



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 15th  
November 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

**Tuesday 19th November 2024 -  
Year 6 SATs/Standon Bowers  
Information Evening @ 5.30pm**

**Friday 22nd November 2024 -  
Black Friday Event**

**Friday 22nd November 2024 -  
Non-Uniform Day (Bingo  
donations)**

**Monday 25th November 2024 -  
Cyber Monday Event**

**Tuesday 3rd December 2024 -  
Year 5 Safe and Sound Visit**

**Friday 6th December 2024 -  
Non Uniform Day (Bring a tin day)**

**Tuesday 10th December 2024 -  
Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024 -  
KS2 Celebration Assembly (Invite  
Only)**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024 -  
KS2 Rewards Afternoon**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024  
- Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 19th December 2024 -  
KS3 Celebration Assembly (Invite  
Only)**

**Thursday 19th December 2024 -  
KS3 Rewards Afternoon**

**Friday 20th December 2024 -  
School Closes for Christmas at  
3.35pm**

Hello everyone and I hope your week has been a good one.

This week, although there are so many things that are celebrated in school, I wanted to focus on how our week started, with Remembrance and taking time to reflect on those that give selflessly. Mrs Stevenson took our assembly on Monday morning and it is always a period of time to remember but tinged with much sadness. She talked about the many ways in which countless numbers of people contributed to this period of time and shaped the future of the country. We talk about 'going above and beyond' in our school constantly and this is a true representation of that quality.

On Sunday, I accompanied our head and deputy head students at the Biddulph parade. I have been doing this for many years now and the number of institutions and people that are involved has grown over time - a wonderful testament to how important this day is and how Biddulph comes together as a community. I would like to thank those students for their time, and indeed all those who turned up to support the event.

Our week has ended with Dr Kelly and her form with their fundraising for Children In Need today. This has been another demonstration of contributing beyond what is expected daily.

Well done to all of you as I know it has been a great day.

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;

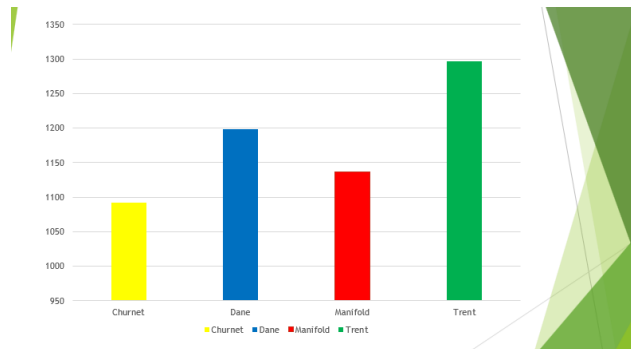
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

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

# From the Staff

## HousePoints

### TOP POINTS THIS TERM



1. Evalyn C (126)
2. James B (59)
3. Ruby H (54)
4. Amber B (48)
5. Stanley M (47)
6. Abi F (43)
7. Tilly B (43)
8. Ashleigh E (36)
9. Jamie B (36)
10. Lyra W (36)
11. Emma J (36)

### Staffordshire's 'Winter is calling' Poetry Competition

Miss Brodie will be running poetry workshops on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at lunch time for any pupil who would like assistance writing, typing or entering the Young Poetry Competition. You can either enter directly via the email or see Miss Brodie for help. Please see details about the competition on the poster below.

Poetry Competition  
**'WINTER IS CALLING'**

**Are you a budding Young Poet age 8-16 years who lives or goes to school/college in Staffordshire?**

Then, why not enter Staffordshire's Young Poetry competition?

**The theme for your poem is 'Winter is Calling'**  
You might be inspired by the change of seasons, what winter means to you, your favourite place to visit or things to do, whatever inspires you, send in your poem for a chance to win!

**Prizes include book vouchers for winners & runners up**  
The 3 winners will also be offered a poetry workshop with the judges: Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate & Staffordshire Poet Laureate.

**Winning categories are age 8-10, 11-13, 14-16 years**  
Your poem must be typed & sent in a WORD or PDF format, using a simple font & no longer than 30 lines in length.

**Don't forget to include your name, age & contact details!**

Send entries to:  
[connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:connectedlibraries@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
by Friday 13th December

scan for email

YOUR Staffordshire County Council



Last Friday, Mrs Sullivan was delighted to enter 31 of our students, who have been attending Computer club on Wednesday Lunchtimes, into the UK Bebras Challenge. This competition is open to all young people across the UK between the ages of 6 and 19. The Bebras Challenge introduces computational thinking and each participant has 45 minutes to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group. All the students who took part really enjoyed solving the puzzles and will be awarded house points for representing the school. We will have the results through in a few weeks time, along with certificates recognising the standards achieved



### Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	<b>Main Meal</b> Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognese (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Breaded Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Samosa Roll (V)
Cheese & Tomato Baguette (V) or Veggie Bites in Sweet Chilli Sauce in a Baguette (V)	Meatball Wrap Or Veggie Meatball Wrap (V)	BBQ Chicken Baguette or BBQ Veggie Nuggets (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Homemade Pizza (V)	Cheeseburger Or Veggie Burger (V)
Garlic Bread, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Curly Fries, Corn on the cob, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Beans	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
<b>Desserts</b> Assorted Cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts.	<b>Desserts</b> Assorted cold desserts.

FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS, FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES, JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.  
(V) = Vegetarian option \*All menus are subject to change\*



### Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Italian Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken Tikka Curry or Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Baked Battered Cod Goujons or Vegetable fingers (V)
Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza or Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Ham and Savoury Rice Burrito or Vegetable Burrito of the day (V)	Buttermilk Chicken Wrap or Quorn Nugget Wrap (V)	Sausage Baguette or Cheese and Onion Pasty (V)	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll (V)
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Herby Diced Potatoes Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Coriander Rice & Pitta bread. Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
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### Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 3



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b> Chinese Chicken Curry Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Hunters Chicken Or Homemade Quorn Lasagne (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Sausage, Mash with Yorkshire Pudding or Veggie Sausage, With Mash and Yorkshire Pudding (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Chicken Korma or Quorn and Vegetable Korma (V)	<b>Main Meal</b> Crispy Coated Fish Cakes or Cheese Whirl (V)
Ham and Cheese Quesadilla or Vegetable Samosa with Yoghurt mint dip (V)	Brunch Wrap Or Veggie Brunch Wrap (V)	Fish finger Baguette or Crispy Veggie Baguette with Sweet Chilli (V)	Chicken goujon Burger or Vegetable burger (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Veggie Pizza (V)
Garlic Bread, Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Seasoned Potato wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic and Coriander Naan Bread, Basmati Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, steamed Graden Peas, Beans or mixed salad
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# The Grenade Launchers!!!



Hi we are the grenade launchers robotics group and we are competing in the First Tech challenge. We are working on our robot and are trying our best everyday to try and win this amazing competition and everyone in our group puts in 100 percent effort at every session.

To access our website, Instagram and TikTok. Scan the QR code and will take you to a menu option and choose what you would like to view. On our website we have a blog going on.

Our robotic team is a vibrant mix of talent and collaboration, tackling challenges in design, coding, and strategy. Each member plays a crucial role in fostering a supportive community that thrives on learning from both successes and setbacks. Supporting our team is vital; your contributions enable us to access resources and compete, fuelling our passion for robotics and inspiring future innovators. Together, we can turn ambitious ideas into reality and make a lasting impact on our community.



# 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....



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



**This week Martha has received 2 BBO dance exam results this week -**

**Grade 1 musical theatre and grade ballet.**

**Well done Martha!**



# Learn a musical instrument in school

Music  
NPO of  
the Year  
24/25



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## Household Support Fund

### Financial Wellbeing Workshop

'Building Firmer Foundations'

Are you struggling with your personal finances or concerned about the cost of living?  
If so, would you like ...

- To identify and overcome your barriers?
- To receive some tips that will help you make your money go further, reduce costs, and leave you feeling more hopeful?
- To talk about how financial difficulties can impact our wellbeing.

If so, we are running weekly workshops in your local district.

If you would like to join us, please scan the QR code below, or follow this link which will take you to our workshop sign up form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zAkFuY7XPP?origin=lprLink>



For any additional support please contact - [financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk)



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**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**



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.