



our pets and people enriching lives,  
one visit at a time



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are excited to share that our school has partnered with Pets As Therapy (PAT), an organisation that promotes confidence, emotional well-being, and enjoyment of reading through interactions with registered therapy dogs.

We are pleased to welcome *Woody*, a trained and registered PAT dog, along with his owner, Mrs. Robinson. Woody will be visiting classrooms and listening to children read in a calm and supportive environment. Research shows that therapy dogs can help children feel more relaxed, build their confidence, and foster a love of reading.

Woody is fully trained to work in schools, hospitals, and care settings. He will remain on a lead and under the control of his owner at all times, with school staff present to supervise.

If you are happy for your child to participate in these sessions, no action is required. However, if you would prefer your child **not** to interact with Woody during his visits, please complete and return the form below by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Thank you for your support as we continue to provide opportunities to enhance your child's learning experience.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Stevens

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### **Opt-Out Form**

**To be completed by parent/guardian only if you do NOT wish for your child to participate:**

I do not wish for \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in Pets As Therapy sessions during Woody's visits.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_