



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 17th  
January 2025



## Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

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

**Wednesday 29th January**  
2025: *Robotics Fundraising Event*

**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 thank goodness we have ended the week with some sunshine!

- Whole-school assembly: Mrs McKeown and a number of students took the assembly on Monday about 'creativity' and what this means. It really was lovely and the pupils did a sterling job. Many thanks to these students for being brave enough to stand up in front of all our staff and pupils and Mrs McKeown for organising this.
- Parents' Evening: Our year 5 evening was on Monday this week and we welcomed so many parents in to talk to staff. Many thanks to those that attended and for providing us with feedback, which we are of course following up on.
- Year 6 Parents' Evening: A letter has been sent out today to explain about the booking system and availability of teachers.
- Maths carousel: Our year 6 pupils and staff had steam coming out of their ears on Friday, spending the day studying maths and gaining invaluable learning tips in preparation for their MOCK SATS next week.
- House points: As you will be aware, Mrs Wills sends out regular updates to staff about students who may not be receiving many points. We also have the weekly points added to our newsletter, rather than just the highest achievers overall. I know this has had an impact as students who previously would not have engaged with this system as much are now discussing where they are and what they need to do to move up the rewards system. This is great and thanks to Mrs Wills for keeping us updated.

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:** 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](#)).

## 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,

## NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

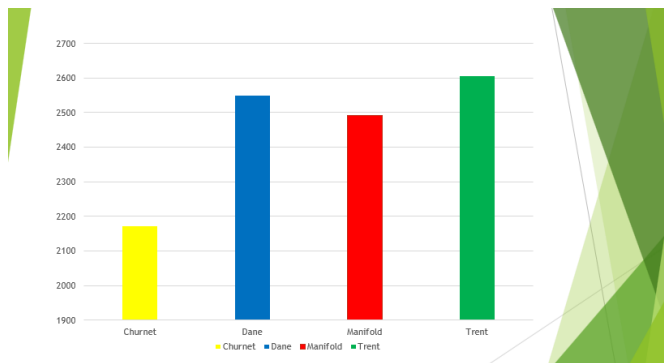
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (138)
2. James B (102)
3. Lyra W (78)
4. Ruby H (77)
5. Sophia T (72)
6. Emma J (72)
7. Abi F (70)
8. Tilly B (64)
9. Amber B (63)
10. Stanley M (59)
11. Martha S (55)
12. Jackson B (55)
13. Jude J (55)

### TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Leia B (8)
2. Harry W (7)
3. Isaac S (5)
4. Sevin L (5)
5. Layla-Lou W (4)
6. Jack F (4)
7. Zach W (4)
8. Tyler W (4)
9. David G (4)
10. Myles B (4)

## Shout outs!

*Young Voices Choir - well done everyone you are working hard toward our forthcoming concert in February! Keep practising at home.*

*Congratulations to 5.4 English! All our Pumas, Leopards and Tigers have worked really hard this week on their grammar and punctuation!*

Last Thursday Mr Wiggins-Thomas, who will be the Year 8's HOY at BHS from September, came into school to deliver an assembly about the transition up to the high school. He spoke about how our students will be supported from now until their move in September, by both the high school and members of staff at Woodhouse. He also spoke about all of the fantastic opportunities to look forward to. Mrs Bowers was so pleased with the Year 8's behaviour and engagement during the talk.

This is just the beginning of the transition process with lots of work going on, to ensure the move up to high school is a happy one for all of our Year 8 students. Over the next 6 months we will have visits to the high school, more assemblies from BHS, Mr Wiggins - Thomas will visit Year 8 classes and lots of information sharing between the two schools.

# Woodhouse Academy Leavers Hoodies 2025

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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

### 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 Bolognaise Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognaise (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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# 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....



# Biddulph Celebrates Chinese New Year

10.30 AM - 1.30 PM  
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025  
BIDDULPH TOWN HALL



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Biddulph  
Celebrates  
*Chinese New Year*  
FREE Entertainment  
Food & Music



10.30am &  
12.45pm

**Brimstone  
Dragon**

11.00am &  
12.30pm

**Yoyo and Lola  
Yau Chinese  
Folk Music**

11.30am

**Amber Ho-  
Pike Tai Chi  
Balls**

12.00pm

**Funki  
Feathers  
Lion Dance**

1.00pm

**Chinese  
Fellowship  
Performance**

Times are  
approx.

Saturday 25th January 2025  
10.30am - 1.30pm  
Biddulph High Street  
Outside Town Hall



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

For a number of weeks Minnie has been attending Staffs U11 girls cricket coaching program.  
Just before Christmas, it was confirmed that she was successful and has a place in the Staffordshire County cricket team for 2025.  
Well Done Minnie!







**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be holding a **HUGE** sale of second hand and new children's books at school on 5<sup>th</sup> March for only £1



**IF YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN'S BOOKS YOU WISH TO DONATE PLEASE PUT IN A BAG FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS STAINTHORP BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE**

Thank you 😊

# 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
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**TEXT: 07520 615722**



Feeding and nutrition



Child development



Parenting advice and support



Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties



Family health

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