



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 20th  
September 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

**Wednesday 25th  
September 2024: Flu  
Immunisations—All years**

**Monday 21st October  
2024: INSET Day (school  
closed to pupils)**

**Monday 21st October  
2024: Open Evening  
5.30-7.30pm**

**Tuesday 22nd October  
2024: KS2 Rewards  
Assembly (Invite only)**

**Wednesday 23rd October  
2024: Year 5 Boreatton  
Residential.**

**Thursday 24th October  
2024: KS3 Rewards  
Assembly (Invite only)**

**Friday 25th October 2024:  
School closes at 3.35pm  
for Half Term**

Hello everyone and some fabulous weather we have been treated to - the students have had a ball down on the field at lunch times.

- Whole-school assembly: Miss Parks led on this and it was all about our community project drive. This is something really important to us and enables students, along with their form tutor, to work on an activity that gives back to the community in some way - whether locally or nationally. It has worked so well in the last couple of years so we are excited to see what happens this year.
- Photos: Our partner photography company was in this week and I saw lots of lovely photos exiting the school when I was on duty during the week.
- X-Country: A shout out to all those who participated in the after-school event on Tuesday. You were fantastic, as expected.
- Mrs G: Our lovely Mrs G, who left us in July, popped in to see us on Wednesday. We do miss her but I hear she is going to be Mrs Washington's right-hand woman to support the choir! Big thanks to her and it will be wonderful to see her around the school again.
- Earrings: A reminder to students and parents/carers that the only earrings we accept in school are plain studs and one pair.

I had a lovely moment this week with Joe and his friends from year 8. Mrs Baddeley had asked them to bring in something for a 'show and tell' kind of form session, whereby they shared something important to them. Joe brought in his drone and so we went on to the field and he demonstrated how it worked for me. It all seemed very technical but was great to share that time with students.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Farr



## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

**ABSENCES:** Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day via Arbor. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Please note school meals are NO longer booked via Arbor. These will not be ordered daily by students in form time.

**ARBOR PARENT PORTAL:** Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### FOR INFORMATION:

**WEEK A:** 02/09/24, 16/09/24, 30/09/24, 14/10/24, 04/11/24, 18/11/24, 02/12/24, 16/12/24

**WEEK B:** 09/09/24, 23/09/24, 07/10/24, 21/10/24, 11/11/24, 25/11/24, 09/12/24, 06/01/25

## FAQ

### What can I log myself on Arbor?

Please log all absences on Arbor, these will then be processed in school. Any medical or contact detail updates should also be done through Arbor. If you would like to view an attendance certificate this can be done on Arbor via a browser and a pdf of the certificate can be downloaded in the 'absence by date' area.

### What clubs are available and when/how can my child sign up?

The list of clubs will be made available on the school website under 'parent information' and included in the school newsletter once they are launched. For any clubs with a sign-up policy, students will do this in school. Parents can't attend school to 'watch' any clubs. However, they are more than welcome to attend fixtures that take place after school. Most after school clubs run from 3:45 - 4:35 (unless notified otherwise).

### How do I know if my child has a fixture?

If your child has been selected for a fixture they will be notified in school and you will be contacted separately via email. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the fixture (if they are not making their own way home).

### Can I park on the school car park?

Please don't use our school car park to park on at any time. However, if you are collecting a child (during the school day) for a medical appointment then it is okay to come onto the car park.

### Where do I find a list of school policies?

All school policies, including how we deal with complaints, can be found on the school website ([Woodhouse Academy: School Policies](#)).

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-en-e2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2)

## NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

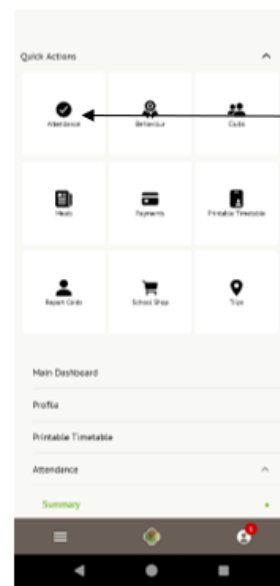
[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)

# Reporting an Absence on Arbor

## Reporting an Absence on the Arbor App



Click on the menu button



Select Attendance



Click on Log Absence



Fill out the form with times and reason for absence.

If the absence is going to be longer than 1 day, please add this into the reason section too.

Then press 'Log Absence'

The Arbor app will only allow you to report absences for that particular day. If you need to report future absences for appointments/events etc, please email the office, along with any relevant appointment evidence, if applicable.

We will then add this information to your child's records.

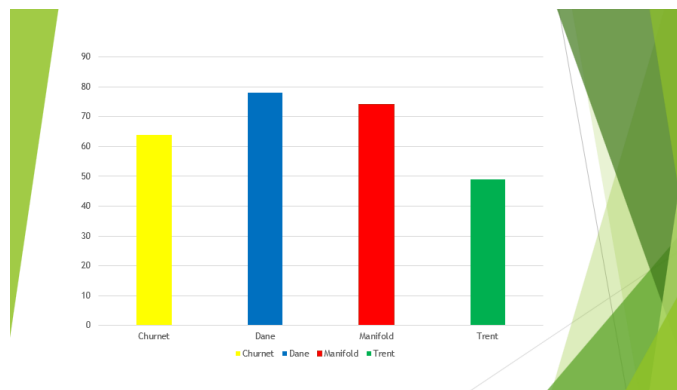
# From the Staff

## Shout outs!

*Congratulations to Tilly S of 5T- she's having her creative writing published! She wrote a piece called 'Henry's Illness' and it will appear in a book which showcases young writers called 'Ancient Adventures- Incredible Tales'.*

*Mrs Abson*

## HousePoints



### TOP POINTS THIS TERM

- 1.Sam L (8)
- 2.Lacey Mae D (4)
- 3.Alfie W (4)
- 4.Max HM (4)
- 5.Tommy W(4)
- 6.Abi F (4)
- 7.Edward A (4)
- 8.Elsie R (4)

Young Voices and Christmas Choir will start next Tuesday at 3.35 - 4.30. Year 5 pupils please check the list in the music block.



# New Rewards System

- ▶ You will be collecting points for individual and house prizes
- ▶ There will be inter-house competitions
- ▶ No longer any prize for 0 behaviour points
- ▶ House with most points get a non-uniform day

## Point Collecting

- ▶ Helping out at an open evening +10
- ▶ Winning a half term value award +10
- ▶ Receiving a Principals award +5
- ▶ Completing a Go for Gold Enrichment activity +3
- ▶ Representing school +2
- ▶ Winning an extracurricular competition +2
- ▶ Showing all values (above and beyond) +1
- ▶ Completing an Enrichment Activity +1

Kindness	Courage	Encouragement	Cooperation	Responsibility	Aspiration	Leadership	Resilience	Respect	Consideration	Initiative	Honesty
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## House Point Prizes - Individual

- ▶ 25 - Early lunch pass for you & a friend
- ▶ 50 - Chocolate bar or haribo bag
- ▶ 100 - Non-uniform pass
- ▶ 150 - Extra break (may only need 1 or 2 slots for this a year)
- ▶ 200 - Free item from the canteen at break
- ▶ 250 - Movie afternoon at the end of the year
  
- ▶ The top 5 children in the whole school at the end of the year get a £20 voucher

## House Point Prizes - Houses

- ▶ Weekly leaderboard (by house) is displayed on screens and in newsletter.
- ▶ The house with the most points (announced on the last Monday of each half term) will win a non-uniform on the Thursday of that week.

# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Kendra has passed her Blue Belt grading with Distinction 😊  
Amazing Well Done!



On Saturday Ashleigh competed in a gymnastics competition. She came 1st in the floor competition and 1st overall.

Fantastic Well Done!



Zach B, Lyra W, Ollie M & William T won the Doug Brown tournament for their group with their team U13 Chatterley Vics Football Club in the monsoon like weather at the weekend!

Fabulous Well Done!



*“The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime”*

## Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



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Awards for Young Musicians

SCC is developing a 25 year Local Transport Plan and this is a big opportunity to champion the voice of our rural residents.

You may be aware that the Family Hubs deliver outreach activities in rural locations, please can you ask any of our local providers/group leads to complete the survey below with their residents/families.

[Parents/Carers Transport Survey](#)



**MENTAL HEALTH  
SUPPORT TEAM  
IN EDUCATION**



# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) in education provide crucial low-intensity support, offering early intervention and guided self-help sessions. Scan the QR code to learn more.



## WE OFFER SUPPORT FOR:

● Anxiety

● Resilience

● Sleep

● Low Mood

● Behaviour (U11's)

● Phobia's

● Panic

● Problem Solving

● Exam Stress



**EMAIL: MHSTENQUIRIES@COMBINED.NHS.UK**



Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
*A Keele University Teaching Trust*

# School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every  
Thursday  
from  
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

[mpft.live/schoolnurse](https://mpft.live/schoolnurse)



parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

Rectangular Snip

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.