



Woodfield School

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter for this half term, the weather is definitely feeling more autumnal.

We are coming to the end of our animal themed curriculum, we have enjoyed additional visits and trips, as well as our regular weekly visit from the ponies.

I am very proud of everyone who has gained a headteacher's award this half term - they are often awarded for trying something new or consolidating a skill, which is great to see. Well done everyone!

Please have a look at the opportunities for families to access SEND sessions and support at the end of the newsletter. Do ask your class team for more details if you are unsure and we will get back to you.

Finally, have a good half term break when we get there

Best wishes,

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DIARY DATES

- 23rd October—Half term finish normal time
- 2nd November—Inset day closed to pupils
- 13th November—Year 8 & 9 Immunisations
- 13th November—Children in Need
- 4th December—Occasional day, closed to all
- 11th December—Winter Fayre & Parent music sessions (Details to follow)
- 17th December— End of term, 1pm finish





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 9th October
Holly's Class	Nola for coping well with her new splints
Samantha's Class	Elliott for taking part in all activities more willinly
Aleigha's Class	Ollie for bringing his communication book to an adult when he wanted to make a request
Zoe's Class	Josh for good sharing with his friends
Becky's Class	Thomas for great physical development
Caitlin's Class	Archie for working hard in class
Caroline's Class	Michael-Patrick for exploring different areas
Amy's Class	Holly for helping in class
Libby's Class	Theo for doing a full week in school
Shabana's Class	Vinnie for excellent communication and problem solving
Polly's Class	Njoki for making informed choices about peers she wants to interact and do activities with
Chrissy's Class	Hifzah for working hard on her own personal targets and working well during community access
Gemma's Class	Ella for trying something different and enjoying it
Coffee Shop	
The Office	Julia for working really hard in the school office and taking part in new or different work



WELL DONE





Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 16th October
Holly's Class	
Samantha's Class	Raad for taking part in a hair cutting session with Su
Aleighta's Class	Rory for working well on his pre writing skills each day
Zoe's Class	Zakk for amazing progress
Becky's Class	Palwasha for great interactions with new staff
Caitlin's Class	Ella for being helpful in class
Caroline's Class	Corey for being brave in new environments at the safari park
Amy's Class	Toby for a fantastic trip to Harry Potter
Libby's Class	Hayden for sharing her space with others
Shabana's Class	Rafe for excellent participation in Music Therapy sessions
Polly's Class	Taofy for adapting to the change of not having her class chair and finding new ways to regulate
Chrissy's Class	Ibrahim for coping well with returning to school and sharing well with friends
Gemma's Class	Hanna for trying something new and working really hard
Coffee Shop	



WELL DONE



Holly's Class.

Over the past few weeks, we have continued to enjoy a variety of fun and engaging activities in Holly's class!

Some of the children have been enjoying time in the hydro pool, where they have been developing their water confidence and practising blowing bubbles and kicking their legs.

Others have been working on becoming more comfortable with having their hair cut. Sue, our school hairdresser, has been spending time with some of the children to help them gradually become familiar with the experience in a calm and supportive environment.

In the classroom, we have also been developing the children's fine motor skills through activities such as Dough Disco and decorating biscuits. These activities provide a fun and engaging way for the children to practise their coordination and hand control.

All the children have also been working towards their EHCP targets. This has included a range of personal care activities, such as brushing their teeth and washing their hands, helping them to develop greater independence in their daily routines.

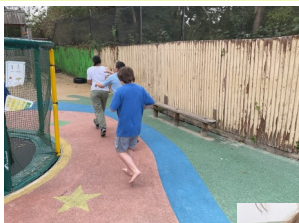
It has been lovely to see the children taking part in these activities and continuing to develop their skills in their own individual ways.



Samantha's Class

In Samantha's class, we have had another lovely couple of weeks. We have been enjoying our running club in the mornings which helps us stay active. Pupils are participating well and following adults' instructions of when to start and stop the race. It is nice to see healthy competition amongst our pupils (and staff members too!). In our class cooking sessions, some pupils have started going to the school kitchen and they are learning to use the equipment to make toast.

In Kelly's music sessions, our pupils' listening and communication skills are progressing well each week. We can see their involvement with the music through their smiles and giggles when they play a variety of instruments.



Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's Class have continued to explore our topic of animals and have been learning all about how to care for them. The children have been getting hands-on with cleaning animal habitats, poo scooping and providing fresh bedding, food and water to help keep our animals happy and healthy. We have also been enjoying our local visits to the park, giving us opportunities to explore the outdoors and observe the world around us. Alongside this, the children have loved taking part in our yoga sessions, practising a range of animal-themed poses and moving their bodies in different ways. We have had lots of fun learning, exploring and developing our understanding of animals!

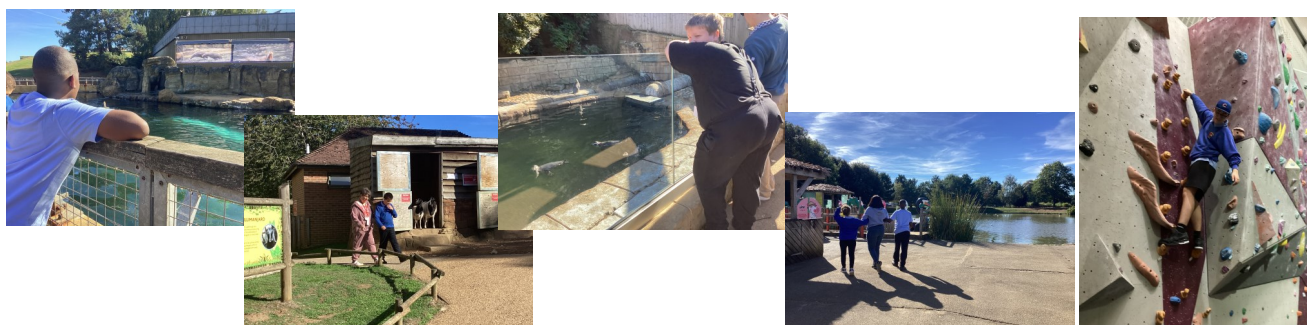


Zoe's Class

Zoe's class have had another busy couple of weeks full of fun and exciting experiences! In maths, we have enjoyed lots of sorting and building activities, while our sensory walks to the Dell, gym and park have given us plenty of opportunities to explore our surroundings. We have been getting creative with our Zog and dragon themed artwork, designing our very own dragons.

We have also enjoyed trips to the coffee shop, child led play in the playroom and sensory circuits in PE to support our regulation.

A real highlight was our class trip to Woburn Safari Park, where everyone did brilliantly! We enjoyed a lovely picnic, explored sensory activities and got to see lots of amazing animals, especially the monkeys. It has been wonderful sharing these experiences together and creating lots of happy memories as a class!



Becky's Class

Over the past two weeks, we have been very busy and have enjoyed lots of engaging activities across the curriculum. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Imagination Dance sessions, where they explored movement, music, and creative expression. We have also been developing important life skills through our cooking sessions, giving pupils opportunities to explore different ingredients, textures and smells. In art, the children have been creating a range of exciting pieces of work, using different materials and sensory experiences to support their creativity. Alongside this, we have continued to enjoy a variety of sensory activities, helping to develop engagement, communication, and exploration skills. Throughout all of our activities, the class has been working hard on their individual EHCP and learning targets



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class has had a lovely couple of weeks finishing off our animal's topic with a lovely trip to Woburn Safari Park. We saw some amazing animals such as lions, tigers, giraffes penguins, zebras and lots more. We even seen a python which was huge! The students loved this trip and were all so well behaved and engaged the whole time. We have continued our swimming sessions which have been great and have been encouraging us to keep active and think about our own personal care. We have really enjoyed learning about animals and exploring this in a sensory way. We are looking forward to half term and Halloween!



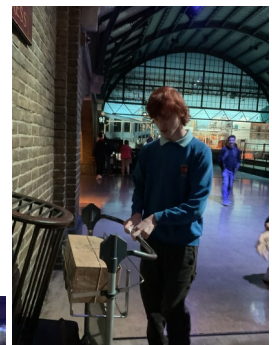
Caroline's Class

We have had a wonderful two weeks in Caroline's class. The main event of the fortnight has been a great trip to Woburn Safari last Monday. We had a wonderful day and saw so many animals! The children were so excited to see all the different animals especially after all the songs and books we have been doing this half term relating to our project on Fur, Scales and Wings. The favourites with Class 7 were the monkeys and also the giraffes. Back in the classroom we have been busy with our animal projects and we have also been focusing on jigsaws and the song "We are going on a bear hunt" We have been really enjoying Imagination Dance on a Wednesday and completing an obstacle course most days to help with our physical development.



Amy's Class

Amy's class have had a fantastic couple of weeks filled with fun, learning and new experiences! A huge highlight was our visit to the Harry Potter Studios, where we enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities and discovered even more about the magical world of Harry Potter. Back in class, we've been exploring new places in the community while embracing our exciting animals topic



Libby's Class

This week in Libby's, we have been enjoying the transition into autumn and beginning to think about Halloween! We explored a Halloween-themed messy tray, using autumnal colours of orange, brown, red and black alongside lentils, chickpeas and rice to create a wonderful sensory experience exploring wet and dry textures. We have also enjoyed spending time in our reading area, exploring books alongside our peers, as well as taking part in individual leisure activities such as completing jigsaws. There has been plenty of outdoor fun on the playground, too! As part of our daily living theme, we have continued to develop our functional skills and independence, including practising washing our hands before meals. It has been a lovely week full of sensory exploration, shared experiences and opportunities to develop our everyday skills!

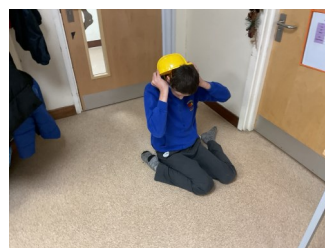


Shabana's Class

Over the past two weeks, we have built stamina through stretches and physiotherapy activities while developing our ability to explore and manipulate materials using both hands. Inspired by *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Room on the Broom*, we enjoyed sensory activities, decorated witches' hats and cauldrons, collected natural treasures, and explored the sensory room. We focused on communication, choice-making, listening, and attention through animal sound bingo, music therapy, and Intensive Interaction, while continuing to build independence with handwashing and toothbrushing.

There were some lovely WOW moments during imaginative play, with pupils showing empathy, humour, and care when pretending to be unwell or injured.

Thank you for supporting our community visits. We enjoyed trips to local shops, the coffee shop, and the park. Next week, we look forward to exploring autumn celebrations, including Halloween and Harvest.



Polly's Class

Polly's class have had a good few weeks and as always have been busy doing lots of great work. They have been working hard to develop their self-help skills such as brushing their teeth and wiping their faces after meals times. They have been working on independently holding a toothbrush in their mouths and looking in the mirror carefully to find food to wipe of their faces.

The students have enjoyed visiting the local community and using aided language boards to make observations about vehicles, people and animals. As well as visiting the shops to buy ingredients for cooking lessons.

We have also had some great fun doing some baking, sensory exploration and a variety of touch and taste lessons.



Chrissy's Class

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in Chrissy's class. Students have continued to access the community in a variety of ways including visiting Little Hay Golf Course, Hill Farm Barn and local garden centres. Some of our students also had the opportunity to attend an event to unveil a new 'buddy bench' at the local shops. Students who attended enjoyed being a part of the local festivities and did fantastic listening while the speeches were taking place. Back in class, students have been working hard on their own personal targets as well as developing their maths and literacy skills. Students have also spent time in the cooking room where they have made vegetable chili con carne. Students have done a great job developing their independence in the cooking room. We are looking forward to more adventures in the next couple of weeks.



Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have been busy exploring the wonderful world of animals! Using technology, students have researched their favourite animals, discovering how to care for them, what they eat, how to keep them clean and some fascinating facts. They then shared their findings with the group, sparking some fantastic discussions about everyone's favourite animals!

Learning has continued beyond the classroom, with students gaining valuable hands-on experience during their work experience on the farm. They have also been out and about in the community, enjoying a range of activities, including footgolf and exploring the local area. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities to develop independence, confidence and social skills.

Of course, our busy baristas haven't been forgotten! Students have continued their shifts in the coffee shop, building valuable workplace skills and gaining confidence in serving others.



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Every Thursday term time only

9:00am to 10:00am

In the Coffee Shop for tea & biscuits

9:00am to 10:00am

Workshops will be held in the meeting room.



Date	Workshop	Provider
03/12/2026	Emotion regulation	MHST
04/02/2027	Puberty	MHST
25/03/2027	Sleep	MHST
20/05/2027	Toileting	MHST
24/06/2027	Transitions and change including school leavers	MHST



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24th - 31st October

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* Spot the Pumpkin &
sweet treat prizes

* Scarecrow Trail

* Find the Spooky
Fairy Doors

* Find your unique Witch
and Halloween name

* Spooktacular
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boys, girls & dogs

* Halloween Activity Pack,
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* Puzzles and
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* Farm Sensory Trail

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Dates and times

Date: Tuesday 13th and 20th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2026

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Wednesday 14th and 21st October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November 2026

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

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25th October 2026, 3pm

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Play and Learn Hub



Stay and Play for primary age children with Down Syndrome

What is Play and Learn Hub?

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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
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