



Woodfield Newsletter

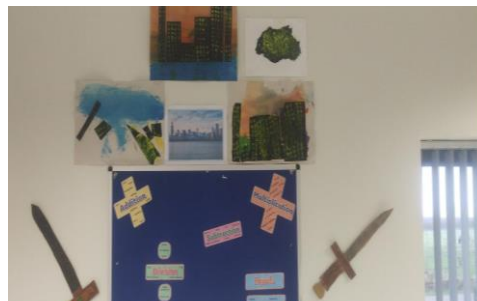
Creating opportunities, discovering success

**Autumn 2-
December 2024**

Focus on Cherry Class

There are currently 6 pupils in Cherry class, all boys. The class is led by Mrs Tanya Gillot who started at Woodfield in April 2024. Their teaching assistant is Ms Victoria Connick who joined us in August. Like Conker Tree, the class follows a structured timetable with two lessons before break and two afterwards, then lunch and two more lessons. Pupils have responsibilities in the classroom for marking themselves present, setting the correct date and recording ASK points, as well as keeping the classroom clean, neat and tidy. Currently the classroom is adorned with pupil 3D craft work, preparing for Christmas. Each pupil has a pencil case in which they collect counters during the day to show their positive engagement and allow them a choice over activities towards the end of the day. Pupils are following the National Curriculum with a strong focus on embedding the key skills of reading, spelling and numeracy. Mrs Gillot is also using Bug Club phonics and Jigsaw for PSHE. This half term, pupils have been learning about being healthy and what being safe means.

When tasks are complete, the boys can choose what they would like to do in their regulation time; they have loved having access to laptops to explore the coding programme Scratch. Mrs Gillot loves sport activities, so in PE lessons and over lunchtimes, the class are often running around playing tag.



*Effective
communication is
important to us -*

Our journey to a Total Communication Environment continues and this half term we're working on increasing visuals around the school using Widgit In Print for our pictorial exchange communication system (PECs). Parents /carers can use this too and we'll continue to share developments and useful resources with you. Have a look at the link below to access a free wellbeing booklet [Wellbeing Pack | Widgit Symbol Resources](#)

Makaton is easier than you might think: could you practice these actions with your child?



Autumn Term dates

Progress Data to parents

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Crib Service and open event

Christmas activities and trips

Mon 28 Oct - Fri 20 Dec

w/c 2 December

Friday 6 December

Friday 13 December

w/c 16 December

General updates and information

We say farewell to Mrs. Sarah Short at the end of the Autumn term. Mrs. Short has been at Woodfield since August 2022 and travels a fair distance every morning. She has been an advocate of positive mental wellbeing and an ambassador of kindness. She has taught many pupils at Woodfield and has thoroughly enjoyed delivering our French experience course. Mrs. Short starts a new role nearer to home and will begin her teacher training; we wish her the very best.

Mrs. Jess Williams has joined us this week. Mrs. Williams is a Dance teacher and enjoys everything Performing Arts. We are very lucky to have this expertise at Woodfield, so maybe we'll all be tapping our feet, and the school will be filled with musical accompaniments. Watch this space



We've been working with colleagues from other schools throughout this term and last week, we welcomed an ex-headteacher to conduct a review of our school. Pupils shared that they love Maths and think the best thing about the school is the people in it – this is amazing feedback; we're so pleased that our pupils enjoy being at school, they feel safe and valued.

Inclusivity and diversity are important to us. Our staff body reflects different cultures and ethnic communities and brings a wealth of experiences to share with pupils. Pupils have safe spaces should they need them, and they are beginning to understand, appreciate and respect difference in the world and its people, celebrating the things we share across cultural, religious, ethnic and socio-economic communities. Talking about difference at home would be hugely beneficial so that all pupils can accept and increasingly understand the world in which they live.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As part of our ongoing focus to improve the life chances of our pupils we are actively encouraging them to be in school every day. Attendance does matter. Each week we have attendance superstars for pupils with 100% and they have a lucky dip prize.

In it to win it!

In December, pupils with 100% attendance each week have their names added to a pot. The more times a pupil is present, the more chances they have for their name to be drawn to win a gift voucher.

If your child is due to be absent through illness, please call us by 8.30am and if you have a planned absence for which you are requesting permission, please call the school or email the principal at principal@henrydavidlearning.co.uk.

We follow government guidance on carefully considering requests for absence, and holidays during term time are unlikely to be authorised.



We will celebrate our **Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children on Friday 6 December**. Staff and pupils are invited to wear a jumper of their choice alongside their main school uniform/dress code. If they can also bring £1 - £2 we can add this to our whole school target. So far, we have raised £64 for the following charities: Children in Need, World Mental Health, Royal British Legion, Jeans for Genes.

All pupils at Woodfield can demonstrate the character strengths from ASK by working hard, showing resilience and determination, listening to each other and showing kindness.

We follow our ASK principles:

- We have **ambition** for everyone at Woodfield and we try our best in everything we do
- We **support** each other: we listen, we are respectful and polite
- We show **kindness** in our everyday actions so that everyone feels valued and part of something special – the Woodfield family