



Woodfield Newsletter

Creating opportunities, discovering success

Autumn 2

Focus on Conker Class

There are currently 4 pupils in Conker class, all boys. The class is led by Mrs Julia Higgins who started at Woodfield in August 2024. Their teaching assistant is Ms Megan Rigby.

The class follows a structured timetable with two lessons before break and two afterwards, then lunch and two more lessons. When pupils arrive, they explore the world around them by watching Newsround. The morning focuses on English, Maths and Science to ensure full concentration and engagement with core skills. We are using Bug Club to continue to develop pupils' phonics knowledge as this will allow them to be even more confident in reading and deciphering new words. For Maths, we are using White Rose Maths. The boys love multiplication and division. At 10.30-10.45am, it's break, where pupils have access to outside with some sports equipment and scooters, as well as a chance to have a bite to eat and a drink: the boys generally have fruit and a slice of toast.

Mrs Higgins likes craft activities, so after break on Mondays, she has organised some amazing activities for pupils to develop their inner design skills. We've seen some fantastic dragon's eyes and line drawings. The boys are becoming budding engineers too, especially in designing their marble run.



*Effective
communication is
important to us -*

Thank you to Megan Salt, Independent Speech and Language Therapist who recently completed an audit of provision at Woodfield which aims to evaluate the effectiveness of a Total Communication Environment. Her report shares that there are examples of good practice across the school with well-equipped classrooms and communication support. We continue to work with Megan throughout this year so that we can further enhance our provision to meet the communication needs of our pupils.



Autumn Term dates

Children in Need

Progress Data to parents

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Crib Service and open event

Mon 28 Oct - Fri 20 Dec

Friday 15 November

w/c 2 December

Friday 6 December

Friday 13 December

General updates and info

We said farewell to Mrs Faye Gladstone at half term. She is jumping into an old passion to train to be a podiatrist, so we wish her well with everything to do with feet.

Mr Mo Socali joins us to deliver Science and Maths, amongst other subjects across the school. Mo has worked in a number of schools across Derby and Leicester and enjoys sports alongside his passion for engineering.

You should have received details of how to order your child's school photograph through SWP. If not, you can contact them via info@swpschools.com

Thank you to those parents/carers who have allowed us to use their child's photograph on our new website which we will launch soon.



Attendance and Safeguarding

Thank you to Charlotte Davis from Leicestershire Local Authority for completing our safeguarding review in October. Her report shares that Woodfield has 'a culture of safeguarding with lots of new initiatives which are beginning to be embedded'. 'Students appeared happy at the school and knew they could speak to a member of staff if they had a concern.'

We monitor attendance at a pupil and whole school level, taking into account, pupils who may follow a reduced timetable to support their needs. What we are looking for is that attendance increases over time. 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.

Ready for school

We want our pupils to dress appropriately for school so they can learn.

In Lower School, they should have black trouser bottoms, a white polo t-shirt/shirt and a black jumper with black shoes or trainers.

In Upper school, pupils wear appropriate and comfortable clothing free from offensive logos, with appropriate footwear.

Please remember a **coat** for blustery, wet weather – we do need to go outside for a movement break from time to time.

Lower school are at Brolay Farm this half term, so please pack them some **wellington boots**.

Conker Tree go **swimming** on Fridays.

Thank you for supporting your child with **homework or reading** as advised by your child's class teacher. We know that some pupils struggle with the idea of schoolwork at home, so try to make this into an activity about developing curiosity to secure their engagement.

[Reading to children is so powerful, so simple and yet so misunderstood | National Literacy Trust](#)

We will celebrate **Children in Need Day on Friday 15 November**. Staff and pupils are invited to wear items of clothing with spots alongside their main school uniform/dress code. If they can also bring £1 - £2 it means we can also get closer to our whole school charity fundraising and £100 target.

'Help us make life lighter for children.'

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