



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 7th
February 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

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

Friday 14th February
2025: *Non-Uniform Day in exchange for £1 (wear pink/red for Valentine's Day)*

Friday 14th February
2025: *PI Day*

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

Hello everyone and a chilly end to our week!

- Whole-school assembly: Dr Kelly talked about apprenticeships on Monday and explained the different routes students can take if they so wish. I know many people who have followed this path and it has been really successful. A big thanks to Dr Kelly.
- Parents' Evening: We had our year 6 evening on Monday this week. A huge thanks to our lovely, supportive parents and to staff (as it is such a long day!). The year 7 evening is on February 24th and bookings for this will open early next week.
- Reward Assemblies: These took place this week and it is always wonderful to see our pupils being chosen for their demonstration of our half-term value. Well done to all of those who won this - very well deserved.
- District Rugby: Well done to our year 7 team who braved the cold in their tournament on Thursday.
- Multi-cultural Day: Just a reminder that this is on Monday and all students need to come to school in their PE kit with a blazer on top.
- Uniform Policy: Students have been reminded that only one pair of ear studs are permitted as part of our school uniform. No other piercings are allowed to be worn at any time. In addition, fake nails are also unacceptable in school.

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

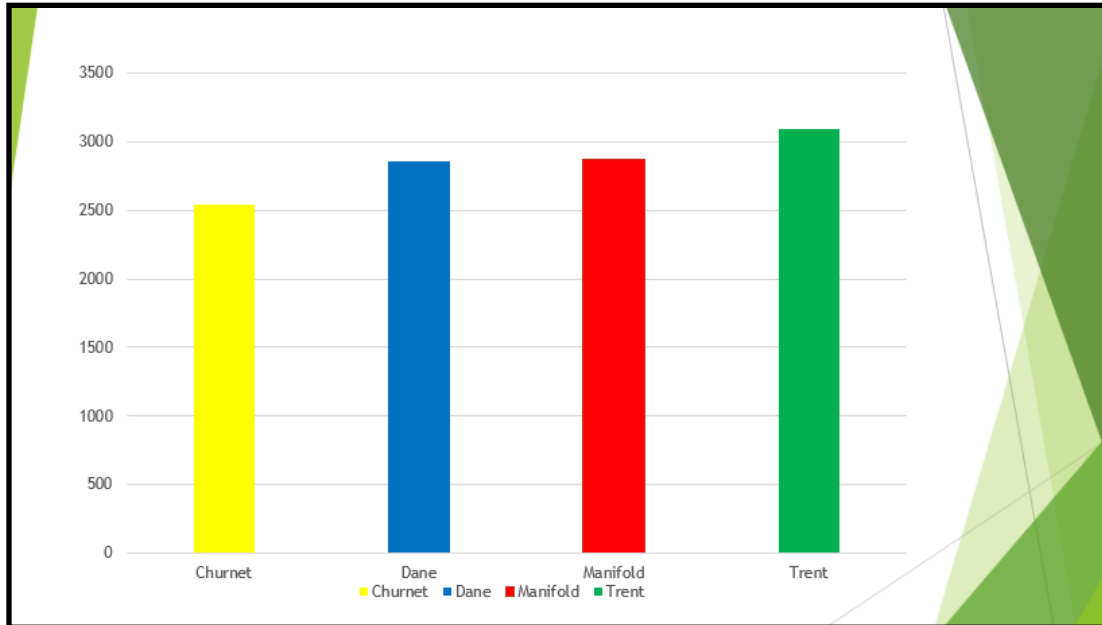
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk)

From the Staff

HousePoints



TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Abi F (10)
2. Darcie F (9)
3. Martha S (7)
4. Ellie S (6)
5. Indie T (6)
6. Evelyn M (6)
7. Sophia T (6)
8. Esme T (6)
9. Leia B (5)
10. Elsie R (5)
11. Dougie R (5)
12. Isla B (5)
13. Codie H (5)
14. Isla W (5)
15. Jackson B (5)
16. Tilly B (5)
17. Alfie L (5)

TOP POINTS THIS YEAR

1. Evalyn C (150)
2. James B (107)
3. Lyra W (93)
4. Ruby H (91)
5. Abi F (83)
6. Sophia T (83)
7. Emma J (83)
8. Tilly B (76)
9. Amber B (73)
10. Stanley M (73)
11. Jackson B (68)
12. Dylan Ludlow (68)
13. Martha S (67)

From the Staff

8c will be doing their community project on 14th February.

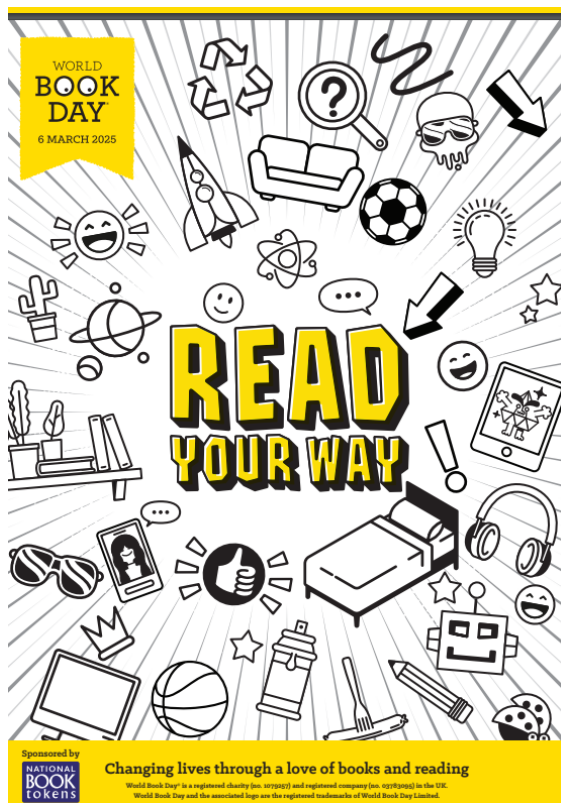
They will be holding a non-uniform day for £1 with the option to wear pink/red for Valentine's Day.

There will also be a Valentine's bake sale taking place on Friday.

Cakes will be between 50p—£1.

All proceeds from the day will go to the aiM charity to help raise awareness of Sepsis.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025



Put **6th March** in your diary for World Book Day 2025!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

From the Staff



A huge well done to our Y8s who took part in the Staffordshire Moorlands District rugby competition at Woodhouse on Wednesday.

All our students were able to showcase their amazing rugby skills and we eventually finished second behind the undefeated Eaton Bank.

We were able to pick up a couple of victories against St Edwards and Churnet View, whilst drawing against James Bateman.

Shout out to Jenson who was playing in his first rugby fixture and was Woodhouse's top try scorer with 4 tries at the end of the competition.

A special thanks to Simon Jones from Congleton Rugby Union Football Club for all your efforts in helping our students over the last 6 weeks.

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

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 Bolognaise Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognaise (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
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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
Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted Cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.

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New service - starting Monday 10th
February

grab & go



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Spicy Chicken Pizzini	Cheese and Tomato Pizzini (V)	Spicy Chicken Pizzini	Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza
Italian Meatball Pasta Pot	Tomato and Basil Pasta Pot (V)	Sausage Pasta Pot	Italian Chicken Pasta Pot	Chicken Curry Chip Pot
Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes	Assorted Baguettes



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FULL MENU ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY, PLEASE SEE WEEKS 1, 2 & 3



The graphic features a white background with a border of blueberries and stacks of pancakes. The text is centered and reads: "Pancake Day", "Pancakes will be served for dessert with a Selection of Fruit and Sauces", and "Tuesday 4th March 2025".

Pancake Day

Pancakes will be
served for dessert
with a Selection of
Fruit and Sauces

Tuesday 4th March 2025

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....





Wednesday 5th March

We will be holding a **HUGE** sale of second hand and new children's books at school on 5th 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 😊

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

Jackson ran at Betley for the English Schools Cross Country qualifier at the weekend and represented his school coming 14th overall.

The weekend prior he competed in the midlands cross country championships at Malory park. This has been his first Cross country season completing in the north staffs cross country league where he and his team achieved 2nd place for U13 Boys.

Amazing! Well Done!



Woodhouse Academy
Woodhouse Lane
Biddulph
Stoke on Trent
ST8 7DR
Tel: 01782 973600

Teacher of English
Full time - Permanent – £31,650-£49,084
To start September 2025

Woodhouse Academy is a successful Middle School of over 420 pupils, set in a semi-rural location on the outskirts of Biddulph, Staffordshire. The school runs a secondary style timetable and subjects are taught by specialist teachers throughout – from Year 5 to Year 8. Pupils enjoy coming to school, are enthusiastic about learning and are challenged to achieve their best. As this a middle school, you may be required to teach another subject alongside English.

We are seeking to appoint a skilled teacher to join our experienced English team and to teach across KS2 and KS3.

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- support for the Values ethos of the school
- the ability to inspire and enthuse learners
- the commitment to raising achievement for all
- a positive approach to teamwork
- the desire to contribute to the wider life of the school

You will join a supportive and friendly team in a school with a strong emphasis on respect and wellbeing. We run a fully accredited ECT programme in partnership with Painsley College. Our professional development is highly personalised in order to improve knowledge and skills and enable progression into middle and senior management. Applications are welcome from ECTs, experienced, primary and secondary trained teachers.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure & Barring Service including a Children's Barred List check which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions. Pre-employment checks will be carried out in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

To apply for this post please download an application form from the academy website and send to recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk - Visits prior to application are most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01782 973600

Closing date: Friday 14th February 2025 at 12noon

Interviews: Thursday 27th February 2025

TALKING TEENS

FREE
SESSIONS
STARTING
MARCH 2025

Free 6 week course delivered online for parents of teenagers aged 13-18 years.

The course covers

- All about you
- Parenting Styles
- Understanding Behaviour
- Setting clear and appropriate boundaries
- Healthy Families



Online Sessions start
March 26th 2025
at 12.30pm - 2.30pm

To book your place please email
groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk

Understanding Anger	10 FEB 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	11 FEB 10am
Facing Defiance	14 FEB 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm
Improving Family Communication	3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am
AUTISM: Improving Communication	4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am
Anxiety Explained	18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am
Decreasing Depression	24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am

February 2025

Newsletter



Thursday
20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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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future talent
inspiring young musicians



Ackerman Music

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.



FREE HEART TEST

For anyone aged 14 - 35

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2025

**Biddulph Youth and
Community Zone**

Church Road
Biddulph
Stoke-on-Trent
ST8 6NE



This screening
has been funded
in memory of
Jordan Burndred

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.TESTMYHEART.ORG.UK/PRIVATE/](https://www.testmyheart.org.uk/private/)

PASSWORD: Jordan17

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