



# Woodfield School

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good start to the summer term and our pupils are enjoying exploring our Healthy Living topic. We have been learning some new dance moves in our weekly sessions with Imagination Dance and also learning some new songs linked to our topic.

The auction last week was well attended. It was a fun evening and we raised a total of £2046.00 towards our new minibus.

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening next week - please book in via Arbor if you have not done so already. If you are unable to attend in person or virtually on the day, your class teacher will offer you another slot via phone or Teams.

We are very much looking forward to our Summer Picnic on 22<sup>nd</sup> May - we hope as many of you as possible will attend.

I wish you and your family a good weekend,

Best wishes,

*K. Mann. Carr*

## DIARY DATES

- 29th April, 4pm–6.30pm – Parents' Evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of May - Formal Photos - details to follow
- 22nd May, 12:00–1:45pm – Summer Picnic
- 22nd May – Informal photos
- 10th June (Daytime) – Living Life for Year 13 - details to follow
- 15th June – Year 8 & Year 9 Immunisations
- 15th June – Circus Skills (pupils only)
- 23rd June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS1 & KS2) - details to follow
- 24th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (PNP Classes) - details to follow
- 25th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS3) - details to follow
- 26th June, 10am–12pm – Sports Day (KS4 & KS5) - details to follow
- 8th July – Leavers' Assembly - year 14 - details to follow
- 15th July – Leavers' Prom - year 14 - details to follow





### **Auction Night Success - Thank you!**

Our school auction night on 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Old Town Hall, Hemel Hempstead was a fantastic success, and we are delighted to share that we raised over £2,000 towards our fully accessible mini bus. This is a massive achievement and an important step in supporting our pupils and ensuring inclusive access for all.

The evening was filled with laughter, generous bids and a great atmosphere from the parents and staff that attended. A special thank you goes to Derek, who was in an amazing auctioneer on the night and is a great supporter of our school. His energy and enthusiasm helped make the evening such a success.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along on the night, to those who made bids on auction items and purchased raffle tickets, your generosity and community spirit made the night a success.

Every contribution, big or small brings us closer to our goal and we are grateful for the support of our families, friends and supporters.

The art exhibition of our pupils work is still on at the Old Town Hall until 30<sup>th</sup> April if you would like to pop in to see it. This has been an amazing opportunity to have our school being able to show the community what we can achieve at our special school and to know who we are. The staff at the Old Town Hall have received some great feedback from the general public, saying it is lovely to see such vibrant colours, and the way they have been used. The fish display is really engaging, so many different things to look at. Very cheerful and made them smile.



We would like to say a sincere thank you to the gentleman who kindly made an anonymous donation of £1,000 towards our minibus fundraiser.

Although he has chosen to remain unnamed, we understand that he is a local resident, which makes his generosity all the more meaningful to our school community.

This donation brings us closer to our goal of purchasing a new wheelchair accessible minibus, which will support a wide range of activities for our pupils.

We are very grateful for this support and would like to thank him for his kindness. We also appreciate the continued support from everyone who has contributed to the fundraiser so far.



### Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 17th April
Holly's Class	Nola for having a really good week
Samantha's Class	Edward for his great regulation and calmness when waiting for the trampoline
Aleigha's Class	N/A
Zoe's Class	Jamie for confidently communicating his wants and needs
Cara's Class	Charlee for great communication
Caitlin's Class	N/A
Caroline's Class	Rebecca for good communication during snack time and sharing spaces with others
Amy's Class	Miles for a fantastic shopping trip
Libby's Class	Amber for trying new equipment outside
Shabana's Class	Alesha for good communication with her Communication book using verbs to make play requests interactively with staff
Polly's Class	Sez for accessing the local community and using great communication to make informed choices at the shops
Chrissy's Class	Christian for helping out in class and always working hard during group activities
Gemma's Class	LJ for always being so helpful and working hard Hanaa for trying new things, wearing her lovely new shoes in school
Coffee Shop	Zaara for excellent communication Jordan for an excellent week working in the coffee shop



**WELL DONE**





### Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 24th April
Holly's Class	Arlo for coping well with changes and different routines
Samantha's Class	Jodi for his expression of frustrations and use of regulating skills to manage these
Aleigha's Class	Wilfred for engaging in new and different work with his peers
Zoe's Class	Holly for great progress in communication
Cara's Class	Zak for engaging and exploring messy play
Caitlin's Class	Daniyal for coming back to school with such a positive attitude
Caroline's Class	Ana for good communication during snack time and making outstanding progress
Amy's Class	James for using his voice with unfamiliar staff
Libby's Class	Ruby for completing a 1000 piece puzzle!
Shabana's Class	Finley for lovely intensive interaction sessions with staff to jointly explore curiosity containers
Polly's Class	Thomas for using his AAC iPad more regularly across a variety of activities
Chrissy's Class	Hifzah for fantastic communication with adults and working hard throughout the week
Gemma's Class	Jordan for being so polite when out in the community Julia for being supportive to her friends
Coffee Shop	Ines for making the best brownies ever Archie for working well at the till using the AAC and teamwork grating the cheese



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### Holly's Class.

Holly's class have settled back into their routines exceptionally well following the Easter holidays. The children have enthusiastically begun exploring our new topic, 'Healthy Me', showing great curiosity and engagement.

In Expressive Arts, the class has been using watercolours to create vibrant fruit paintings, developing both creativity and fine motor skills. In Literacy, we have introduced a new topic book, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They have also been exploring a range of related props, helping to bring the story to life and support their imaginative play.

During PE sessions with Imogen, the children have been developing their physical skills through activities focused on balancing, climbing, and jumping, all linked to our theme of keeping healthy.

In addition, the children have made excellent use of the outdoor provision, where they have been practising important social skills such as sharing, turn-taking, and cooperative play with their peers.



### Samantha's Class

Samantha's Class are loving learning about 'healthy me.' They have really enjoyed the sunshine which made our walk to the park behind the village shops much more fun. The pupils are excited about our new cooking theme of smoothies and slushies. There are so many physical skills for us to practice in this activity – it provides a great challenge. We have also introduced new water jugs to practice pouring. These have been very popular; some pupils are still learning you shouldn't drink straight from the jug.

A few of the pupils are asking to make toast and toasted sandwiches, hopefully they can occasionally practice these skills at home.



### Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's class have settled back in wonderfully after the holidays and have made a great start on our new topic 'Healthy Me'. We have been exploring healthy foods in a variety of engaging sessions. We have been using our hands to investigate different foods and are beginning to describe what we see and how they feel, supported by communication aids. We have also been developing our gardening skills in our "Vegetable Patch" which we have enjoyed using gardening tools sharing with our friends, filling plant pots and exploring vegetables in the tuff tray. Over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to planting our own seeds, watching them grow and learning how to care for them.



### Zoe's Class

Zoe's Class have had a great start to the Summer Term! We have been settling back into routines after Easter and focusing on turn-taking and relationship building activities to help everyone re-adjust and learn together. Our new Big Book about health choices has led to lots of discussion and role play, helping the children learn how to look after themselves and make healthy choices in a fun and practical way. We have also been developing our sound recognition skills through sensory activities, supporting listening and attention. Alongside this, the children have continued to build communication and social skills through a range of structured and play-based learning. We are very excited about our upcoming community access trips, including visits to the local park and the XC for climbing, where we will continue to build confidence and independence skills while exploring new environments.



### Cara's Class

We've had such a lovely couple of weeks settling back in after the Easter break. The children have really embraced our new book all about self care and healthy living. Our healthy living songs have quickly become class favourites, the children sing them with so much enthusiasm and they've enjoyed joining in with actions and movement. We've also spent plenty of time exploring sensory activities linked to our theme. From calming textures to energising movement breaks, the children have been fully engaged and curious. It's been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, working together, and showing such interest in looking after themselves and each other. We're excited to continue building on this learning as the term goes on.



### Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class are beginning work on our healthy living topic. We have been looking at our bodies and how we keep them healthy, through healthy choices and keeping active. In cooking we have been learning to make a healthy lunch and learning how to prepare this. We have been reading about activities we can do to keep our bodies busy and moving. We have continued our work on self-care to develop our understanding of the importance of this. We celebrated a few birthdays this week enjoying treats and celebrations.



### Caroline's Class

In Caroline's class, we've had a wonderful start back after the Easter break and have been making the most of the lovely weather. We've spent lots of time outdoors, enjoying our new sensory circuit equipment, including a trampoline, tunnel, stepping stones and a balance beam. The children have really loved exploring these resources and have shown great independence when choosing activities in the garden. Our focus this term is "Healthy Choices," and in class we've been learning about making healthy decisions, particularly around the foods we eat, through an exciting new book. We've been exploring different food colours, starting last week with green foods through sensory activities such as touch and taste, as well as creating our own broccoli-inspired artwork. The children also enjoyed using green edible playdough to make interesting shapes and 3D models. This week, we're moving on to yellow foods! We have also been introducing new equipment during our Attention Autism sessions, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed, and which has helped to extend their focus. Alongside this, we've been engaging in fun role-play activities with our class shop and till, while continuing to develop our self-care and life skills. Finally, we have been doing a lot singing in class 7- Wind the Bobbin up and Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes have been firm favourites this week!



### Amy's Class

All pupils have settled back into school extremely well after the Easter break and have enthusiastically begun our new topic on Healthy Eating and Personal Hygiene. In class, we have enjoyed exploring our new topic book and learning important facts about why it is essential to keep our bodies clean and how we can do this. The pupils have also been thoroughly enjoying our cooking sessions, where we have been making a range of foods. In addition, our community visits have been a highlight, as pupils have enjoyed going shopping, practising life skills, and making choices



### Libby's Class

We've settled back into our routine after half term wonderfully, and it's been lovely to see how quickly everyone has refocused and re-engaged with their learning.

This week, we've been exploring the topic of healthy eating. The children have shown a great understanding of what makes a balanced diet and have been making thoughtful, positive choices when discussing food options. It's been encouraging to see their enthusiasm and growing awareness of how to look after their bodies.

Across the class, there's a real sense of cooperation and shared purpose, with everyone supporting one another and contributing positively to our classroom environment. It's been a strong start to the half term, and we're looking forward to building on this momentum in the weeks ahead.



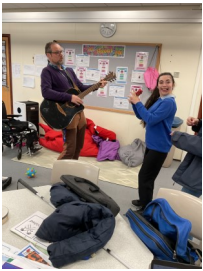
### Shabana's Class

In Shabana's class we have been focusing on personal hygiene routines such as washing hands and wiping our faces as well as brushing our teeth. Some students have been learning the various skills required to make toast and choosing toppings. We have taken advantage of the great weather and exploring our local surroundings as part of Health and Well Being, choosing and experiencing activities that promote our well being, including asserting ourselves to say No ! Over the past two weeks, the class have been on a nature walk, collecting natural objects to make a nature's window frame collage in our Expressive Arts and Design lessons. As part of the topic of Healthy Living and Hygiene, we will be role-playing being at a hair salon, nail salon or spa and getting the students to really experience a foot spa or hand massage. We would really appreciate if you could help us resource this with any unwanted towels you may have and any specific hand cream, hair brush/ comb you use on your child. We will write to you with more details in the class emails .Thank you.



### Polly's Class

We have had a great start to the summer term and really embraced our new 'Healthy Living' topic. The students have enjoyed reading our big book 'The Best of Me' and it has been a good starting point for exploring how to look after our bodies the best we can. The students have loved making healthy alternative of some foods including watermelon fruit pizzas with yoghurt bases and some more of their favourite fruits as toppings. We have got our exercise out in the local community by walking to the local shops and park. The park has been a great way to develop some of the student's gross motor skills by using some of the different equipment there. We have also done a touch and taste with fruits and vegetables and even brought some of the ingredients from our local butchers. The students did a very good job at asking for items using a variety of communication. The students have enjoyed learning new Makaton signs for different fruits and vegetables too. As always the students have enjoyed their weekly music session with music teacher Euan, dancing and singing along to his guitar.



### Chrissy's Class

We hope that everybody had a wonderful break over Easter. It has been lovely to see our students back in class and working hard. Students have worked hard in their morning work tasks which now include a variety of new maths, literacy and healthy eating tasks. In literacy, students have enjoyed reading our new topic book -'I can eat a rainbow' which has opened up conversations about what our favourite healthy foods are. Students have also been working hard in life skills where they follow blue strips to wash floors, clean tables and windows, Hoover and wash dishes. During our cooking lessons, students have restarted cooking vegetable curry and rice. All students enjoy our cooking sessions and have gained independence in cooking curry with minimal support from adults. Outside of the class, students have been enjoying our daily walks which have allowed us to explore the dell, gym area and the slide area. We are looking forwards to learning new things and exploring new places this half term.



### Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have been working hard in the sunshine! Students have been taking part in work experience, they have been working in the allotments, tidying, clearing the weeds and digging over the soil as part of our healthy living topic. Some students have been visiting the town centre as part of our community access and others have stayed local, visiting local parks and shops. We are all learning about healthy eating and trying to stay active which means getting out and about as much as possible when the weather is nice.





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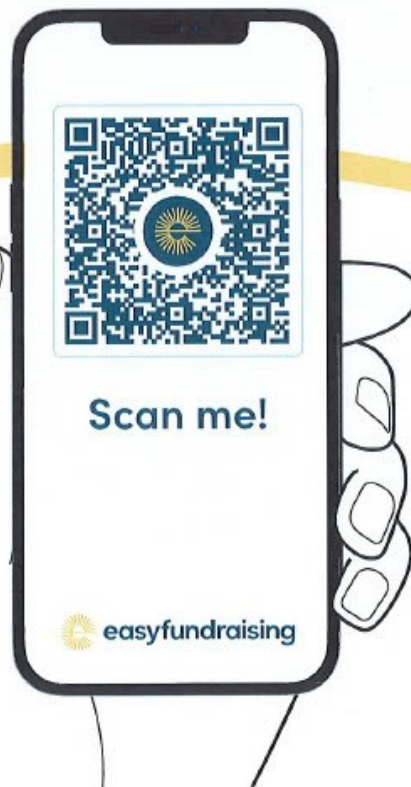
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**26<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 3pm**

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## Where?

**Holy Trinity Church,**

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In the Coffee Shop for tea & biscuits

10:00am to 11:30am

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## Play and Learn Hub



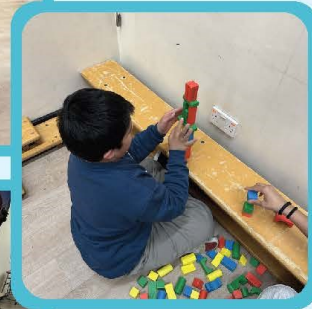
Stay and Play for primary age children with Down Syndrome

### 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
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### Where is Play and Learn Hub?

Venue: Applecroft  
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Time: 2:30-4pm on  
Saturdays (term time  
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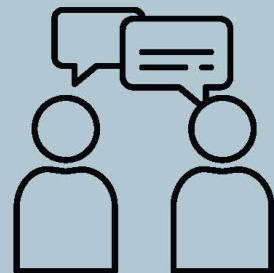
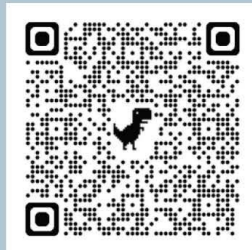
Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

At the Bennetts End Community Centre  
Gatecroft, Bennetts End  
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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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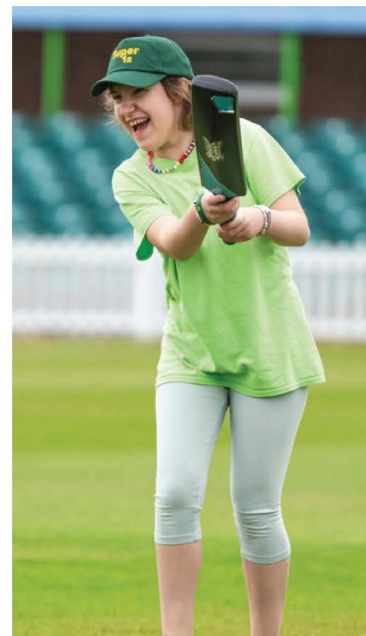
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