



Woodbridge Junior School



Happy Children - Inspired to Learn



Welcome to Woodbridge Junior School

Foreword: Mrs Emma Hanson, Headteacher, says:

I am very privileged and proud to be the Headteacher of Woodbridge Junior School and I'm delighted to be able to give you a flavour of our wonderful school through this prospectus.

Helping children to achieve their potential

Our children are at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make here at Woodbridge. We pride ourselves on knowing them well and being able to tailor the support we offer to each and every child so that they can achieve their fullest potential both academically, and as a happy, fulfilled and valued citizen of Alfreton, the United Kingdom and the world.

High standards

We pride ourselves on the high standards of care and commitment to learning shown by our staff team each and every day for our children. They are dedicated to providing the very best learning and personal development for all and the high quality of this was recognised by Ofsted in July 2016 'The school's personal work to develop pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding.'

Igniting an interest in the world

Our teaching is stimulating and creative, and encourages our children to continue their education outside of school, and become lifelong learners. We want to ignite an interest in the world around them, and for that interest to lead to fulfilling and imaginative lives.

Pastoral care

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, all our children also have the opportunity to also enjoy a wide variety of sporting and musical opportunities, as well as regular trips and residential visits. Our pastoral care is exceptional, ensuring all children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school.

A wonderful community

At Woodbridge we are lucky enough to be part of a wonderful, supportive local community and partnership with our parents, families and local groups is a key part of our school's success.

Come and see us

The number of children attending Woodbridge Junior School is growing rapidly and we would love you to come and visit us in person or on our website to see the reason why for yourself. To visit, please contact the school office on 01773 833138.

School day

Our school day is 8.55am until 3.10pm.

Wraparound

Breakfast Club runs from 8.00am until 8.45am. After-School Club runs 3.10pm to 6.00pm.

Uniform

School uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible and the colours are white shirt or polo shirt with plain grey or black trousers, skirts or pinafore dresses with navy blue cardigan, jumper or fleece. Girls may wear a blue gingham dress in the summer.

Food in school

Children may choose to have our outstanding, healthy school dinners which are prepared by our cooks in our own well-equipped kitchen, or bring a packed lunch from home. Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if the family is in receipt of certain benefits. Please ask in confidence at the school office.

Pastoral care

We are committed to supporting every child's social and emotional wellbeing as well as their academic development. We see each child as an individual and aim to provide bespoke small group or individual support to ensure success for all. We provide a wide range of interventions including, Positive Play, Nurture Group, Physical Literacy, Early Bird Readers and 1:1 tuition where needed.

Creative curriculum

Knowledge and skills

We have designed a bespoke curriculum that encompasses the views and wishes of our children as well as being tailored to our local, national and global context. We aim to give our children the knowledge and skills they will need to lead happy and successful lives in our ever-changing world.

A stimulating learning environment

Learning environments are inclusive, stimulating and inspiring and aim to show the proudest work of our pupils along with providing visual support for lessons taking place.

Key Stage 2

Areas of the curriculum are:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Information and Design Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- French
- Personal, Social and Health Education.

Music

Music is a significant strength in our school, with individual piano, guitar, drum or clarinet lessons, a vibrant and successful after school choir, and whole class instrument tuition for Year 3 classes through the Widening Opportunities programme. Our choir performs regularly at concerts and events in the local area as well as in the annual Young Voices concert in Sheffield



Enriched curriculum: *trips, clubs and sport*

Our pupils enjoy a range of subjects including the arts, sport, music and outdoor learning – all aimed at increasing enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning. Topics are enriched with trips, productions and clubs, which all form part of the memory-making experience for our pupils.

Trips

Examples of recent trips are:

- Alton Towers.
- Scarborough.
- Whitby.
- Newstead Abbey.
- Veolia Recycling Centre
- Sealife Centre
- Pantomimes.



Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of clubs to cater for most interests. Currently these include:

- Choir
- Gardening Club
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- Girls' Football
- Boys' Football
- Sport



Sport and PE

A wide range of different sports and activities are taught by qualified sports coaches alongside class teachers, including whole class swimming lessons in Year 4. A range of after school clubs are provided as well as lunchtime sports and activity sessions, run by our sports coach or our Play Leader. Every child takes part in Forest Schools sessions; once fortnight in Years 3 and 4 and once every 3 weeks in Years 5 and 6. There is also the opportunity for children to participate in a range of sporting competitions with other schools in the Amber Valley Sports' Partnership.

Admission arrangements

We follow the admission guidance put in place by the Local Authority. If you wish to move your child to Woodbridge during the school year, this is also done through central admissions rather than through the school. Children start school in Derbyshire in the September after their 4th birthday. You can apply online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions, which provides full details of the application process.

Application process

It is important to name three schools and to put them in ranking order. The closing date for September applications is in mid-January of that year. You will be notified of your child's placement by the following April.

Contact details for Derbyshire School Admissions Team

Telephone: 01629 533190 from 8.00am to 8.00pm on Monday to Friday and from 9.30am to 4.00pm Saturday.



Getting involved

Parent volunteers

We value the contribution of parents and we actively encourage your help during the school day. Parents and family help with a variety of activities which include reading with our children, helping with activities and acting as extra pairs of hands on educational visits. For some events a DBS check may be required. If you would like to become a regular or occasional volunteer, please ask at the school office.

PTA

We have an active and hard-working Parent Teacher Association which runs activities and events throughout the school year, helping to provide additional funds for the benefit of the children. For further information please contact Mrs Kerry in the school office.

Parent governors

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please ask at the school office.

Children say:

Year Six

"We all work as one big team." Trinity

"It's full of fun, laughter and games." Riley

"I like how Team Woodbridge pulls together." Tianna

"It's such good fun, we don't want to leave." Annie

"You can make friends anywhere in Woodbridge." Faizah

"You can achieve anything at Woodbridge." Macy

Year Five

"We have fun days like topic days and Tough Runner." Poppy

"The teachers are really nice." Adrian

"The teachers teach you properly." Jensen

"I like the technology we have." Korban

"Classrooms are colourful and friendly." Ana

"Every day is a new day and we have lots of different activities." AJ

Year Three

"They always care about you!" Estelle

"It's a good place to learn." Kearney

"Woodbridge is really fun!" Issac



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