



# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy fortnight in school and some exciting visits offsite. Some of our older pupils had the chance to visit the Three Counties Radio studio this week. I am very proud of how they conducted themselves and there is a chance of a visit into school as well.

I've been very pleased with how many parents and carers have taken up the opportunity to come and see their child learning in class. This is the beginning of this initiative, which aims to strengthen our work between school and home. We will also be opening up the facility on the Evidence for Learning app for families and carers to upload evidence from home - look out for further details.

Finally, we have been reassured by Public Health England that there are no confirmed cases of meningitis in Hertfordshire. If you are at all concerned about your child and their symptoms, please follow the NHS advice in the newsletter below.

To all of our families who celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr - Eid Mubarak!

I wish everyone a good weekend and I hope to see some more parents and carers visiting classes next week,

Best Wishes,

*K. Man. Car*

## DIARY DATES



**27th March 2026—School finishes at 1pm for Easter Break**

**13th April 2026—Inset day, school closed to pupils**

**14th April 2026—School restarts & pupils return**

**16th April 2026—Charity auction at The Old Town Hall (more details to follow)**

**29th April 2026—Parents evening from 4pm to 6.30pm**



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01442 253467 OR [admin@woodfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodfield.herts.sch.uk)

# CHARITY AUCTION NIGHT WOODFIELD SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS

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THURSDAY 16TH APRIL,  
7.30PM

GALLERY BAR,  
OLD TOWN HALL

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TICKETS £10 INC.  
LIGHT BUFFET  
PAYING BAR, RAFFLE



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## HEMEL SANTA SLEIGH 2025

The Rotary Club of Hemel Hempstead  
is pleased to donate £180 to

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*Alan J. Wright*

Rtn Alan Wright  
President 2025/26




Our very own Karen Lyon  
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from  
The Rotary Club of Hemel



# Meningitis and septicaemia

 Severe headache

Dislike of bright light 

 Stiff neck

Confusion and/or irritability 


 Rapid breathing

Vomiting/diarrhoea 

 Seizures/fits

Stomach cramps 

 High temperature

Rash/bruising rash 

 Drowsy or difficult to wake

Pale blotchy skin 

 Cold hands and feet

Joint or muscle pain 



**Meningitis can kill in hours**

These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.

## Find out more:

Find out about the MenACWY vaccine

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)



Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/)





### Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 13th March
Holly's Class	Amelia for taking part in new and different work
Samantha's Class	Ibrahim for his creativity and skill making pieces of artwork
Aleigha's Class	Maisie for wearing her new glasses in school and at home
Zoe's Class	David for progress in his communication
Cara's Class	Lukas for outstanding progress with his communication book
Caitlin's Class	Harley for engaging well in sessions
Lauren's Class	Michael-Patrick for great work and trying different sessions
Amy's Class	Toby for using his voice more with unfamiliar staff
Gerard's Class	Theo for a full week at school
Shabana's Class	Ava for great work on using both her hands across the table, exploring resources in activities
Polly's Class	Jaime-Lee for good intensive interaction sessions in the sensory room
Chrissy's Class	Ayaan for working hard to complete his tasks in class
Gemma's Class	Hanaa for being kind and helpful Isobel for her much improved communication
Coffee Shop	Alessia for working consistently with very minimal support



**WELL DONE**





### Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 20th March
Holly's Class	Jesse for taking part in different activities
Samantha's Class	
Aleighta's Class	Marley for engaging in new activities (Art), exploring new materials and textures
Zoe's Class	Cayson for working on his emotional regulation
Cara's Class	Thomas for his engagement in learning in all areas
Caitlin's Class	Zaara for always being so helpful with jobs in class
Lauren's Class	Varshana for doing really well with transitions around the school
Amy's Class	Ines for taking good care of her friends and helping staff
Gerard's Class	Hayden for making healthy choices in class
Shabana's Class	Jovan for walking a few steps without his walker in class
Polly's Class	Taofy for excellent sensory exploration with a variety of textures
Chrissy's Class	Abdullah for working hard and completing life skills activities in class without being prompted
Gemma's Class	LJ for working so hard! Liam for his hard work and communication
Coffee Shop	Ines for working enthusiastically in the Coffee Shop



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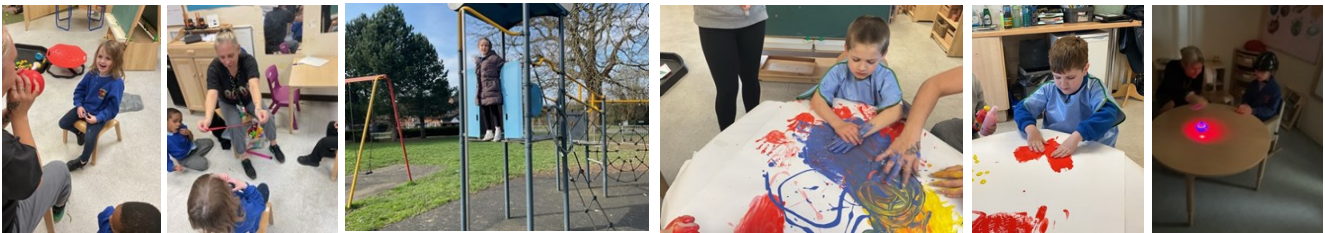


### Holly's Class.

Over the past few weeks, our class has been thoroughly enjoying our current topic, 'The Artist in Me.' During our art sessions, the children have been exploring a range of paints and colours, experimenting creatively and expressing themselves through different artistic activities. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they discover new ways to create and communicate through art.

The children have also continued to enjoy our guided reading text, engaging thoughtfully with the story and developing their listening and comprehension skills during these sessions. We have made the most of the recent sunshine with several trips to the park. The children are becoming increasingly confident exploring the space independently and have particularly enjoyed using the swings, slide, and climbing frame. These outings provide valuable opportunities for both physical activity and social interaction.

In addition, we have been placing a strong emphasis on developing attention and listening skills across a variety of sessions. The children have shown particular engagement during our *Attention Autism* sessions, where their focus, participation, and enthusiasm have been truly encouraging to see.



### Samantha's Class

Samantha's class have absolutely loved developing their creativity half term. We have been learning how to use different types of media in a range of ways, exploring what happens when we experiment, take risks and make our own artistic choices.

The class have particularly enjoyed exploring art through sculpture at Leavesden Heritage trail, using their hands and a range of materials to shape, build and create. We have also had lots of fun mixing watercolours, watching colours blend and change, and exploring exciting techniques such as splatting paint and using our hands to make marks and patterns. These creative experiences have helped the pupils to express themselves, build confidence and discover that art can be playful, messy and full of surprises. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and imagination they have shown.



### Aleisha's Class

In Aleisha's Class we have been getting very creative during our art sessions, exploring a range of tools and materials to make different types of artwork. The children have loved experimenting with pipettes and water sprays filled with water paints to create interesting patterns and effects on paper. We have also been busy junk modelling, using recycled materials to build our creations and decorating them by tearing and sticking colourful tissue paper with glue. As well as our art activities, we have really enjoyed visiting the ponies for pony therapy on the playground. During these sessions some of us have become more confident, practising gently touching and stroking the ponies and building our confidence around them. We have also continued our visits to the local park, shops and soft play, where we have enjoyed engaging in shared experiences with our peers and trusted adults while exploring the community.



### Zoe's Class

Zoe's Class have had a busy couple of weeks. The pupils have enjoyed completing sensory circuits in the garden to help support their regulation and get ready for learning. Foot golf in the hall has also been very popular, helping pupils practise their coordination and turn-taking skills. During cooking sessions, the class have been developing their independence by following simple instructions to make chips in the air fryer, which everyone really enjoyed. Swimming continues to be a highlight and the pupils have been working very hard on their independence during these trips. We are also looking forward to our upcoming community access trip to Little Hay for some golf. We have also been enjoying lots of messy art sessions and are looking forward to welcoming families to our open morning session.



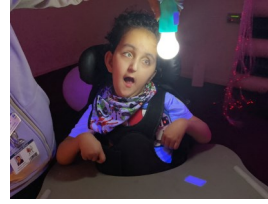
### Cara's Class

Over the past two weeks, the children have taken part in a wide variety of creative activities. They have worked together on our class display, exploring textures, materials and techniques while making independent choices and expressing their preferences.

They particularly enjoyed messy art, using shaving foam and food dye to create marbled effects with their hands and a range of tools. Inspired by Vincent van Gogh, they explored movement and music through *Starry Night*, using scarves to create expressive patterns, and used twigs and ball-tipped tools to produce blossom-style mark-making inspired by *Almond Blossom*.

Within continuous provision, the light den has been especially popular. The children have experimented with lights, projectors and light-up wands to create patterns, explore cause and effect, and observe visual changes.

We have also focused on developing physical skills through daily movement and physiotherapy sessions, supported by motivating activities such as singing, music and show play to encourage strength, coordination and engagement.



### Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class has been very busy the last couple of weeks continuing to explore different artists and techniques within our art sessions. We have looked at pop art, Matisse and Kandinsky so far and have enjoyed exploring collage, painting and stamping. We've continued to access climbing at the XC as well as going to Tesco and the park as part of our community access which students have been really confident with. We had our parent art session this week which was really lovely and a great opportunity for parents to work with their children in the classroom. We are excited for our last week of term and continuing our art exploration.



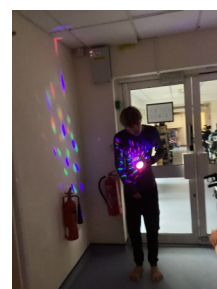
### Lauren's Class

We have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks, filled with fun activities and fantastic learning experiences. We have enjoyed getting out into the community, where the pupils have shown great enthusiasm and confidence, and we were delighted to welcome parents into school for our t-shirt art making session, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. A real highlight has been spending time with the ponies, and the children loved interacting with them. Breakfast Club continues to be a favourite part of the day, with pupils using their communication skills brilliantly to request what they would like. We've also had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day, with the children enjoying stories, dressing up, and exploring their favourite characters. The students have also really enjoyed sandwich-making, practising their life skills and making their own delicious creations. Alongside all of this, we have been very creative in class, working hard on Mother's Day and Easter crafts, which the children cannot wait to share



### Amy's Class

In Amy's class, we have continued to get stuck into our new topic, 'Gallery', and it has certainly kept us busy over the past two weeks. The pupils have taken part in the wonderful Art Workshops happening across the school, and they are very excited as we prepare for our upcoming Exhibition in the Old Town Hall. We have also been busy creating our Mother's Day crafts, which the pupils have really enjoyed making with great care and creativity. Alongside our classroom learning, we have continued our regular offsite visits, including swimming sessions and exploring our local area, which the pupils always look forward to. Back in the classroom, we have been getting hands-on with a variety of activities such as cooking, breakfast club, and plenty of opportunities to get messy in art. It's been a fun and engaging couple of weeks, and the pupils have really shone in all areas.



### Gerard's Class

We have been very busy recently and we have been enjoying lots of different activities together. We have been focusing on personal care, and the students have really enjoyed taking part. A favourite activity has been doing staff members' hair, which has brought lots of laughter and great engagement from everyone.

We have also spent time enjoying our Big Book sessions, where students have loved exploring the story together and joining in with the shared reading.

Alongside this, we have celebrated birthdays in class, enjoyed trips to the coffee shop, music sessions, and outside learning.

It has been a lovely few weeks in class and we are very proud of all the students



### Shabana's Class

On Thursday last week, the class joined World Book Day celebrations by dressing up as a favourite character. The class team also dressed up as Minions and Gru and the students took part in yellow and Minion themed art and music activities as well as shared reading of books throughout the day.

We have continued to read our class key text *Draw me a star* by Eric Carle and in one session, Shabana became the artist using a LED drawing board to draw a picture that was requested by the students who used an ALD board depicting objects from the story.

We also continued to look at famous artists and trying out new techniques imitating the style of Claude Monet using a sponge dipped in paint and spread it to create a watery background followed by scrunching tissue paper to make waterlilies. These formed the artwork for the students Mother's Day cards. We are sure you would have been pleased with them and the great effort your child made in creating the artwork.

This week used tin foil as our canvas and applied textured paint (sand and paint mixed) to create their own 'Starry Night' inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. The students used brushes as well as fingers and hands to great swirling patterns in imitation of the Van Gogh painting and listened to Don McClean's song Vincent to accompany them while they worked.

We look forward to some Easter themed sculpture next week for the final week of the Painter, Creator, Sculptor topic as well as welcoming you to visit class to join our messy art session.



### Polly's Class

We have had a great two weeks and taken full advantage of the nicer weather. We have been going on nature walks around the school to look for materials to use in our artist topic. We have been inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy and used sticks, leaves, flowers and small stones to do paint printing and make collages. Natural art has also been a way of recreating pages from our big book 'Draw me a Star'. Mark making flowers and trees with a variety of materials such as chalks, edible paint and flour.

The students made lovely cards and biscuits for Mother's Day, and we hope you all enjoyed them. They enjoyed using different cooking utensils and shape cutters and measuring and pouring out the ingredients.

The students have loved spending more time out in the local community visiting the library, shops and park. They have been socialising well with their peers during these visits and developing their independent life skills.



### Chrissy's Class

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Chrissy's class. Students have been working on gaining independence during life skills activities. Following blue strips, students have been cleaning tables in class, sweeping the floor, washing windows and washing dishes.

Students have made amazing progress in these skills and now require minimal support from staff members. Students have enjoyed community access visits with some students attending regular swimming lessons at Westminster Lodge with others enjoying walks in the local community, visiting local shops and purchasing items to share in class.

Back in school, students have embraced our topic book 'draw me a star'. Students listen to the story whilst drawing a variety of objects from the book including stars, cats, houses and clouds. This week, some parents joined us for this session which was a lovely addition to the session. During art, we have celebrated special people in our lives and created some lovely presents for Mothers Day. Students engaged well in these activities and appeared to enjoy getting creative! We are looking forward to enjoying the last couple of weeks of this half term together.



### Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have been getting arty! As part of our topic this term, we have been experimenting with colour and trying to recreate some of the fantastic pieces of art that we have been reading about.

Part of our artwork was photography, we took iPads and cameras and took photos around the school, some of which will be on show at the art exhibition in the old town in a few weeks (more info to follow).

We have also been getting out and about in our local community. Some students visited a local library on world book day and enjoyed a calm environment to relax with a book while others are enjoying exploring the local coffee shops (it's all research!).

We have all had great fun getting creative and messy!



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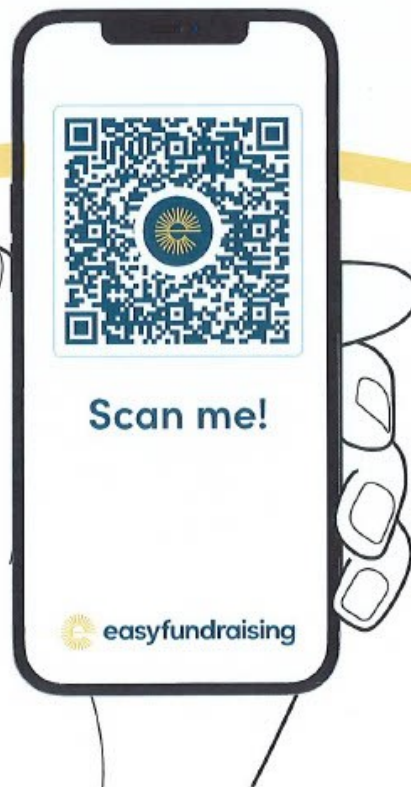
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# CALM CHURCH

Designed to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families.

A simple service, followed by biscuits and squash.

## When?

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 3pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 3pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 3pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2026, 3pm**

## Where?

**Holy Trinity Church,**

**Leverstock Green,**

**HP3 8LJ**





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## HCT CYPT's Social Media Pages

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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
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

## Play and Learn Hub



Stay and Play for primary age children with Down Syndrome

### What is Play and Learn Hub?

Play & Learn Hub is a relaxed Stay & Play group where primary age children with Down Syndrome can play, explore and build friendships, supported by their parents and our team.

The group is all about friendship, fun and positivity, helping children feel confident and included.

The group runs weekly on Saturday afternoons during term time and is supported by a team including a Play Leader and Support Workers.



### At Play and Learn Hub you can expect:

- Play-based activities including crafts, games and sensory play
- Opportunities for children to build friendships and practise social skills
- A welcoming space for families to connect and share experiences
- Visits from private therapists (Physio / OT / SaLT) and other professionals
- A relaxed, supportive environment for children and parents

### Where is Play and Learn Hub?

Venue: Applecroft  
School, WGC, AL8 6JZ

Time: 2:30-4pm on  
Saturdays (term time  
only)

### Come and Join Us!

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## DSPL8 SEND Parent & Carers Information Fayre

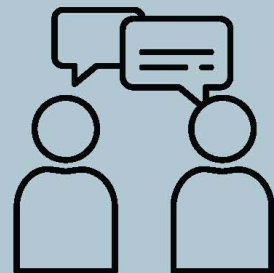
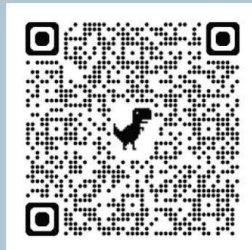
Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

At the Bennetts End Community Centre  
Gatecroft, Bennetts End  
Hemel Hempstead  
HP3 9LZ

*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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**PARMITERS  
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**HATFIELD HUB**

**SUNDAYS 10-  
11.30AM**

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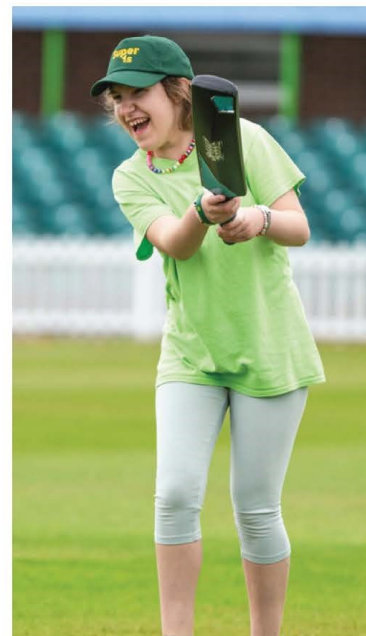
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