



# Woodfield Newsletter

Creating opportunities, discovering success

**Autumn 1:  
2024-2025**

## Attendance is everyone's business

**'Moments matter, attendance counts.'**

Our aim this Autumn Term is to ensure a positive start and a relentless focus on doing your best to be in school. We know that being back at school for some of our pupils, can be challenging, especially when there's been enjoyable moments over the long summer break. We want to work with you to ensure your child feels safe to come to school to learn.

Unless your child is following a reduced timetable, they are expected to arrive by 8.45am and be collected by 3.00pm every day. In the morning, pupils spend time with their tutor talking about events prior to and after school, completing regulation activities or having an orientation session with a member of staff to prepare them for the day's learning.

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](mailto:principal@henrydavidlearning.co.uk). The link below provides support to parents/carers with clear information about what to do should your child fall ill. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Shared alongside this communication is our Attendance newsletter. We will communicate with you regularly about attendance so that we can work together to ensure the best possible experiences for your child

*Good communication is important to us -*

We'll be continuing our work on learning Makaton this year, so we celebrate and demonstrate inclusivity for all.



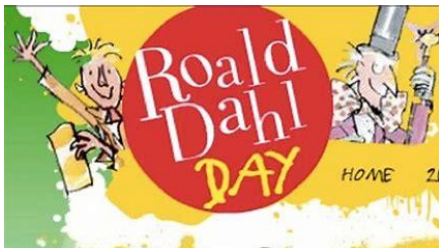
**Autumn Term dates**      Thurs 29 August - Fri 18 October  
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 20 December

**Outstanding vaccinations**    Thurs 18 September  
Years 8-11 MMR, HPV, 3 in 1 Teenager Booster + Meningitis

**Seasonal flu Vaccinations**    Thurs 26 September  
Please see the attached letter from the NHS about a free seasonal flu vaccination for all pupils from Reception to Year 11. The NHS team will be at Woodfield on Thursday 26 September. Please follow the guidance on how to provide your consent should you want this for your child.

## General updates and info

At Woodfield we model and support pupils to better manage their emotions by using The Zones of Regulation. Each classroom has a display to remind pupils of the zones and a dedicated space where pupils can sit when they need some time out. In Upper school, the zones house pupils' calm boxes (a box containing pupils 'go to items' which they know help them self-soothe and regulate) and mindful activities such as colouring, ongoing jigsaws and fidget items. Teaching young people techniques to manage their emotions is a key strategy to help them to develop resilience and to better cope with the ups and downs of life.



We plan to celebrate **Roald Dahl Day next Friday 13 September**. Staff and pupils are invited to dress as a character of their choice from one of his books.

### THE ZONES of regulation

sad bored tired sick	calm happy focused ready to learn
excited silly frustrated nervous hyper	out of control anger rage terror

#### Curriculum Enrichment activities

We are planning some off timetable enrichment activities throughout the academic year to build essential cultural awareness as well as to talk about wellbeing and careers. Our first event will take place in November with a STEM focus. If you feel you have something you can offer, please get in touch.

Don't feel you have to buy a special costume, using items of clothing already at home will be sufficient and enjoyable for our pupils.

#### Supporting your child to be equipped for school

Please ensure your child is equipped everyday by sending them with:

- A water bottle
- A suitable coat for blustery showers
- Comfortable clothing: we expect our pupils to be dressed 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. In Upper school, appropriate and comfortable clothing continues to be expected and free from any offensive logos
- Wellington boots for days when we visit Brolay Farm – **mainly Upper school this term**
- A swimming kit and a towel for days when we go swimming
- Any medication needed (please ensure you have communicated this with us)
- Lunch if they bring their own (we do cater for our pupils with a hot or a cold meal and pudding every day).

Matilda, The Twits  
The Witches  
Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
The Magic Finger, Esio Trot

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