

# Nursery turned my Edward's life round

## Mother amazed by amount of change in disabled youngster

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A MOTHER has praised a nursery in Chelmsford for their work in helping her disabled son.

When Edward Averill started at Tanglewood Nursery School aged three, in April 2008, he had very little speech, suffered temper tantrums, had trouble with fine and gross motor skills and sensory issues.

Today he is a well-behaved, patient child who loves playing with other children.

Mum Tara is amazed at the change she has seen in Edward, known to everyone as Woody, who has been diagnosed with global developmental delay.

She told the Chronicle: "When Woody started at Tanglewood he was two years behind in terms of his development, and was in his own little world, paying no attention to others around him.

"Nobody could tell us what the future held for him.

### Experience

"The whole Tanglewood experience has resulted in my son now being able to talk, play, climb and ride a bike, all the while interacting and communicating with other children.

"The transformation has been amazing to watch and while myself and my family take some credit for Woody's progress, the most thanks must go to the nursery - especially Mrs Appleton who has treated him like one of her own children - for nurturing and building his character into the well-behaved and patient child he has become."



**THANKS:** Edward Averill, 5, with mum Tara and some of his friends from Tanglewood Nursery School

educational needs.

"The staff at Tanglewood have been supportive of my family at every turn and I cannot thank them enough for what they have done."

Head of Tanglewood Susan Sutton said: "We are very committed to the idea of inclusion, and doing all we can to help those children with special tests and the big decision about where to send him to school.

made by Woody which speaks volumes about the dedication of staff and his family.

"We wish him well for the next stage of his education."

Woody starts Thriftwood School in Galleywood in September.

### IN BRIEF

## Head crosses road to take up a new post

**CHELMSFORD:** A teacher is moving from one side of Broomfield Road to the other to work.

Head of Lower School at King Edward VI Grammar School, Maria French, takes up a new role as assistant head teacher at Chelmsford County High School for Girls from September.

Maria joined KEGS in 2008 to teach history and has also served as head of Year Seven.

Head of KEGs Tom Sherrington said: "Maria has made a huge impression on each new Year Seven cohort and their parents, binding them together as a group and easing their transition from primary school."

## Young quiz whizzes

**CHELMSFORD:** Four pupils aged between 7 and 11 from Moulsham Junior School, in Chelmsford, competed in the National Junior Inter-School Quiz Championship in Oxford.



**CLEVER:** The quiz team

Scott Shelley, Matthew Beazeley, Molly Seagrave and Tristan Brown-

Mulry were up against 11 other teams from across the country, where they had to answer multiple choice general knowledge questions.

They were victorious at the local area heat which comprised 11 teams from around the Chelmsford area, and then beat a further 11 teams from across Essex at the semi-final.

## School uniform rules

**GREAT BADDOW:** Female pupils at Great Baddow High School will have to wear a new regulation skirt from September, which cannot be rolled up at the waist.

The school has brought in the new design which is black, with a pleat and side pockets to ensure girls preserve their modesty.

Karen Boufield, deputy head teacher, has written in the school newsletter: "The fashion for becoming extremely short skirts in school is wearing unacceptable... we are certain that the majority of parents will be grateful we have taken this step."

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