



Woodfield School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a successful start to the term and we have welcomed a small cohort of new pupils into classes. Everyone has settled back in well and we are enjoying getting back into the swing of curriculum activities on and off site.

I am very proud of all the pupils who have been nominated for the Headteacher Awards - well done! I am also very proud of some of our older pupils who have been accessing the local community and working on Life Skills - have a look at the photos below.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the request for support driving pupils in our minibus and to the 'Parenting When Separated' online course. We have had very positive feedback for this course when it has run previously.

It was lovely to see so many of you in school for Parents' Evening. I know that class teachers are offering catch up online appointments if you were not able to attend in person/online on the night - please make sure that you get booked in.

I hope that you and your families enjoy the end of summer and that you have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

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DIARY DATES





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 11th September
Holly's Class	Blake for having a great first week
Samantha's Class	Edward for managing his emotions so well when he wasn't able to access the dell for many days
Aleigha's Class	Marley for trying new foods
Zoe's Class	Rosie for settling well into her new class
Becky's Class	Zakariya for working hard on his head control in physio
Caitlin's Class	Oli & Aaron
Caroline's Class	Varshana for great communication
Amy's Class	George for fantastic maths skills
Libby's Class	Charlie for transitioning well to the park
Shabana's Class	Alesha for increased independence using her Big Wheels confidently and correctly to move around the school
Polly's Class	Ellie for following our big book 'Animal Boogie' and selecting the animals from the story on her EyeGaze
Chrissy's Class	Benjy for spending time in class and sharing classroom items with his peers
Gemma's Class	Ethan & Liam for working very hard
Coffee Shop	Alessia for helping to make the chilli LJ for working really hard



WELL DONE





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 18th September
Holly's Class	Amelia for using the toilet and doing something amazing!
Samantha's Class	Antonio for settling so well into his new school and class
Aleigha's Class	Michael for his listening skills during swimming
Zoe's Class	David for his concentration on an activity
Becky's Class	Charlee for working hard in Art
Caitlin's Class	Antonia
Caroline's Class	Ana for doing something amazing!
Amy's Class	Laila for helping her peers at lunchtime
Libby's Class	Josh for engaging in learning all week and following classes routine Theo for his matching skills with new number games in class
Shabana's Class	Finley for tolerating and moving well in his new splint. We are very proud of how positively he has adapted to wearing it.
Polly's Class	Thomas for using his communication device to let staff know how he is feeling
Chrissy's Class	Abdullah for doing an amazing job at work experience
Gemma's Class	Jordan & LJ for working very hard
Coffee Shop	Ethan for working really Hard. Liam for doing something amazing. Efe for refilling the sugar bowls



WELL DONE



Holly's Class.

Welcome back to all of our children! We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

We have settled back into school life very well over the past few weeks and have been very busy exploring our new topic, **'Animals'**.

The children have been enjoying engaging with our guided reading texts for this half term, **Penguin and Pup** and **Dear Zoo**. We have also been very fortunate to welcome a farm to school. The children had the opportunity to see and interact with a variety of animals and, if they wished, to gently stroke them. It was a lovely experience, and the children enjoyed exploring the different sights, sounds and textures.

Some of our children have also used the swimming pool for the first time. They are beginning to develop their confidence and become more comfortable and familiar with being in the water.

Alongside our topic work, we have been taking part in a range of sensory-based activities.

These activities provide valuable opportunities for the children to explore a variety of textures and materials, while also supporting their sensory regulation and wellbeing.

We are very proud of how well the children have settled back into school and look forward to continuing to support their learning, development and enjoyment throughout the rest of the half term.



Samantha's Class

The pupils have done really well settling back into school after the summer holidays. It has been lovely to see everyone getting back into our class routines and enjoying learning together again.

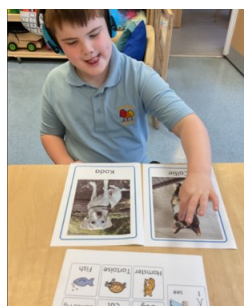
We have really enjoyed welcoming Muhamed to our class, who has moved over from Holly's class, and Antonio, who has joined our school this term. Both have settled in really well and it has been lovely to see the pupils welcoming them into our class.

The pupils are really enjoying our new topic, Animals in the home, in the garden and on the farm, and have been having lots of fun exploring our book Little Red Riding Hood, we have made characters on lollypop sticks and props so we can act out parts of the story. We are looking forward to continuing our animal adventures over the coming weeks!



Aleisha's Class

It has been a lovely start to the new school year for Aleisha's Class! The pupils have settled back into their school routines really well after the summer holidays. We have started our exciting new topic, 'Animals'. Over the coming weeks, we will be learning about animals we might find at home, on the farm and in the garden, as well as how we can care for them. We have enjoyed sharing photos of staff and pupils family pets together. We have been learning to identify the animals using communication aids, we have a variety of pets a home in Aleisha's Class! We have also enjoyed getting creative, making animal prints using stamps and ink pads during our art session.



Zoe's Class

Zoe's class have had a lovely first couple of weeks back and have settled in really well! We have enjoyed exploring shape through different expressive art activities and developing our independence and communication while making delicious pizzas in cooking. We have also enjoyed sensory walks to our local park and the Dell, as well as an exciting rock climbing session at the XC. In maths, we have been exploring number through fun, play and messy sensory activities. It has been a wonderful start to the new term, and we are looking forward to all the exciting experiences still to come!



Becky's Class

We have had lots of fun settling back into school after the summer break and getting used to being in **Becky's class**. This term, we have started learning about our new topic, **Animals**. The children have been enjoying exploring the topic and sharing our new story book together during our literacy sessions. We have also been very busy with our physiotherapy programmes and are working hard on our individual targets. Alongside this, we have been getting creative by making our **Autumn display** and our **Animals display**, which are beginning to brighten up our classroom. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling in so well, and we are looking forward to an exciting term full of learning, exploration, and fun!



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class has had a lovely start to the school year and have settled well into new class and new routines. Our topic is fur scales and wings and we have been doing lots of work to support this. We had animal come visit and it was great to see the students interact so positively with the animals. We have continued swimming and our community access local walks and the students have all enjoyed and been great with these. We look forward to the rest of the term



Caroline's Class

It's been a busy and fun first two weeks in Caroline's class. We have been settling back in and restarting our routines. Our theme this half term is "Fur, Scales and Wings" and we are focusing on a different animal each week. The first two weeks have been dog and rabbit. We are also focusing on a song and action each week and have started with "head, shoulders, knees and toes" and "If your happy and you know it". This has been very popular with the students. We very much enjoyed our first music group on Wednesday with Catherine and have also started a daily walk in the mornings before assembly to work on our keep fit! We are very proud of how well the students have settled back and looking forward to a busy term ahead.



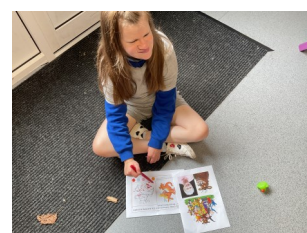
Amy's Class

In Amy's class, we have settled brilliantly into our new classroom routines following the summer break. Everyone has shown a positive attitude and has worked hard to adapt to the new term. We have especially enjoyed exploring our new topic book, which has sparked lots of interest and enthusiasm across the class. In maths, we have been learning how to organise different objects and items into the correct categories, developing our sorting and problem-solving skills. We have also loved spending time outdoors, taking part in physical exercise on the trim trail and building our confidence and coordination. Alongside our learning, pupils have been working hard to complete classroom jobs, take responsibility and help others, demonstrating kindness, teamwork and a caring attitude towards their friends and staff.



Libby's Class

We have had a fantastic first week back at school! The children have settled back into their routines really well and have enjoyed a lovely trip to the park, exploring their surroundings and enjoying some time outdoors. We have also been busy exploring our new character, Zog, from our current topic book, and the children have enjoyed beginning to learn about his exciting adventures. To make our week even more special, the farm came to visit us! The children had a wonderful time meeting and observing the sheep, donkeys and chickens, creating lots of exciting opportunities for sensory exploration, communication and shared experiences. It has been a wonderful first week filled with fun, learning and new experiences!



Shabana's Class

Shabana's Class have had a lovely start to the Autumn term! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and hear about their holiday adventures. Some students have brought in photographs to share, which we will be exploring further in our Understanding the World lessons. If you haven't already, please email in your holiday photos as they make a great talking point!

We have been settling back into our classroom routines while developing our communication and social interaction skills. As part of our Amazing Animals topic, we have been enjoying *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Room on the Broom*, exploring the stories through sensory props and resources.

This week, we were lucky enough to meet some farm animals! The students enjoyed observing, touching, smelling and stroking rabbits, sheep, a donkey, chickens and ducks. Some even had the opportunity to hold a chicken or rabbit.

We look forward to exploring fur, feathers, patterns, tails and wings in the coming weeks!



Polly's Class

All the students have returned in good spirits following the long summer break and they have done really well at getting back into their daily physio returns again. They have enjoyed reading our new big book 'Animal Boogie', singing along to the song and identifying the animals that do the different actions.

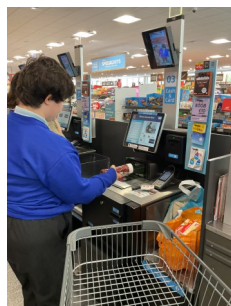
We have enjoyed visits to the school cafe, and they have made independent choices about the snacks they would like to buy and eat. They also loved the farm visit to school at the beginning of the week and thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the different animals and patting them gently.

The students have been working on their life skills by doing jobs around the class and school. They have followed instructions carefully to take the lunch trolley back, sweep the classroom and tidy equipment away after activities have finished.



Chrissy's Class

It has been lovely to welcome Chrissy's class back after the summer break. Students have jumped back into routine and have already started new activities. Some of our students started work experience at Hill Farm where they groomed ponies, looked after pigs and even helped muck out! Some students have been shopping at Aldi to buy items for class and some have been to Little Hay Golf Course where they were able to use the driving range! Back in class, students have enjoyed cooking lessons and the return of breakfast club which gives students a chance to practice a variety of cooking and life skills. We are looking forward to starting swimming at Westminster Lodge in the coming weeks.



Gemma's Class

After a gentle first week back, we already have lots of exciting things happening! We went on a class trip to Knebworth House, where we became **garden explorers for the day**. We had a fantastic time learning about plants and gardening, and we even got to bring back some herbs to grow in class. They are coming along nicely, and we are enjoying watching them grow! We have also been getting out into the community to do our shopping for our cooking sessions, which have been going **deliciously well!**

The students have been doing a fantastic job getting involved with choosing ingredients, shopping and preparing our tasty creations. And last, but by no means least, some of our students have started their work experience at Mill Farm, while the rest of us have been enjoying our visits to Bovingdon Golf Club. It has been a busy and exciting start to the term, and we are looking forward to all the wonderful opportunities and experiences still to come!



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Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

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Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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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)

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