



Woodfield School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for this half term!

We have all been busy learning about different modes of transport, and taking part in journeys around the school, in our local neighbourhood and further afield.

I am very proud of our pupils who went on the canal boat trip - they all paid attention to the safety instructions and had a great time watching the world go by.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our gardening project and towards our new minibus - please see the next page for more details.

I hope that you have a good half term break, and we'll see the pupils back on 23rd February,

Best Wishes,

K. Mann. Carr



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



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have generously donated to our gardening project so far. Your support and kindness are truly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference as we bring this project to life. If you would still like to contribute, either through a donation or by providing gardening items there is still time. If donating items, please see the school office for details on what is needed. We would be grateful for your continued support.



Minibus Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far we truly appreciate your generosity. We've received several additional donations over the past few weeks and will provide an updated fundraising total in our next newsletter.

We've also created a GoFundMe page for anyone who would like to donate. Please share it with friends, family, or anyone who may be interested in supporting us.

[Woodfield School Minibus GoFund Me page](#)



We'd like to extend a huge heartfelt thank you to TJ's Late Stop, who have generously donated £125 to our minibus fund. Their support doesn't stop there, they're also raffling off a Pokémon Unova card collection on our behalf, and we're eagerly awaiting the final total raised. *Fingers crossed for an amazing outcome!*

If you'd like to enter the raffle to potentially win the card collection please click the link below, this ends at 12.15pm on Friday 13/01.2026

[**Pokemon Unova card collection on Raffal**](#)

If you need a quick delivery of groceries or goods please check out TJ's Late Stop at the link below

[**TJ's Late Stop on Snappy Shopper**](#)

In addition, we want to give a tremendous thank you to TJ's Late Stop and all the other incredible local businesses across our community who are kindly hosting collection pots for us.



If you'd like to support our fundraising for a brand new minibus, we'd be incredibly grateful for any donation—big or small. Simply scan the QR code on the left to make a quick and secure card payment online. Your generosity truly makes a difference

Headteacher Awards

Awards for 6th February	
Holly's Class	Amelia for working really hard
Samantha's Class	Raad for his engagement in learning using his voice
Aleigha's Class	Maisie for learning to be more independent at our local shops
Zoe's Class	Samson for coping so well with new routines
Cara's Class	Charlee for transitioning to different activities out of class
Caitlin's Class	Ella for working really hard
Lauren's Class	Varshana for great communication and morning work
Amy's Class	George fantastic progress with his morning work
Gerard's Class	Archie for making his own hot drink
Shabana's Class	Vinnie for some awesome speaking and listening in activities
Polly's Class	Njoki for engaging with activities for longer and doing some amazing work
Chrissy's Class	Thanish for having a fantastic week at school and listening to staff
Gemma's Class	Ben & Jordan for working really hard and helping others
Coffee Shop	Hanaa for excellent independent work in the Coffee shop Albie for using his AAS to have a conversation wit a peer in the Coffee shop



WELL DONE



Headteacher Awards

Awards for 12th February	
Holly's Class	Adam for sharing spaces with others
Samantha's Class	Joshua for his efforts communicating and using peoples names
Aleigha's Class	Rosetta for trying something new during technology sessions
Zoe's Class	Zakk for great progress in his communication
Cara's Class	Zak H for his walking and engaging in lessons
Caitlin's Class	Daniyal for taking part in new and different work
Lauren's Class	Evelyn for great transitioning around the school
Amy's Class	James for fantastic progress with his targets
Gerard's Class	Conor for joining in with class
Shabana's Class	Finley for fantastic shared attention in story
Polly's Class	Taofy for accessing the community and using the local shops to buy items for classes touch and taste sessions
Chrissy's Class	Abby for working hard towards her maths target and setting up her place for lunch independently
Gemma's Class	Ethan & Liam for something new and working hard
Coffee Shop	Liam for verbally communicating with staff without his sentence strip for support. Ethan for recognising when jobs in the Coffee shop need doing without adult support.



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Holly's Class.

Holly's class have been very busy over the past few weeks. We have been out into the Community on the school Mini bus, we have been exploring transport whilst out on the bus, by seeing which modes of transport we could spot.

In class we have been making smoothies as part of our technology sessions, the children have been learning to chop fruit safely and use the blender with support from adults. Some of the children enjoyed tasting the smoothies too.

We have also been working hard on our listening and attention skills, the children have enjoyed lots of attention autism and guided reading sessions to support this, all the children are making great progress within this area.



Samantha's Class

Samantha's class have been visiting the XC Climbing Centre, where they have been learning to navigate a new environment while taking part in an exciting physical challenge. The pupils have practised wearing specialist safety equipment, following the rules of a public venue, and listening carefully to instructions to keep themselves safe. Alongside developing their climbing and physical skills, the sessions have focused on building confidence, managing nerves, and having a go at something new, with everyone developing their co-regulation skills, resilience and determination.



Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's class has been enjoying some wonderful community access adventures! We've watched planes soar overhead at Luton Airport, some of us went on a canal boat as part of waterways experience – despite the weather being quite wet, they all had a great time! Some of us also took a walk to our local shops to purchase items from a list and learning to make payments. In class, we've continued our technology sessions by making smoothies and milkshakes with some of us even trying these delicious creations for the very first time!



Zoe's Class

Zoe's Class have had a very active and exciting two weeks! We have been taking part in morning Dough Disco activities to help develop our fine motor skills, strength and coordination in a fun and engaging way. We have also enjoyed lots of learning outside of the classroom, including our favourite swimming sessions in Amersham and maths-based sensory walks where we collected multiples of natural materials and sorted them by type. In our cooking lessons, we made delicious cheese twists, practising our independence and following simple instructions. We have also been exploring a range of different puzzles and turn taking games with our peers. In art, we've had lots of fun exploring a range of vehicles, using different materials and techniques to create beautiful art work. This term, we have also really enjoyed reading our Big Book, *The Cat, the Mouse and the Runaway Train*. We are now looking forward to a well-earned week of rest before the next half term.



Cara's Class

Over the last two weeks, the children have taken part in a wide range of sensory experiences. During our visit to the ponies, the children explored different sights, sounds and textures as they interacted with the animals.

The children also visited the coffee shop with a peer, where they experienced a new environment, including different sounds, smells and social interactions, while enjoying their snack time alongside other children and adults.

In class, we have had lots of sensory musical fun linked to our transport theme. The children explored sounds through transport toys, musical instruments and singing sessions with Kelly. They enjoyed watching, listening and taking part using instruments and the parachute, supporting visual attention and sensory engagement.

We have continued our sensory messy play, using vehicles to explore a variety of textures and materials. The children investigated how the vehicles moved through different substances, supporting tactile exploration, cause and effect, and visual tracking.



Caitlin's Class

Over the last two weeks, Caitlin's class has enjoyed a wide range of engaging activities. As part of our transport topic, the students worked together to create a big bus using junk modelling, showing great creativity and teamwork.

We have also been taking part in touch and taste activities. Last week, the students enjoyed sampling a variety of Mexican foods and were fully engaged throughout the experience.

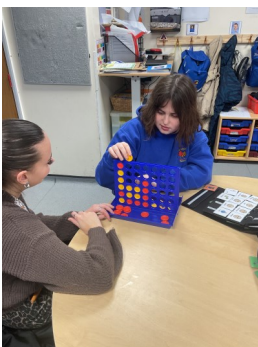
To end each day, we have been practising yoga, which everyone has really enjoyed. It has been a lovely way to relax and unwind together.



Lauren's Class

We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks in class! The children have been really enjoying our transport topic, exploring different vehicles through activities, stories, and play. We've also been working on important life skills. The class loved making pizza pittas using the air fryer, and they've been practising their independence by making ham or cheese sandwiches.

We've also had lots of fun in our creative sessions, especially making our own musical instruments. The children enjoyed experimenting with sounds and decorating their designs. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity growing each day!



Amy's Class

In Amy's class, pupils have been busy enjoying a range of exciting activities both in the classroom and out in the community. Inside the classroom, we've focused on work-related learning tasks, such as sorting everyday objects into categories and practising organisation skills. Pupils have also loved bringing our big book to life by acting out scenes, using props, and involving staff in the fun — encouraging creativity, confidence, and teamwork. Out in the community, we've enjoyed local walks, trips to the park, and visits to nearby shops to practise exchanging money and developing real-life skills. These experiences have helped pupils build independence and confidence in different settings. During downtime, we've enjoyed playing games together — often with some friendly competition — and taking part in a variety of fun, engaging activities. It's been a fantastic few weeks full of learning, laughter, and progress for everyone in Amy's class!



Gerard's Class

Students in our class have been enjoying a range of fun and helpful activities together. They made playdough, working creatively with different colours and shapes, which everyone enjoyed.

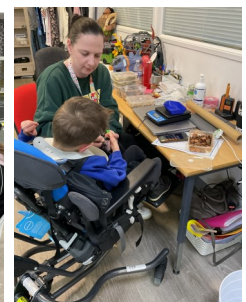
Some of the students in class, also went on a school trip to the canal, where students relaxed and spent time with friends. In addition, students worked together to clean the classroom, learning the importance of teamwork and responsibility.

These activities helped students bond in groups and build stronger friendships, making it a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone.



Shabana's Class

Over the past couple of weeks, Shabana's class have continued to work on expressing themselves through music and movement. We have been listening to transport themed songs and have been learning to play an instrument loud and quiet. We have also been visiting the coffee shop as part of our community access, and this was enjoyed by all. Some pupils practiced their walking in their walkers, managing the distance from class to coffee shop well, building on their strength and stamina. In class, we have been developing our interactions through turn taking games and sharing resources with adult support. We have explored switch operated vehicles and worked on developing our play skills with toy vehicles, magnetic construction and train sets. We wish you all a lovely half term and when we come back we will be basing out learning around famous artists.



Polly's Class

Polly's class have had a very busy and engaging time this term. Pupils visited local shops within the community to purchase ingredients for their cooking lessons, using symbol-based shopping lists to select items and practising money skills by paying for their purchases independently.

The class has been learning Makaton signs linked to transport and has enjoyed using these signs while singing a variety of transport-themed songs.

To celebrate Chinese New Year, which takes place in February, pupils have been learning about the festival and taking part in an enjoyable touch-and-taste session exploring a selection of Chinese foods. Some items were prepared using the air fryer to further develop independent life skills, while others included sauces, crisps, and dips for sensory exploration.

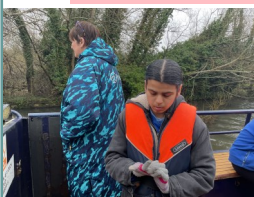
Pupils have also continued to enjoy Tri-Golf sessions, as well as music sessions with Euan and imagination dance, all of which have been great fun and very engaging.



Chrissy's Class

Chrissy's class have had a lovely end to this half term. In maths students have been working on collecting items they need for everyday tasks such as setting a place for lunch. Literacy lessons have involved reading our big book with some acting from our members of staff. This has been a lovely session and the room is always filled with laughter!

Community access has also been a highlight for our students. Students have enjoyed our weekly visits to Little Hay Golf Course, Westminster Lodge for swimming and the sports centres for trampolining. All of these have been a big success and students have enjoyed the opportunity to explore new places and activities. There was also an additional trip for some students to Waterways Experience where students spent the day on a canal boat! Students listened well to staff to keep themselves safe and had a fantastic time! Last week we celebrated Chrissy's birthday with a birthday cake that some students made, dancing and singing happy birthday. We hope that you all have a lovely half term and we are looking forward to more learning and adventures next half term!



Gemma's Class

Last week, Gemma's class enjoyed a fantastic range of community and outdoor experiences. The highlight was an adventure day at Hudnall Park, where students took part in team-building activities. They worked together brilliantly, giving each other instructions, problem-solving as a group, and supporting one another throughout the day. A special bonus was spotting lots of deer during our visit, which the students really enjoyed. We also spent some calm and focused time at our local library, where students chose their own books and practised sitting quietly in a shared public space. Later in the week, some students had the opportunity to hit a few balls at the Little Hay driving range, while others enjoyed a gentle wander around Hemel town centre. The trip ended with a well-earned stop at Liberty Tea Rooms for a cup of tea, providing a lovely opportunity to practise social and community skills in a relaxed setting.





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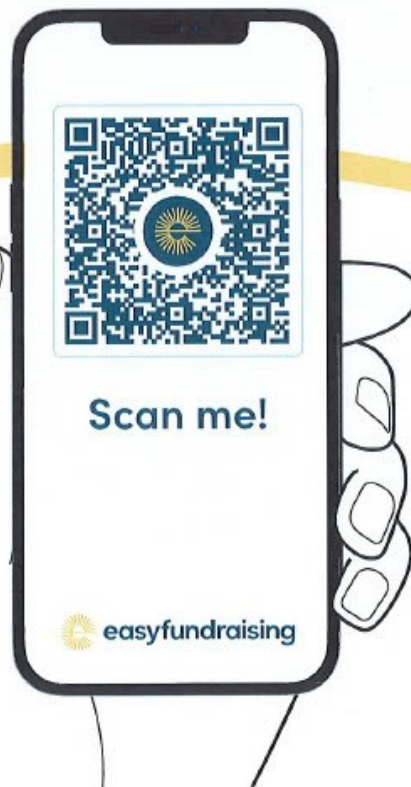
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25th October 2026, 3pm

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10:00am to 11:30am

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Date	Workshop	Provider
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22/04/2026	Transitions and change (please note date 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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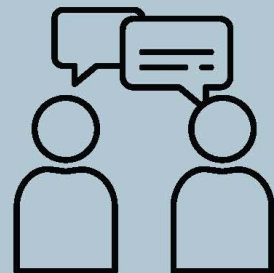
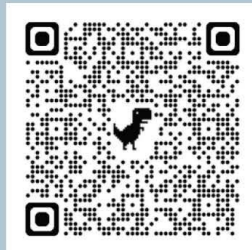
Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

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*This **FREE** event is for Parents and Carers of Children with SEN or Disabilities; we will have local services/providers information stands, activities for children & refreshments!*

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