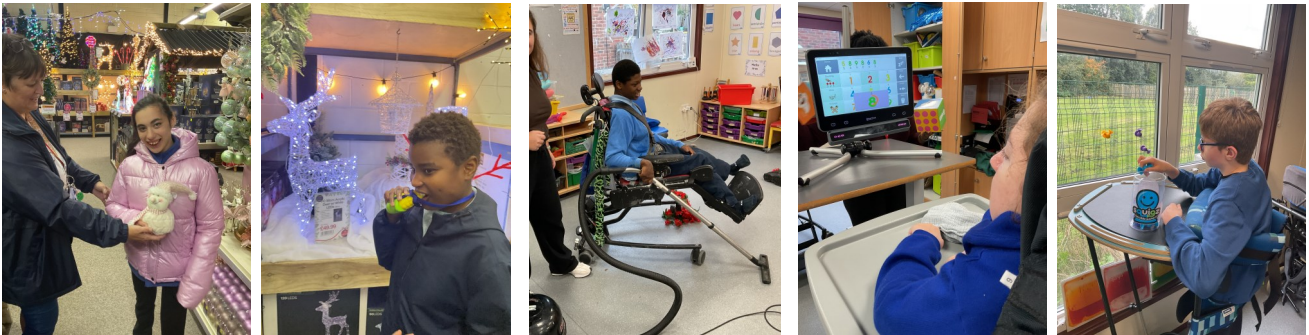
Luke's Class

Lukes class have been going out into the community ,visiting garden centres and seeing the Christmas displays , we have visited the local bakery and enjoyed tasty treats! The pumpkin patch farm , we also did some shopping in the supermarket and purchased ingrediencies for our touch and taste lesson formularising ourselves with different textures, touch, smells and tastes.

All of our students have been to the space theme sensory room in school and have been exploring with various activities and listening to music of their choice .

We iced poppy biscuits for remembrance Sunday, got creative in Art making firework pictures and celebrating Diwali with lights and sounds and working on using switches to activate them.

Electric umbrella visited the school, and wow! They were Amazing! We all had so much fun , dancing and singing together.



Chrissy's Class

After a lovely half term, Chrissy's class have been busy settling back into school. Students have been happy and have enjoyed learning about various celebrations. We have used different materials to make fireworks for Diwali, students carved pumpkins for Halloween and celebrated a students 18th birthday! Electric Umbrella visited school which was a highlight for students in Chrissy's class. Everybody took part in playing instruments and listening to the songs and there were smiles and laughs all round. Students have also started cooking sessions again and have added new items to the breakfast club menu. We are looking forward to an exciting half term together!



Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have been working hard at the gym! Students and staff explore different machines and enjoy a game or two of table tennis.

Back at school students are enjoying yoga sessions in class, perfecting their poses and working on breathing techniques.

While getting out and about in our local area.

Our breakfast club is going well, we made delicious sausage sandwiches for the admin team!

We had a lovely visit from Electric Umbrella! Students played the bamboo tamboo and sang along to their favourite songs!



Coffee Shop

We have been busy trialing new foods for the coffee shop, taking time to learn how to make them. We have jam tarts, sweet potato pie and lots of hot lunches.

We were lucky to have a visit from Mencap, we love having community visits and everyone is welcome in the coffee shop.



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Date	Workshop	Provider
26/11/2025	Understanding and managing anxiety	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

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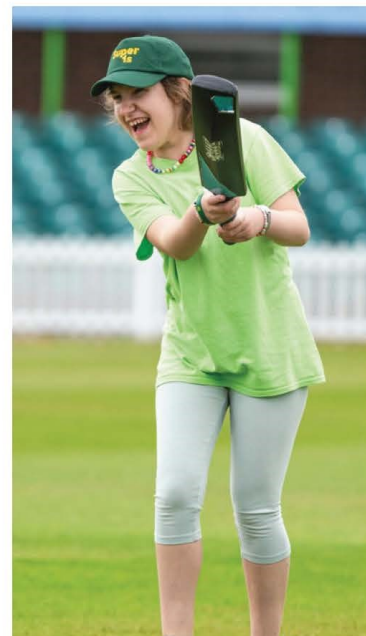
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