



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 29th  
November 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents

### Autumn Term 2024

*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.

- Biddulph Old Hall: 8D and 8M visited Biddulph Old Hall on Thursday and Friday this week and I spoke to some of them after. They thought it was a great place to be and really enjoyed it, particularly the tunnels! A BIG shout out to Leo H as, apparently, due to his fantastic persistence and brilliant questions, the students were able to access parts not been to before. They also had a chocolate each! Well done all of you, as I was told you were so polite and well behaved, and a big thanks to Mrs Stevenson for organising this and to the staff who supported.
- Fundraising: A MASSIVE thanks to all our parents and students again for their donations - we had an enormous amount sent in and this helps us to raise money to put back into the resources for students in school.
- Sport Fixtures: Despite the cold, a number of our key stage 3 student went out to Congleton High School for rugby and to Fenton Manor for netball. Well done all of you for your continued commitment to the school and representing so willingly.
- Christmas Bingo: A reminder that this is next Wednesday at 6pm in the hall. Bring your own food and drink, bingo tickets are bought on entry in the foyer and our resident 'Bingo Callers' Mrs Dean and Mrs G are back in their seats so come along - it is great fun.
- Black Friday: One of my favourite events of the year. It is utterly brilliant to see our students get involved in the planning, preparing and 'selling' of their products during lunch times and using maths skills in the process. The buzz around the hall at this time is something to behold! A HUGE thanks to all of those students who took part and to Mr Williams for arranging this annual event. Cyber Monday will be a continuation of this theme on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- Non-uniform: Just a reminder that next Friday (6<sup>th</sup>) is a non-uniform day for all our students in exchange for a tin of food (or similar) that is in turn donated to our community Zone facility.

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

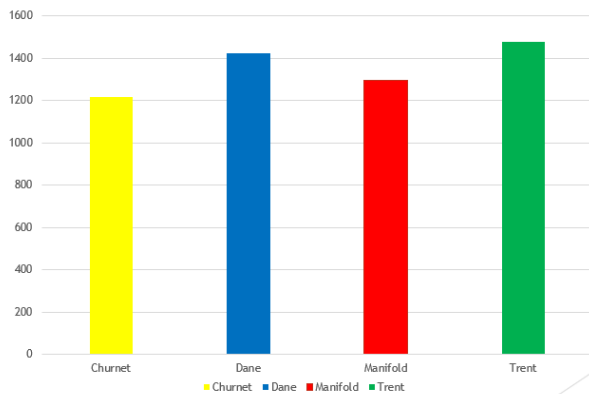
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (128)
2. James B (65)
3. Ruby H (56)
4. Amber B (50)
5. Sophia T (50)
6. Stanley M (49)
7. Abi F (48)
8. Tilly B (47)
9. Jackson B (40)
10. Jamie B (40)
11. Lyra W (40)
12. Ashleigh E (39)
13. Emma J (39)

### 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:  
[connect@libraries@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:connect@libraries@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
by Friday 13th December

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# From the Staff

A big well done to the Y8s who took part in the rugby tournament at Congleton High School last night. Despite the cold condition the boys played extremely well and scores some fantastic tries.



## Y7 & Y8 Netball

Over the last week, both our year 7 & year 8 girls have played in the District Netball tournament held at Fenton Manor. It was a chance for the girls to put all their hard work from training into practice, in a competitive setting. Many of the girls playing for the first time.

We have so many year 8's dedicated to the sport. Both teams played strongly and showed great teamwork. They both finished in 3rd place. Well done girls!

Our year 7A team got through to the semi finals. They narrowly missed out on getting to the final and finished in an impressive 3rd place. The 7B team won 2 of their three games and also got to the semi finals. They beat Moorside and got through to the final. They narrowly missed out on winning the title by a 1-0 defeat to St Edwards. So proud of you all!

Mrs Bowers would like to thank all the girls who played and represented the school with pride. A big shout out to Sienna C and Demi E for giving their time to help coach the Year 7's.



# 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**





# Woodhouse Academy Leavers Hoodies 2025

Standard



Standard



Extra Personalisation



Dear Customer, [smart](#) school uniform are delighted to supply  
Woodhouse Academy 2025 Leavers Hoodies

Standard Cost of Hoodie is £18.50 This includes Hoodie + school logo + Back Print in white  
Extra Personalisation add £3, has child's name printed  
on the back of the hoodie under the number 25 in white

[Details to remember](#)

Opening date for webpage Monday 2nd December

Closing date for webpage Friday 21st February

Delivery only to Woodhouse Academy Friday 28th March

**PLEASE NOTE: ENTER YOUR CHILDS NAME AND FORM IN THE NOTES SECTION. THIS WILL ENABLE THE  
ACADEMY TO LOCATE YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CHILD SMOOTHLY**

[How to order?](#)

Please visit [www.smartuniform.co.uk](http://www.smartuniform.co.uk)

Once at website please click on, Senior Schools, locate your Academy  
and click on shop Leavers Hoodies

Once at Payment please select:

Leavers Hoodie Free delivery from drop down menu on webpage

[Questions and queries](#)

All enquiries & questions must be directed to:

[shop@smartuniform.co.uk](mailto:shop@smartuniform.co.uk)

Samples will be available at the Academy to try on for size  
Please do not guess as incorrect size ordered will not be refunded



## New Click & Collect to School service



Dear Parents, Good News!

**smart school uniform** will now deliver your uniform to the school

Simply place an order on our website and select 'Collect free from School' option when you are selecting delivery.

Please note this is free of charge and deliveries will be delivered on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Our website: <https://smartuniform.co.uk/>

**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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# Biddulph Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 30th November

Market 4.30 pm

Switch on 6.00pm

Facepainting, Glitter Tattoo /Lucky Dip &  
Santa Visit - All Free!



# Please join us for a FREE Family Christmas Pizza & Movie Night



**FRIDAY DECEMBER 6TH  
AT 6PM**



**Please call to book in for catering  
purposes.**

**01782 498480**

**email: [office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@biddulph-tc.gov.uk)**



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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.







# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

Abi's visit to London.

The Evensong held at St Paul's Cathedral for the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire was led by the Cathedral Choir and Sermon led by The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dave Sarah Mullally, DBE, Bishop of London.

We were also able to visit the OBE Chapel and Crypt below the Cathedral, where Abi found the memorial to Florence Nightingale.



Finn D and Theo P took part in the Junior British SAMBO Championships last Saturday, at the Olympic wrestling Centre in Manchester.

Finn made it look easy, with him needing less than two minutes total contest time to dispatch 3 contenders on his way to the gold medal, and become British Champion in his division.

Theo won the hearts of the crowd with his come from behind submission victory over an experienced opponent to secure a silver medal and number 2 ranking in his division.

They both did amazingly, representing their country, club and school with excellent sportsmanship and humility.

Well Done Boys!



Sienna BM and Charlie BM competed in Calling u out acro competition.

Sienna won 1st place across the floor, 2nd place set solo and 3rd advanced duet

Charlie won 5th place set solo and 2nd place intermediate duet.

Well Done Girls!





# 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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**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.