



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 27th  
September 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

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

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

**Wednesday 23rd 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

We have had a lovely week in school and have managed to get onto the field a couple of lunch-times!

- **Whole-school assembly:** On Monday, Mrs Stevenson led on our new homework system. We have tried many different approaches here but felt the new 'menu' style will appeal to all students as it offers work of varying levels and enables extension tasks to be completed if the students want to access additional learning (through this menu or through our website under curriculum). It also links very closely to our new house point system.
- **Lunch times:** We are trying out a new 'staggered' lunch approach to enable all students to play more freely and not have to queue as long for hot dinners. It seems to be working well at the moment but we will ask students for some feedback at the end of next week.
- **Cross Country:** Well done to those who went over to JCB on Tuesday to take part in this. A HUGE shout out to all of you for participating.
- **Parent Invite:** On Monday after school, we invited all our parents and students in to wander around the school at their leisure and take a look at the classrooms where students study. I hope this was useful and any feedback is always appreciated.
- **House points:** We have also introduced a new system of rewarding house points to enable students to demonstrate our 12 values at any time and have the opportunity to collect more points. English and maths will remain the same, and compulsory.
- **Community Projects:** These are now up and running and 4 forms are already 'booked in' this term. This is a brilliant way for our students to work together with their form to give something back to the community.
- **Open Evening:** This will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 5.30pm for any potential students wanting to join us in September 2025.

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

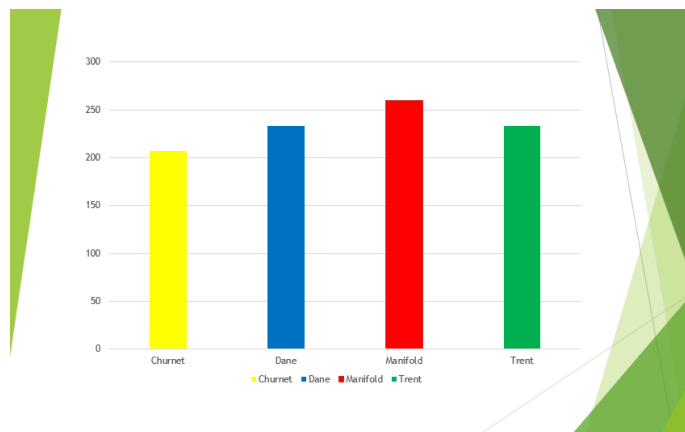
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)

# From the Staff

## HousePoints



### TOP POINTS THIS TERM

1. Evalyn C (23)
2. Sam L (16)
3. Emma J/ Stan M (13)
4. Abi F (12)
5. Elsie R/Alfie W/Jackson B/  
Amber B/Edward A (9)
6. Dillon F/ James B (8)

## School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
Rubber	40p
Bookmark	10p
Hair bobble	10p
Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1

Plus lots more for sale....

# From the Staff

Peer mentor club is another busy one for the Y5 . Huge thanks to all y7 peer mentors who give up their time to support the year 5



The BBC 500 Words writing competition is open for entries, it's time to get writing! Ask a parent to email your typed story to Mrs Manson (or the school office) before Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November or ask an adult to submit your story directly. You need to be 11 or under on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Children need to write a story of 500 words or less. Good luck. See the website or Mrs Manson for more information.





# Prefect Team 2024

*We are very proud of our Prefect team this year. The students have been selected because they have consistently demonstrated excellent behaviour standards, are kind, friendly, polite, organised and have good communication skills.*

*Their role in school will be to be a role model to their peers and younger students in terms of behaviour and appearance, help keep the school safe by supporting teachers and lunchtime supervisors and help pupils enjoy their time here at Woodhouse Academy.*

*The team have already begun to fulfill their role and are enjoying taking on the new responsibility of being a Prefect. Mrs Bowers is really excited to work alongside you all!*

*Well done*



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Verity took part in a gymnastics competition this weekend.

Competing against clubs from all over the North West. The competition was incredibly high, Verity didn't place a medal on this occasion, but we all know, the journey to great achievements is a difficult one.

Verity also met Hannah Whelan who competed in the 2008 and 2012 Olympics, also Bronze medalist for the Commonwealth Games.  
Excited beyond words!!



Jackson B competed in his first midlands Cross Country Road Relay at Sutton Park this weekend. He was one of the youngest runners in his age group and ran 3.8k against 30 other runners.  
Well Done!



During the holidays Ella auditioned to be in a West End Show. Last night I received an email to say she has been chosen!

She will take on the role of an Urchin in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This is a huge step in her dance career to gain this role at her age. It's a true testament to her passion and dedication to dance and we are so so proud of her as her parents.

She has secured a contract for all shows performing at the Regent Theatre.

Amazing Ella!



# Are you a young person aged 11-13?

## Join our new Mental Health support group!



**This group gives young people (11-13) a space to share about their wellbeing, do fun activities, and connect with others**

**To attend please contact:  
[maccasproject@nsmind.org.uk](mailto:maccasproject@nsmind.org.uk)**

**Venue: The Zone - Biddulph Church Rd,  
ST8 6NE**

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
5:30-7:30pm**





Click the instruments for information and ideas about just some of the instruments you can learn with Music for Life

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**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



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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.