



Woodfield School

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the pupils back in school, we have had a very positive start to the year. All of our pupils are enjoying their learning around our new transport theme and we have a range of community access learning planned, some of which has started already.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening on Wednesday and for all the positive feedback about your child's learning and wellbeing in school. It is always good to reflect on the positives as well as problem solve any difficulties.

I am delighted to share that the permanent boiler works are going well and that we are not anticipating any interruption to our heating and hot water supply nor to our learning as a result!

As part of our commitment to building strong relationships for learning in school, we have been invited to join the Attachment Research Community. This is a group of schools who already have very strong attachment aware and trauma responsive practice, which is also recognised through our Therapeutic Thinking approach that underpins all learning. We will be sharing our good practice across this network of schools and we will also benefit from further training and events run by them. We are excited to be part of this nationwide initiative.

We are also excited to be upgrading the facilities for the pupils in our Sensory Garden and in the outdoor area of the Coffee Shop. A group of adult students from Capel Manor College will be undertaking a project with us as part of their horticulture course. We are also grateful that we have already had donations and offers of help from local companies and from parents and carers - thank you to everyone. Watch this space for further updates!

It just remains for me to wish you and your families a good weekend,

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DIARY DATES

- 12th February 2026—Finish for the Half Term Holiday**
- 13th February 2026—Inset Day—School Closed to pupils**
- 23rd February 2026—Back to School after the Half Term Holiday**
- 5th March 2026—World Book Day**
- 20th March 2026—Comic Relief**

Thank You's



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far to support our gardening project at Woodfield School. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown and truly appreciate the support we have received. This garden will be a wonderful addition to our school and will greatly benefit all of our pupils.

There is still time to donate if you would like to support this project.

So far we've raised

£18,104.54



OUR MINIBUS FUNDRAISER

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated towards our minibus project so far. In particular, we would like to thank Keith Goddard, a local neighbour, for his very generous donation of £1,000, and Bill Ayre, Provincial Grand Treasurer of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, for their generous donation of £1,000. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference to our pupils.

Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 9th January
Holly's Class	Arlo for working really hard
Samantha's Class	Ibrahim for great focus and concentration on new tasks
Aleigha's Class	Harry for using his communication book to make requests
Zoe's Class	Holly for great work in literacy
Cara's Class	
Caitlin's Class	Oli for working hard in the Coffee Shop
Lauren's Class	Corey for having a positive attitude and being kind to others
Amy's Class	Ella for being helpful
Gerard's Class	Hayden for great communication
Shabana's Class	Archie for some awesome writing
Luke's Class	Thomas for working hard
Chrissy's Class	Hannah-May for working hard on new tasks in class
Gemma's Class	Julia for working extra hard Isobel for great communication
Coffee Shop	Ben for working extra shifts and working independently on all jobs

**WELL DONE**



Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 16th January
Holly's Class	
Samantha's Class	Khadijah for some great listening and regulating when excited
Aleigha's Class	Rory for going out in the community
Zoe's Class	Tyler for settling back into his routine so well
Cara's Class	Lukas for his engagement in play activities and focus during his tasks
Caitlin's Class	Alessia for helping with jobs around the class room
Lauren's Class	Malih for sharing spaces with others
Amy's Class	Toby for a great swimming session
Gerard's Class	Conor for great transitioning to the pool
Shabana's Class	Teddy for some great participation in activities and exploring resources
Luke's Class	Ellie for using her EyeGaze to communicate
Chrissy's Class	Hifzah for settling back into school and working hard on her targets
Gemma's Class	Ethan has shown wonderful kindness, helping his friends and supporting staff around the classroom Hanna has impressed us with her hard work and enthusiasm in trying new activities
Coffee Shop	LJ for working so hard and progressing so well in all of his jobs!



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Holly's Class.

A very warm welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely break. The children have settled in well after the holidays and have been enjoying our new topic of 'Travel and Transport.' We have been practicing our fine motor skills during group sessions, the children have been learning to use different tools to make marks on transport pictures.

During our Maths sessions we have been working on number, using number rhymes to help us with this. The children are learning to recognise numbers 1-5. Some of our favourite number rhymes are, '5 green bottles' and '5 little speckled frogs.'

Within our art sessions we have been making transport pictures using collage materials, the children have been learning to tear, cut and stick materials to make a piece of Art.



Samantha's Class

Samantha's class have had a great return to the new term. We have loved exploring the ice and frost in the mornings. We were all pleased with the return of table cricket. Most of us remembered the basics of the game. We did very well moving around the table to take turns fielding by sliding the characters along the barrier, bowling down the slope and batting – learning to hold the bat the right way and hit the ball back away from you takes lots of practice. It is a great opportunity to develop our co-ordination and co-operation skills.



Aleighta's Class

Aleighta's Class have settled in well to the Spring Term. We have been enthusiastically exploring our new topic, 'Travel & Transport – All Aboard!' through a range of engaging activities. We have enjoyed learning about different types of transport and sharing how we travel to school each day. We have also experienced some cold winter weather, including a sprinkle of snow, which we thoroughly enjoyed during short outdoor play sessions.



Zoe's Class

Zoe's class has had a wonderful couple of weeks filled with lots of learning and fun! We have continued to enjoy our Big Book sessions and have explored our new book "the cat, the mouse and the runaway train".

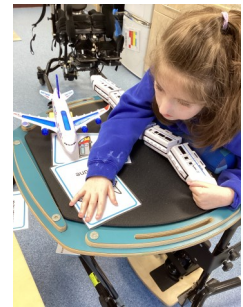
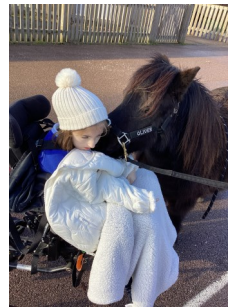
We have also been busy developing independence through our cooking lessons, where the pupils enjoyed making tasty toasties, and in maths we have been practising important life skills in practical and meaningful ways.

Our new topic, Rail, Road, Sea and Air, has been very exciting, with the pupils exploring a range of vehicles through play and provision, including planes, cars, trains and more. Community access remains a highlight, and we are very much looking forward to our upcoming swimming trips. It has been a lovely first couple of weeks back, and we are excited for all the learning and adventures still to come!



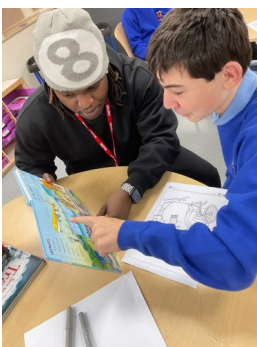
Cara's Class

Cara's Class have been learning and using key transport vocabulary such as go, more, and stop, supported with ALD boards and switches during transport play activities. During music with Kelly, we loved exploring percussion instruments and interacting using switches to create different transport sounds for our transport songs. In Maths we have been using ramps and responding to mathematical language as we explored how vehicles move. We also had a wonderful time at pony therapy — a highlight of the week! A brilliant start to the new topic for everyone



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class has been learning about transport and travel, road, sea, air and rail. We have begun our junk modelling of different vehicles and are using recycled materials to create rockets, trains, cars, buses, etc. the students have done well with this and are enjoying the building of the models. We have been reading about different transport and using our communication to talk about this with staff. We have continued cooking sessions making lots of yummy snacks and foods. This week we made a chocolate pastry twist. In tuck shop we have introduced money and the students are paying for their items and learning about the value of money. We have continued our music sessions with Kelly which is always loads of fun. We are looking forward to continuing to learn about transport and travel this term.



Lauren's Class

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Amy's Class

We have had a lovely first couple of weeks back and have been very excited to share all that we completed over the Christmas period. The children have enjoyed talking about their experiences and proudly sharing their achievements with one another. We have also been delighted to introduce our new Big Book, which the children listened to with great interest, before enjoying a fun and engaging rap version that really captured their attention. In the classroom, we have been continuing to develop important social and communication skills by taking turns and working cooperatively while playing a range of board games. These activities have supported listening, patience, and teamwork. We have also been focusing on work-related learning, where the children explored sorting and grouping items into different categories, helping to build their understanding of organisation and problem-solving. Alongside our classroom learning, we have made excellent use of the outdoor area. The children have enjoyed accessing the equipment, developing their physical skills, confidence, and independence while working together and supporting one another. It has been a fantastic start to the term, full of enthusiasm, engagement, and positive learning experiences.



Gerard's Class

This week, we have been having lots of fun as we get to know our new class and become familiar with our daily routines. The children have settled in wonderfully and are beginning to feel more confident in their new environment. We have spent time building positive relationships, learning classroom expectations, and supporting one another as a team. We have really enjoyed sharing our new big book together, taking time to talk about the story, explore the pictures, and share our ideas. The children have shown great enthusiasm and engagement during these sessions. In maths, everyone has been working extremely hard, practising key skills through a range of practical and hands-on activities. It has been lovely to see the children trying their best and showing perseverance. Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the week, and we are very proud of how well the children have embraced new challenges and routines.



Shabana's Class

Shabana's Class have started our Spring topic of Rail, Road, Sea and Air this term and we have been reading our new class stories, You can't take an elephant on the bus and a sensory story called The Journey. We have been exploring the props related to these stories. As part of Understanding of the world and Being Imaginative, the class participated in a role-playing going on a bus and waiting at a bus stop, handing a ticket to the bus conductor. We would like to discuss what kind of transport the class have been on, for example ferry, train, Eurostar, plane, bus, coach etc. Please could you let us know via email and if you have any photos of these trips and about when and what they have been on.



Luke's Class

Happy new year!

It was lovely to welcome all students back after the Christmas break.

You can't take an Elephant on the bus is the title of the book that we are reading at the moment. We are using switches and props to engage with the story.

We continue to have fun in our singing session with Euan the music man.



Chrissy's Class

It has been lovely to welcome students back after the winter break! We have been busy getting back into the school routine and have begun to learn lots of new things. In art lessons, we have begun to make our display for this half terms topic of 'transport'. In cooking, we have started learning to make new foods! We have added fresh pancakes to our breakfast club menu and we have began making vegetable bolognese in our cooking lessons! Our new big book for this half term is 'room on a broom' which students have really enjoyed listening to. Everybody has also enjoyed taking part in yoga sessions where they follow instructions to match a member of staff's yoga pose. We have been working on life skills activities which include hoovering, cleaning windows in class and washing dishes after lunch. We are looking forward to our half term learning new things and exploring new places!



Gemma's Class

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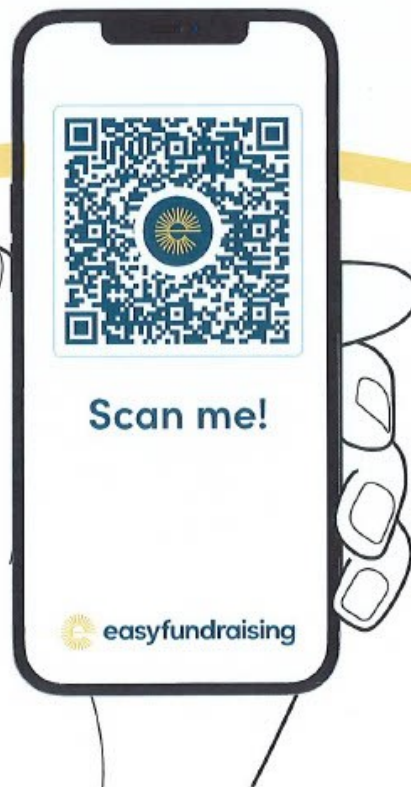
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25th January 2026, 3pm

26th April 2026, 3pm

26th July 2026, 3pm

25th October 2026, 3pm

Where?

Holy Trinity Church,

Leverstock Green,

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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 11:30am

Workshops will be held in the meeting room.



Date	Workshop	Provider
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



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These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 6 sessions on the following dates/times:

Date: Wednesday 4, 11, 25 February & 4, 11, 18 March 2026

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Thursday 5, 12, 26 February & 5, 12, 19 March 2026

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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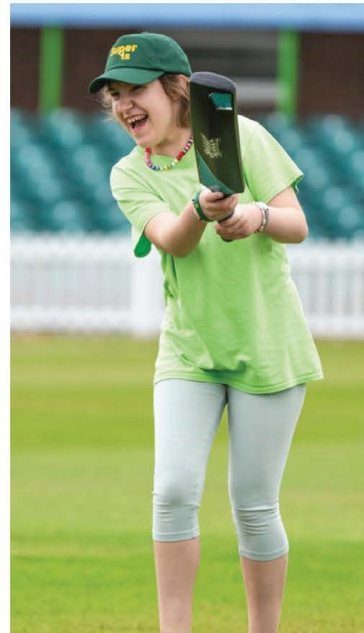
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