



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 13th
December 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

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

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

**Wednesday 18th December
2024—Christmas Jumper Day
(Jumpers can be worn over school
uniform)**

**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.

A lovely (very busy) week in school and some great highlights.

- Whole-school assembly: We had a member of the Live Stream Church who came in to do a great assembly on the gift of giving and how that makes someone feel, especially at this time of year. Many thanks to her and Mrs Washington for organising this.
- Celebration assemblies: Mrs McKeown and Mrs Bowers led our assemblies this week, with 'courage' as this half-term's value to celebrate and identify those students who have demonstrated this in school. It is always a humbling time and our pupils certainly rose to the challenge. Well done to all of you who won this award - truly deserved.
- House points: We have changed this slightly so we can send out a list of those students who have achieved the most points each week as well as the term, so hopefully open this up to a wider range of names.
- Christmas Disco: We have our disco next week on Thursday evening for the students. Year 5 and 6 will be 5.30 - 7 and years 7 and 8 will be 7-8.30. It will be £1 entry with lots of refreshments on sale.
- Robots: A number of our year 8 students have been busy planning, making and preparing their robot for the scrimmage at St Margaret Ward's school on Thursday. It is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in a local and national competition. Well done to all of you that took part and huge thanks to Mr Challinor, Mr Reynolds and Mr Sumner for supporting this.
- Bully4U by Loudmouth: This is something we bring in every year for our year 7 pupils. It is a drama-based company that uses this medium to demonstrate the impact of bullying on others. It is brilliant and students responded so well to such an important message.
- Basketball: A number of our KS3 pupils took part in this event after school on Thursday at Leek High. Well done to all of you for participating and representing the school so well.
- Reward Afternoons: These take place next week for those students who have shown a consistent approach to excellent behaviour. A HUGE shout out to all of you as this is a fantastic achievement.

And finally, the absolute best moment for me was watching our pupils play, sing, read and have a lovely time at the Christmas Concert held at St Lawrence's Church on Tuesday night. Mrs Washington, Mrs Wills and Mrs Goodwin have been busy practising with the pupils over the term - a huge thanks to all of them from us at school. It always brings a (happy) tear when this event takes place and we all beam with pride at how well our students perform. This had to be one of the best I have seen but particularly the message of the choir when they sang the Young Voices song they have been preparing for their February concert. It talks of falling down, getting back up again, making mistakes but learning from them and putting it right. What a wonderful message for everyone!

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

NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

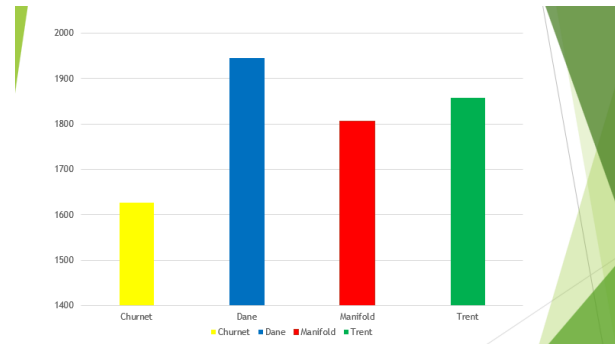
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (131)
2. James B (74)
3. Ruby H (70)
4. Sophia T (63)
5. Abi F (60)
6. Tilly B (57)
7. Amber B (56)
8. Stanley M (55)
9. Jackson B (48)
10. Ashleigh E (47)
11. Martha S (46)
12. Emma J (46)

TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Elouise B (13)
2. Fletcher G (13)
3. Tia B (12)
4. Ruby H (12)
5. Erin J (12)
6. Joseph A (11)
7. Codie H (11)
8. Sophia T (11)
9. Poppy SJ (10)
10. Jacob F (10)
11. Isla W (10)

Shout outs!

Congratulations to 5.4 English who have worked so hard this week! We have been practising our reading comprehensions and have created a class poem about Christmas, too! Mrs Abson

Thank you so much for all of the amazing Poppy poems Mrs Stevenson received for The Poppy poem History Interhouse Competition, I thoroughly enjoyed reading them all and will try to display them all in my room.

The winners are:

1st Abi F 6C

2nd Jacob F 6D

3rd Poppy H 5D

Christmas Concert



5D Community Project

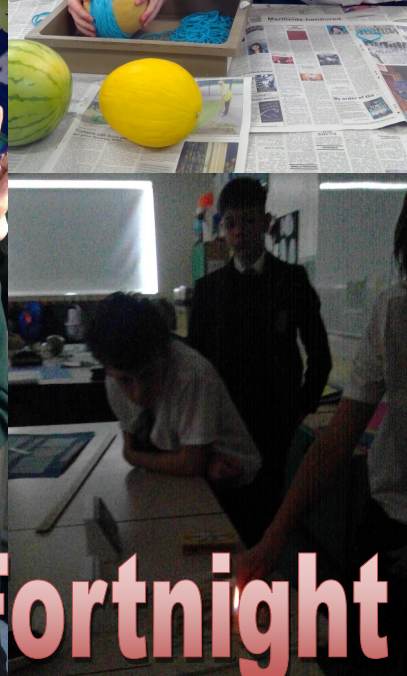
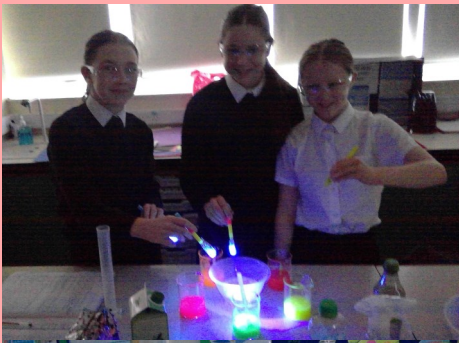


Y7 Visit from Loudmouth



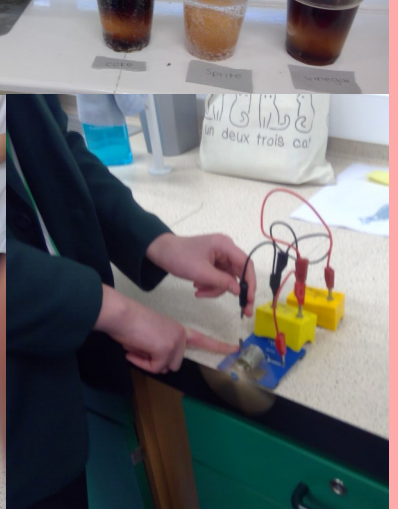
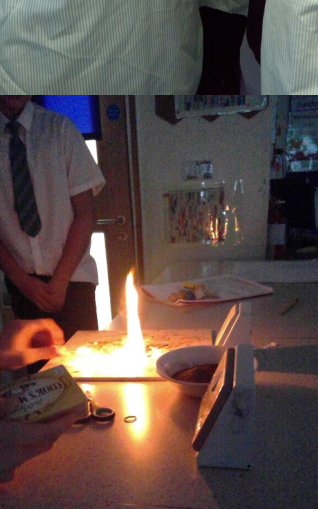
Rewards Celebrations





Last Monday we kicked off science fortnight in style with a number of amazingly dressed students dressed as scientists. The children have spent the past two weeks working through their science projects. They have worked really hard and have some fantastic projects to share with OxHey and the rest of the Woodhouse students today. Winners will be announced next week and their housepoints will be added to Arbor.

Science Fortnight



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

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

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	Main Meal Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	Main Meal Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Main Meal Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	Main Meal 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
Desserts Assorted Cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts 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
Main Meal Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	Main Meal Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	Main Meal Italian Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	Main Meal Chicken Tikka Curry or Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)	Main Meal 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
Main Meal Chinese Chicken Curry Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (V)	Main Meal Hunters Chicken Or Homemade Quorn Lasagne (V)	Main Meal Sausage, Mash with Yorkshire Pudding or Veggie Sausage, With Mash and Yorkshire Pudding (V)	Main Meal Chicken Korma or Quorn and Vegetable Korma (V)	Main Meal 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!



Martha took her Trinity College London grade 2 singing exam last weekend and got a distinction! Fantastic result for her first music exam, we are very proud.

Well Done Martha!



Bodhi H Y5 won Top Boy last week for his junior squad with Biddulph Amateur Swimming Club.

Well Done Bodhi!

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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**

**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.

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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.