



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 7th
March 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

Monday 10th March 2025:
Mock SATs week

Monday 10th March 2025:
Year 7&8 Arete Residential

Monday 17th March 2025:
Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 18th 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

Hi everyone and what a lovely sunny end to the week.

A really busy and active week!!

- Whole-school assembly: Dr Kelly took the reins again and held the assembly on the topic of careers. She asked a few staff to talk about their own career journeys and the decisions they made leading up to those. Thanks to Dr Kelly and her 'team' for holding this as it was fascinating to listen to.
- Mock SATs: These take place next week for our year 6 and they have been busy preparing in their lessons.
- Year 8 Parents' Evening: This takes place on Monday 17th March and the appointment slots are open currently. Please contact the office if you are having difficulty booking.
- Assembly on rules: I called an impromptu assembly on Wednesday to reiterate the expectations and rules in our school and that some students are choosing to flout these. I sent this out to all parents by email.
- World Book Day: Miss Parks has been building up to this for weeks!!! She is very excited and it is one of her favourite events of the year. Her form carried out their community project to help with this during lunch time and everyone had a brilliant day. Some of the costumes will be remembered for ever!! A BIG thanks to our English team but especially Miss Parks for planning it all.
- Big Book Sale: Some of our SEND team put together a plan to raise money for the department and held a book sale on Wednesday lunch in the hall. The money they raised all goes back into providing resources for our pupils. A massive thanks to them for organising and our students for getting involved and helping out. A great idea.
- Easter Bingo: On Monday, our students came armed with their Easter Egg donations for the Easter Bingo we held on Wednesday night. A HUGE thanks to all parents and students for supporting this and, as always, Bingo was great. Thanks to Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Wills and Mrs Dean for their help with all of the planning and preparation.
- Maths carousel: On Tuesday, our year 6 had steam coming out of their ears when they had a full day of maths to support their upcoming mocks. A busy day for everyone but a great opportunity for our students to do some extra prep. Thanks to our maths team for their continual hard work.
- SEND consultation evening: Many thanks to our parents who attended this really important night and to our fabulous SEND department, who never cease to amaze me with how hard they work and the commitment to the school and pupils.
- Arete: We have a group of our key stage three students out next week and this is a highly active, full on week of events from gorge walking to kayaking. I know, from staff and other pupils, how brilliant it is and the students will have a super time.

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

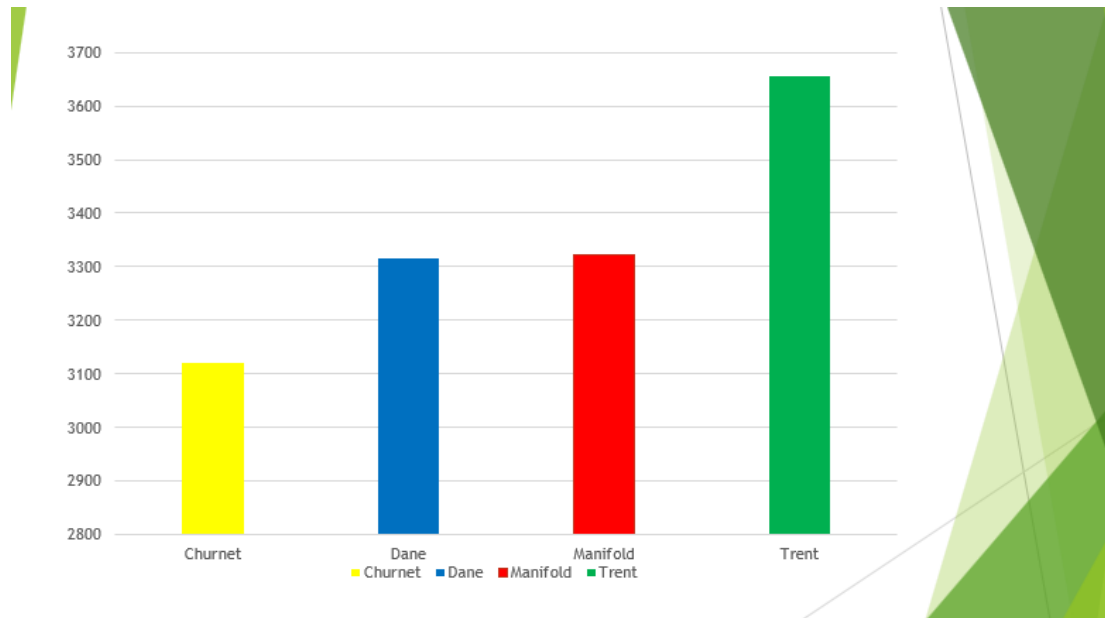
The re-introduction of the Grab & Go trolley has been a success in helping reduce the que times during lunchtime. However, we have not seen an increase in sales and without this, it will not be financially viable for us to continue to provide this as a service.

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 WEEK

1. Jamie B (14)
2. Oliver M (14)
3. Obi S (14)
4. Lyra W (12)
5. Emma J (12)
6. Tilly B (11)
7. Kendra J (10)
8. Bobby T (8)
9. Harry W (8)
10. Codie H (7)
11. Ruby H (7)
12. Masie-Paige B (7)

TOP POINTS THIS YEAR

1. Evalyn C (159)
2. James B (113)
3. Lyra W (109)
4. Ruby H (102)
5. Emma J (99)
6. Abi F (94)
7. Tilly B (94)
8. Martha S (86)
9. Sophia T (86)
10. Amber B (83)
11. Ellie S (82)
12. Jamie B (80)
13. Oliver M (78)
14. Scarlett A (76)









Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Daisy volunteered at her brother's screening day Saturday, helping to make the refreshments. She was a massive help. Well done Daisy!

Kiki attended the Staffordshire County swimming gala over the weekend and came away as champion in 2 events which is amazing!!

Overall total she got 2 golds 3 silvers and a bronze.



Jamie took part in the Staffordshire County Championships this weekend and was a bronze medalist in the 800M freestyle

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
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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





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

Plus lots more for sale....

TALKING TEENS

FREE
SESSIONS
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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

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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.