



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 28th
February 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

- Monday 3rd March 2025:**
Non-Uniform Day—Bring in an Easter Egg
- Tuesday 4th March 2025:**
Pancake Theme Day
- Tuesday 4th March 2025:**
SEN Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 5th March 2025:**
Easter Bingo
- Thursday 6th March 2025:**
World Book Day
- Monday 10th March 2025:**
Mock SATs week
- Monday 10th March 2025:**
Year 7&8 Arete Residential
- Monday 17th March 2025:**
Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 17th March 2025:**
Inspire Dance
- Thursday 20th March 2025:**
Robotics Final
- Tuesday 25th March 2025:**
Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
- Friday 28 March 2025:**
Non Uniform Day
- Tuesday 8 April 2025:**
KS2 Rewards (Invite Only)
- Thursday 10th April 2025:**
KS3 Rewards (Invite Only)
- Friday 11th April 2025:**
School closes for Easter at 3.35pm

Hello everyone and I hope you have had a good week.

- Whole-school assembly: Mrs Stevenson took this on Monday and explained about a couple of new rules relating to the library and titles used in books. She also spoke of problem solving and working together.
- Year 8 assembly: Miss Winship, one of the year leads at Biddulph High School, came in on Thursday to explain about the expectations when our students transition to year 9.
- Year 7 parents' evening: this took place on Monday evening. Many thanks to the parents that attended and of course our staff for their support.
- Swimming gala: this is a huge annual event which takes place at the local leisure centre. To see our students cheering each other on is always a joy. Well done to all of you that participated, staff for their help on the day and of course our brilliant PE department for organising this.
- Next week: reminders that Monday is 'bring an egg' day, Wednesday is our Easter Bingo night and Thursday is World Book Day.
- The absolute highlight this week for some of our students (and staff) was going to the Young Voices concert. This hosts thousands of children who come together to sing various songs. I was not fortunate to go this time but went last year and it was fabulous. Mrs Washington said our students were impeccably behaved, had the most amazing experience and they will all have a head teacher award for their effort and commitment. Well done all of you. Thanks as well to Mrs Washington for organising all of this, Mrs Goodwin (our ex teacher who has been in each week to help) and Mrs Timbey and Ms Robinson for supporting on the day.

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, 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 \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)

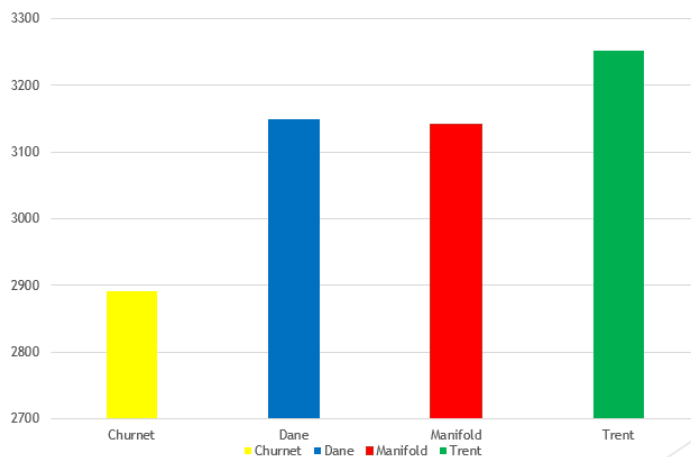
The re-introduction of the Grab & Go trolley has been a success in helping reduce the que times during lunchtime. However, we have not seen an increase in sales and without this, it will not be financially viable for us to continue to provide this as a service.

After gaining feedback, pupils who would like a school lunch are still bringing in a packed lunch due to not being able to sit with their friends.

From Monday 3rd March for 2 weeks, we are going to trial for those children who have a lunch from the Grab & Go trolley to have the option to take the food away from the dining room to sit with their friends in the quiet area, when it is dry. If it is a wet lunch, they will be able to eat this in the hall. We will monitor the sales during this time and then decide if we can continue with this as a service.

From the Staff

HousePoints



TOP POINTS THIS YEAR

1. Evalyn C (153)
2. James B (112)
3. Lyra W (109)
4. Emma J (99)
5. Ruby H (97)
6. Tilly B (90)
7. Sophia T (86)
8. Abi F (85)
9. Amber B (80)
10. Jamie B (75)
11. Oliver M (74)
12. Stanley M (74)
13. Jackson B (72)
14. Dylan L (71)

TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Poppy H (3)
2. Layla-Lou W (3)
3. Elsie R (3)
4. Sebastian T (3)
5. Martha T (3)
6. Leah M (3)
7. Zak R (3)
8. Ava S (3)

Shout outs!

A big massive thank you for all the pupils who attended Young Voices on Tuesday. The event was fantastic and EVERYONE who took part were impeccably behaved.

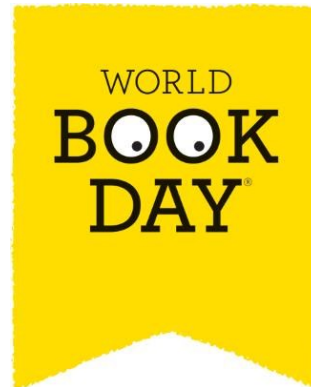
Big thanks to the staff who came along too, Mrs G out of retirement, Mrs Timbey and Mrs Robinson! Choir has now finished but keep a look out for any events coming up in the future.

A huge well done from Mrs Stevenson to 5D who continue to be one of the loveliest and hard-working classes during their history lessons- well done!

Shoutout from Mrs Calvert to our students who attend Emmilou Dance Academy as they performed in their show during half term 'The Dream Is Possible'. Elsie R, Poppy G, Heidi T, Yvie O & Izzy T They have all worked so hard for months and committed to extra rehearsals over the weekends since Christmas. Well done to them all for doing so well and having the confidence to perform on stage.

From the Staff

On Thursday 6th March, it's national World Book Day which we are really looking forward to! Pupils are invited to dress up as a character from a book, the more creative the better. Alternatively, non uniform is fine. A bake sale will take place at lunch with cakes costing no more than £1.50.

A colorful poster for World Book Day. At the top, "World Book Day" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below it, a menu of food items is listed in orange text, separated by tilde symbols (~). The items are: "Gruffalo Cheese Burgers / Quorn Burgers, served with Where's Wally's Waffles & Trunchbull's Cobs", "Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs, Pasta & little Garlic Bread", "Supertato with Curious Cheese & Jack's Magic Baked Beans", and "Willy Wonker's Chocolate Fudge Cake". The poster features illustrations of a girl on the left and a man on the right, both holding books. Several books are shown floating in the air, connected by dashed lines. At the bottom, a large open book is shown with the date "Thursday 6th March" written on its pages. In the top right corner, the "school food solutions" logo is visible.

World Book Day

school food solutions

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Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs, Pasta & little Garlic Bread

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Supertato with Curious Cheese & Jack's Magic Baked Beans

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Willy Wonker's Chocolate Fudge Cake

Thursday 6th March

The poster features several stacks of pancakes with syrup, some topped with raspberries and blueberries. The background is white with scattered blueberries and raspberries. The text is centered and written in a casual, handwritten-style font.

PanCake Day

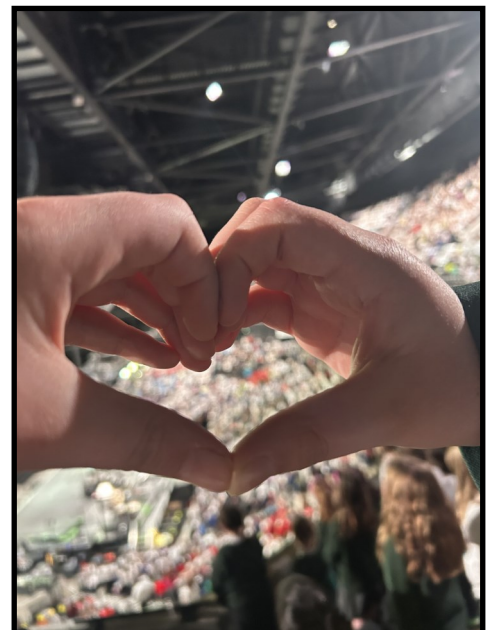
Pancakes will be
served for dessert
with a Selection of
Fruit and Sauces

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Young Voices 2025

On Tuesday 25th February, 35 students represented Woodhouse Academy at Young Voices, held at the Co-op Live, Manchester. Our pupils, along with over 7500 other students formed the Young Voices choir where they performed a range of musical pieces and medleys that they had been busy rehearsing each week after school. This was an incredible experience for our young people, they worked under the direction of a professional conductor and musical director to bring together a fantastic performance. Singing alongside special guest artists, Mc Grammar, Tommy Blaise and Souparnika Nair was incredibly inspiring for our budding performers and has spurred some students on who hope to be on the stage one day themselves.

Our pupils were a true credit to the school and their families. What a fabulous evening for everyone involved.



Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Heidi performed in 5 shows of The Dream is Possible at The Mitchell Arts Theatre over half term. She danced her heart out in four of the big numbers on stage. A big thank you to Mrs Calvert who happens to be her wonderful dance teacher!



A shout out to our amazing daughter Yvie, who has been working so hard training in dance for 6 months evenings and weekends. She's been so poorly over half term with flu and an allergic reaction and she still pulled herself together and was on stage till 11pm every night at the Mitchell Arts Theatre in her dance show. She did incredibly well and is a fantastic dancer.



Well done to Elsie R 5T took part in Emmilou Dance Academy's dance show 'The Dream Is Possible' at The Mitchell Arts Centre during half term. Preparations for the show have been going on for 6 months and since Christmas, Elsie has committed to rehearsing every weekend. There was 5 performances and for each one, Elsie did 6 dances- a fantastic achievement and a busy half term.

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
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
Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.

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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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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



50p

HUGE

£1

BOOK SALE

Wednesday 5th March (day before World Book Day)

at lunchtime in the hall

Books ONLY 50p and £1



Grab yourself a bargain and don't forget your money!

BOOKS WANTED

We are raising money for an
SEN sensory room at Woodhouse

If you have any children's books that you wish
to donate for our upcoming book sale please
bring them into school before Tuesday 4th

Thank you 😊



School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Pencil case	80p
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
Rubber	40p
Bookmark	from 10p
Hair bobble	10p
Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1
Keychain extender	£1.50
Purses and wallets	from 50p
Notebooks	50p

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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.