



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 20th  
December 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

**Monday 6th January 2025:**  
*School Opens to pupils*

**Tuesday 7th January 2025:**  
*Interhouse Dodgeball Y6*

**Friday 10th January 2025:**  
*Interhouse Dodgeball Y5, Y7 & Y8*

**Monday 13th January 2025:** *Y5 Parents Evening*

**Monday 20th January 2025:** *Mock SATS week (Y6)*

**Monday 3rd February 2025:** *Y6 Parents Evening*

**Monday 10th February 2025:** *Faith in Focus Day*

**Tuesday 11th February 2025:** *KS2 Rewards Assembly (Invite only)*

**Thursday 13th February 2025:** *KS3 Rewards Assembly (Invite Only)*

**Friday 14th February 2025:** *PI Day*

**Friday 14th February 2025:** *School closes for half term at 3.35pm*

Hello everyone, and the end of a busy term.

- **Whole-school assembly:** On Monday, I carried on with the theme of giving and receiving following our church member who presented the assembly last week. I talked about the cost of giving and what this actually means. The message was that it does not cost to support, help, be a good friend or be kind and that we are all capable of this 'free gift'.
- **Key stage celebrations:** Our form tutors and key stage leads prepared activities this week for those students who had demonstrated really positive behaviour over the term and received less than the 10 points. Well done to all of you that achieved this.
- **Christmas Dinner:** A large number of our students had their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Some of our staff donned their aprons to help out with the serving so many thanks to them. I did question the children as to why so many of them don't like sprouts!!!
- **Disco:** The Christmas Disco was on Thursday evening. This is great fun and we love spending time with the students having a brilliant night. Thanks to all students who came and the staff that supported this event.
- **Stoke Food Bank:** As you know, we participate in this to support our local community. They have contacted us to say during January they are short on UHT milk, tinned meat, chocolates, sweets and teabags. If you are able to help, please contact [www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk) and they will be able to direct you to how you can drop any donations off. Our closest ones are St Johns Church Centre and English Martyrs Church Centre.

Reflecting on the term, it is always with a sense of pride - for both pupils and staff. The hard work never goes unnoticed and to see our students happy and thriving is the best Christmas present we could ask for. Our thanks, as always, to our parents that support the school so readily.

Wishing you all a lovely, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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:** 13/01/25, 27/01/25, 10/02/25, 03/03/25, 17/03/25, 31/03/25

**WEEK B:** 06/01/25, 20/01/25, 03/02/25, 24/02/25, 15/03/25, 24/03/25, 07/04/25

## 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](#)).



**GRENVILLE  
ENGINEERING**

CUTTING EDGE FABRICATION

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

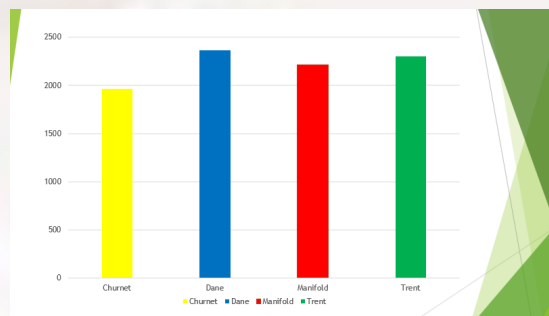
## HousePoints

### TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Tommy W (9)
2. Jennie RP (8)
3. Holly R (8)
4. Layla-Lou W (7)
5. Abi F (7)
6. Owen A (7)
7. Emma B (7)
8. Codie H (7)

### TOP POINTS THIS TERM

1. Evalyn C (136)
2. James B (84)
3. Ruby H (74)
4. Sophia T (70)
5. Abi F (66)
6. Tilly B (60)
7. Lyra W (59)
8. Amber B (58)
9. Stanley M (57)
10. Martha S (54)
11. Jude J (54)
12. Emma J (54)



## Shout outs!



*Well done from Mrs Bibby to Amber R, Isabell OB, Beau Layla Louise W, Toby G and Harriet E who were amazing in their performance of 'Snow White and the Seven' at Biddulph Town Hall on Wednesday evening!*

*Thank you to all the staff who helped with the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday!*



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**SCIENCE FORTNITE**

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**PROCEDURE:** 1. Fill a kettle with water. 2. Place a piece of kitchen foil over the top of the kettle. 3. Turn the kettle on. 4. Time how long it takes for the water to boil. 5. Repeat the experiment with different amounts of foil.

**RESULTS:**

Amount of Foil	Time to Boil
None	10 minutes
Small	8 minutes
Medium	6 minutes
Large	4 minutes

**CONCLUSION:** The more kitchen foil used, the faster the water boiled.

**Diagram:** A diagram showing a kettle with a piece of foil covering the top, with arrows indicating heat being trapped inside.



**How Dangerous is it?**

**SCIENCE FORTNITE**

**Procedure:** 1. Fill a glass with water. 2. Add a small amount of acid. 3. Measure the pH. 4. Add more acid. 5. Measure the pH again. 6. Repeat with different amounts of acid.

**Results:**

Amount of Acid	pH
None	7
Small	4
Medium	2
Large	1

**Conclusion:** The more acid added, the lower the pH.

# Science Fair

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**CARBON SOURCE**

**Procedure:** 1. Burn a piece of wood. 2. Collect the ash. 3. Weigh the ash. 4. Repeat with different types of wood.

**Results:**

Wood Type	Weight of Ash
Softwood	10g
Hardwood	5g

**Conclusion:** Hardwood produces less ash than softwood.

**SCIENCE FORTNITE**

**Procedure:** 1. Connect a battery to a light bulb. 2. Add different amounts of salt. 3. Measure the current.

**Results:**

Amount of Salt	Current
None	0.5A
Small	1.0A
Medium	1.5A
Large	2.0A

**Conclusion:** The more salt added, the higher the current.

**PREDICTION:** We predict that sky changes color because the clouds are adding much to the sky which makes the sky look more colorful than it is.

**WAVELENGTH:** The wavelength of light is the distance between two peaks of a wave.

**CONCLUSION:** Blue scattered more and red less. The blue scattered more than the red. The blue is scattered more than the red. The blue is scattered more than the red.

**MADE BY:** Mollie Hill, India Tunney

**SCIENCE How does Fair**

**how PUMPED UP affects a Football Play?**

**Answer the to ????**

**Big Question**

**Fun Facts!**

**Table of Results:**

Pressure	Rolls
Low	10
Medium	15
High	20

**When I measured my pressure the normal rolled the best as the hard one rolled so fast and ran into the wall but the flat one didn't roll at all.**

**How do women's Footballers tear their ACL?**

**Procedure:** 1. Interview 10 women's footballers. 2. Record the number of ACL tears. 3. Record the position on the field. 4. Record the type of play.

**Results:**

Position	Type of Play	Number of ACL Tears
Striker	Goalkeeping	2
Striker	Defending	1
Striker	Attacking	3
Striker	Other	1

**How does Smoking affect your health?**

**Procedure:** 1. Interview 10 smokers. 2. Record the number of cigarettes smoked. 3. Record the health problems. 4. Record the age.

**Results:**

Age	Number of Cigarettes	Health Problems
18-25	10	None
26-35	20	Cough
36-45	30	Shortness of breath
46-55	40	Heart disease

**HOW DOES THE HUMAN BODY ADAPT TO THE CHANGE OF TEMPERATURE?**

**Procedure:** 1. Measure the body temperature. 2. Move to a different temperature. 3. Measure the body temperature again. 4. Repeat with different temperatures.

**Results:**

Environment Temperature	Body Temperature
20°C	37°C
10°C	36.5°C
30°C	37.5°C





At the start of this week saw the start of an OPERATION run by ourselves focusing on a crackdown on the illegal use of e-scooters across our county.

This operation will see local officers across the city visiting schools, shops and community hubs to engage with people about the dangers of e-scooters and the law around using them in public.

Due to the laws privately owned e-scooters fall under the class of “Powered Transporters”, which means they are treated in the same way as motor vehicles, at this time it’s not possible to obtain insurance for any privately owned e-scooter and as such without insurance it means that it is illegal to use them on roads or in any public places such as parks, pavements and shopping centres. As such if an e-scooter is used in any public place they can be seized under S.165 of Road Traffic Act 1988 for having no insurance.

There will be two further phases to the operation, first which will start on 16<sup>th</sup> December will involve officers working proactively as part of their usual patrols to seize any e-scooters that are being used illegally across the city. We’ll then look to educate those involved further, not prosecute, to make sure more young people and their guardians know about the law and what can happen if these laws are not abided. The last phase will then begin in the new year and will see where appropriate, criminal prosecutions being issues to anyone using e-scooters on a road or public place.

This final phase will also look at prosecuting any adult whom facilitates an e-scooter being used by a child under 18 years of age, which could mean a parent, guardian or potentially a school if the e-scooter is being stored on the premises to use following attending school.

I have attached a leaflet in PDF format to this email which, if possible I would encourage to be shared by any electronic means you have with teachers, children, parents or guardians.

If any young person were to receive an e-scooter over Christmas as a present only to have it seized by illegal use, I’m sure would be an extremely upsetting moment and with your help i want to try and prevent this from happening. In addition to the above all local independent and national retailers selling these items will be visited over the following week to ensure that all the correct warning notices are shown and any person purchasing an e-scooter are aware of the legislation.

# 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



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
<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!



A shout out to the for the brilliant woodhouse students who performed a most fabulous production of a pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven' on Saturday. Their drama group, Staged, filled the house for both their matinee and evening performances. It was truly excellent! (Oh yes it was!).

A massive well done to Florence and Hattie Y6, Serena and Emily Y7 and James Y8.

## Woodhouse Academy

On behalf of Stoke-on-Trent foodbank, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations in 2024.

In 2023/24 financial year we fed 19635 people. We couldn't do it without your support and donation. THANK YOU.

If you can help us get the word out that we always need support, we would be extremely grateful. We are currently short of the following items :

**The items we are most need of in month of January are:**

**UHT Milk**

**Sweet Extra ie Chocolate**

**Tinned Meat**

**Tea Bags size 40's**

We will use your donation to help feed the people who are hungry in Stoke-on-Trent.

If you would like to view the most up-to-date information about what is happening at the foodbank please head over to [www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk) and if you would like more information about the difference we are making together, you can subscribe to our newsletter and updates here: <https://mailchi.mp/stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk/to-let-you-know-how-together-we-are-making-a-difference-tackling-food-poverty-10494345>,

As always, the generosity of our local schools; local and national business and the wonderful people touch us in our communities and surrounding areas, and we thank you most sincerely for your donation.

*You really do make a difference!*

If you would like a poster with the weights on it, please email us back on this email address.

Yours faithfully

**The Volunteers, Staff and Trustees at Stoke-on-Trent foodbank**

Should your donation quantity appear to be inaccurate, or if you would like to amend the email or contact details, please could you email: [teamwarehouse@stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:teamwarehouse@stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk)

**Thank you**

**Warehouse Opening Times**

**Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm**



**[Click onto our website](#)**

<http://www.widerimpact.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/SOT-FoodBank.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7r-x7RGcbl8>



# 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”
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- Tutors are DBS checked and first class musicians
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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.

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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.