



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 22nd  
November 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

Friday 29th November 2024 -  
Black Friday Event

Monday 2nd December 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

Thursday 19th December 2024—  
Christmas Disco (KS2:5.30-7pm &  
KS3:7-8.30pm)

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

Hello everyone and a very frosty end to our week here!

- Whole-school assembly: Mrs Stephenson talked about attendance and the importance of being in school, not missing lessons and the impact of this. We are very lucky as we constantly celebrate our attendance figures here at Woodhouse so we hope this continues.
- Netball: Some of our year 8 students played away on Tuesday evening and had a really long day (they did not arrive back til 7pm!) - a HUGE shout out to all of you as this is real dedication and commitment to sport.
- SATs/Standon Bowers Evening: On Tuesday night, we invited our year 6 parents and students to an information sharing event. If you were unable to attend and would like see what was used, please go to our website, under 'parent information' and this will be uploaded shortly.
- Entry time into school: Can we ask parents to remind their children that they should not be on site until 8.30am as we have had some students arriving at 8.20am.
- Friday Fundraising: And they came in to school in their hundreds! A MASSIVE thanks to our parents for supporting this and contributing to raising funds for school. All of this goes back into supporting the students so it is always really appreciated.



- A busy week next week with our Black Friday event (fantastic time and students love it) and our year 8 students visiting Biddulph Old Hall.

And a final, personal, thanks to James and Archie in year 8, who attended the Biddulph Learners' Forum at the Town Hall on Wednesday. This was set up by our town council for all schools to participate in, giving a voice to the students of Biddulph.

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 now 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](#)).



Thank you to Grenville Engineering for being our sponsor for the Race to the Line competition this year.

## 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

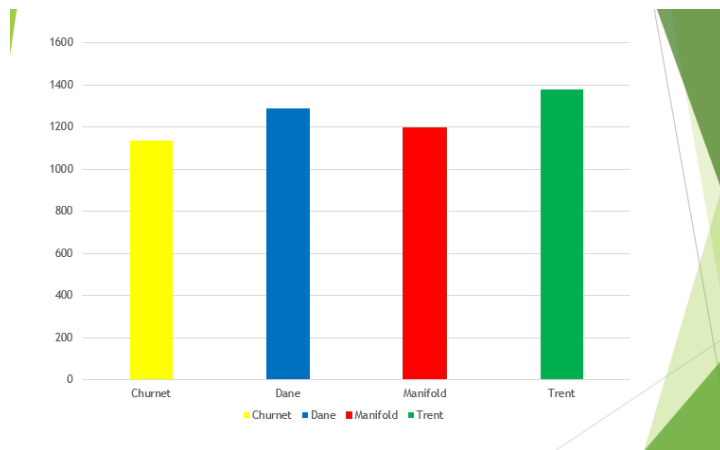
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (60)
3. Ruby H (55)
4. Stanley M (49)
5. Amber B (48)
6. Sophia T (48)
7. Abi F (45)
8. Tilly B (44)
9. Jackson B (39)
10. Ashleigh E (38)
11. Emma J (38)
12. Jamie B (37)

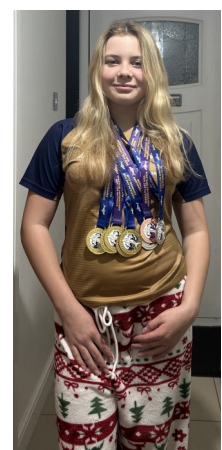
## Shout outs!

*Lots of hard work from 5.4 in English this week! All students have completed basic grammar tasks- nouns this week!- and days of the week. Well done to everyone!*

*Shoutout from Miss Phillips for honesty for Ethan J Y8 who found and handed in a £20 note which was another child's birthday money!*



*A big well done to all our students that took part in a swimming gala at Biddulph Leisure Centre at the weekend. We have been told lots of our students had great success, winning lots of medals. A special shout out to Oli and Jamie in 8C. Oli managed to win 6 silver medals and Jamie managed to win 7 golds, 2 silvers and 1 bronze medal, beating some personal best times in the process.*



# From the Staff

BLACK FRIDAY  
(29<sup>th</sup> November)

**BLACK  
FRIDAY**

CYBER MONDAY  
(2<sup>nd</sup> December)

Black Friday 2024 is fast approaching and as a result of the number of students wanting to run stalls we have had to extend the event which will see Woodhouse staging 'Cyber Monday' in addition to the traditional 'Black Friday'.

Pupils have been told today which day they will be holding their stall.  
Next week - pupils are invited to use Rm 21 to work on anything in preparation for the event.

It should be emphasised that NO real money will be exchanged during the event - the aim is that pupils use their 'place value' skills to write out cheques that will be given to stall holders. These cheques will then be counted and stall holders will win the 'event' based on the number of sales they make or by the money they generate from the sales. There will also be awards for the most innovative idea, best 'take-home' product, and best 'shop window'. Good luck to everyone taking part.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> December

scan for email

YOUR Staffordshire County Council



# Children in Need



Well Done to 5T for their community project. They decided to fundraise for Children in Need and did a fantastic job!



# Woodhouse Academy Presents



**Wednesday 4th December 2024**

**Doors open from 6pm**

**eyes down at 6:30pm**

**Please bring you own refreshments**

**and don't forget your dabbers!**

**Friends– Prizes– Fun**





10% off

ALL PE KIT



## Winter Warmers!

As it gets colder make sure your child doesn't feel the chill!

**1 WEEK  
ONLY**



**smart** Superior Quality  
Easy On and Off  
Comfort Fit  
Non Fade  
Easy Care

Monday 25th November -  
Saturday 30th November



Offer available in Store OR Buy Online With Fast & Free Click & Collect

**USE CODE: [Woodhouse10](#) at the checkout**

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer

**Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 1**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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**



<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<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
<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.

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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!



Eleanor from 6T achieved her bronze rookie life guard award. Well Done Eleanor!

Scarlett competed at the Biddulph BASC's swimming gala Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

She came home with 12 medals ranging from gold, silver and bronze.

800m free gold 400m free gold 200m free silver 100m free silver 50 fly bronze 100 fly silver 50 breast silver 100 breast silver 200 breast silver 100im bronze 200Im bronze 50 back

We are so proud of Scarlett she has achieved what we all know she could achieve.

Well Done Scarlett!



Daisy placed 4th in solo and 5th in set solo at Sundays 'Calling You Out' dance competition.

Well Done Daisy!

# Learn a musical instrument in school

Music NPO of the Year 24/25

- Outstanding specialist music tuition
- Learn almost any instrument including voice
- Independently rated an “outstandingly effective service” offering “outstanding value”
- Free access to ensembles and performances
- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
- Award-winning not-for-profit organisation with a friendly and efficient team



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## How can we help?

**Caudwell Children are offering a FREE Workshop for parents and carers.**

**Would you like to know about the services they offer?**

**Autism Services    Equipment    Family Support    Sensory Packs  
Shaping Futures    Short Breaks    Therapy    Treatment**

**We've teamed up with Caudwell Children to help you and your family through this journey.**

**When:    Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
            10am - 12noon**

**\*Booking Essential\***

**Please call 01782 297970 to book your place**

**Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street,  
            Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 6DT**

**Caudwell Children exists to make life fair for disabled and autistic children.**

## 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.