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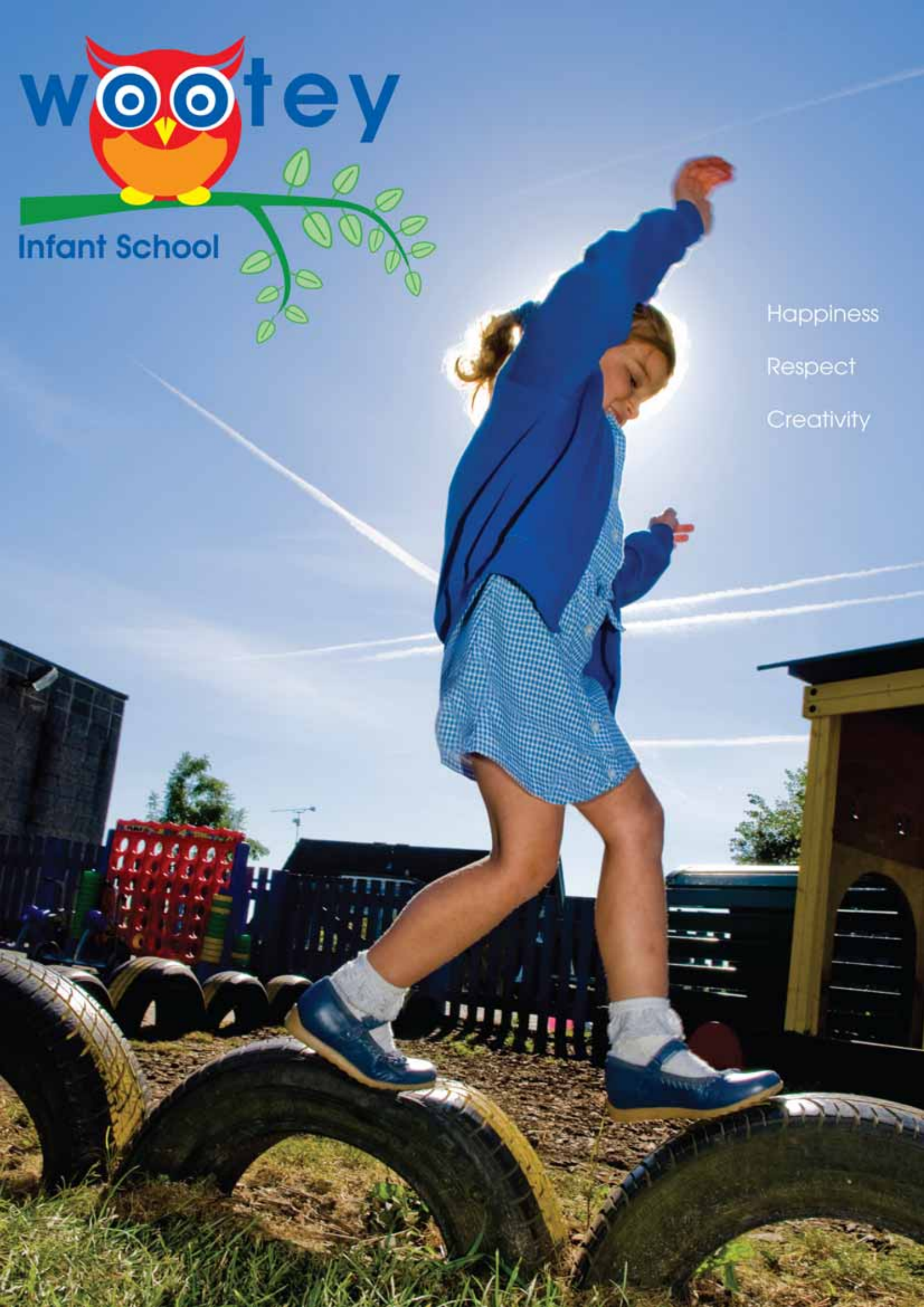


Infant School

Happiness

Respect

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Welcome to Wootey Infant School

I am delighted to share with you some of the things which make Wootey Infant School such a special place. In our school we uphold three core values:

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Everyone in our school community makes sure that these Core Values underpin everything that we do.

I hope you find this prospectus useful, if you need any more information I would be delighted to hear from you.

Ella Palmer, Headteacher

Personalised learning at Wootey Infant School

Each child is **unique**, all children need to be interested and engaged in order to learn. At Wootey children are given lots of opportunities to make choices about their learning.

Our highly skilled staff support each child to enquire, investigate and discover through stimulating topics and to delight in sharing their new learning with others. Each topic is supported by visitors to the school or educational visits, for example, visiting London for our "Fire-Fire" topic, or a seaside visit to make sure that children experience learning first-hand whenever possible.

It is our responsibility to teach children to achieve their full potential academically, personally and socially. All children have individual learning targets for reading, writing and mathematics.

Children with Special Educational Needs are supported with Individual Educational Plans. Able, Gifted and Talented children are encouraged to celebrate their skills and are challenged to meet exciting targets.

Each term you will have an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher about progress. Of course you do not have to wait until these consultations if you have a concern or a specific question.



A School Day

Many children enjoy the Tiger 'Breakfast' Club in the hall from 7.45am onwards with supervised fun activities.

We open the classroom doors at 8.45am and this is an opportunity for you and your child to join in with up to 10 minutes of Early Morning Learning activities. The time can also be used to share information with staff, for example if your child is a little under the weather or is just a bit excited about something!

At 8.55am the children start the register and this is the beginning to a very exciting day. Our staff are experts at finding 'very important helpful tasks' or providing comfort and cuddles when required for those children who are a little unsure when first starting. We are always at the end of the telephone if you are worried about how your child has settled into the day.

The learning and fun continue through to playtime where your child can take full advantage of Wootey's extensive and exciting grounds. Reception children can play in their own area outside their classroom until they are confident to join the other children. We take the learning outside whenever possible to incorporate our outside classroom, woodland trail, forest, wildlife pond, sheltered seating areas and central courtyard into the children's experience. Class continues until lunchtime when the children can enjoy their healthy lunch together in the hall or outside in the dry warm weather. Scrummy, nutritious hot dinners are cooked on site or the children may bring a healthy packed lunch. Each class has a lunchtime supervisory assistant to make sure your child is safe and happy. To encourage Healthy eating, fresh fruit and chilled milk is available daily.



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Shared reading with the Junior School



We have Assemblies daily in the hall or classrooms. Once a week we celebrate each other's birthdays and every Friday we have a Celebration Assembly where children share how they have kept our Golden rules or Silver Learning Code. Certificates, stickers and medals are awarded for all types of learning and fantastic behaviour. The afternoon session ends at 3.15pm, where a wonderful range of activities to suit all tastes is provided by the Tiger Club.

Our School Community

We believe partnership with parents is essential and invite you to work alongside us to support your child in the classroom and at home. Please let us know if you would like to help in school. Parents are invited to our annual sports day, termly class assemblies, Harvest Festival and Christmas productions. We have special days or weeks such as Book week or Grounds Week and our fantastic PTA arrange lots of activities such as Fairs and Discos.



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Getting ready to start . . .

At Wootey we understand what an important step starting school is for your child. We take the time to get to know your child before they start with us in September. We also make sure that you know us and what life will be like for your child at Wootey.

Parents' Information Evening

This is held early in the Summer term and is an opportunity to show you around the classrooms and other learning areas of the school. You can meet our staff and get to know our school. We will provide you with useful day to day information about your child's future experiences with us.

Stay and Play

We will invite you and your child to visit the school once a week during the latter part of the Summer term. This gives your child the opportunity to play and learn in their new classrooms and outdoor spaces both alongside you and, when ready, independently. Weekly information sessions on various topics are held and there are always members of staff available to answer your individual questions.

Visits to pre-schools

Wootey Infant School staff introduce themselves to your child at their pre-school and liaise with pre-school staff to get to know your child.

Family Meetings

In July, there is an opportunity for you and your child to meet Mrs Ella Palmer. Ella loves to meet the new children and finds this a great opportunity to get to know both children and parents personally.

Home Visits

In September the teachers and support assistants like to visit you and your child at home. Our staff can really get to know your child – being in their own environment, with familiar surroundings. The children enjoy sharing a wide variety of home interests with their new teachers. Whilst not compulsory we believe that these meetings can really help your child become comfortable with the start of their new journey into school life.

Details of start dates and all of the above meetings can be found at the back of this folder.



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