



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 28th
March 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2025

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 another sunny ending to our week!

- Whole-school assembly: Mr Baddeley took our assembly and talked to the students about eating healthy and keeping active. Many thanks to him for a great presentation.
- Bikes and scooters: Just a reminder to speak to your child if they come to school on a scooter or bike. Most of our pupils are very sensible and wear a hat, but we have had a couple of instances outside of school recently where students are not using their bikes sensibly and this is incredibly dangerous. We have banned students before from coming to school on site with their bikes and will do so again if we feel they are not acting appropriately when riding to school.
- Cauldwell Children's Charity: On Friday, we had our non-uniform day to raise money for this charity. Miss Kettle and her form, 5M, organised this for their community project. Also, Mrs Stanway, one of our parents, came in to speak to the students about this so a big thanks to her for her time.
- District swimming gala: Well our students did it again! A number of them took part in the annual district tournament, swam brilliantly and took first place in key stage two and second place in key stage three. Magnificent performance all of you - a HUGE well done.
- KS3 Girls' Rugby: Mrs Bowers has been very busy this week! She took a group of our girls to play in a tournament on Thursday after school and they played brilliantly. Well done girls.
- Next week: We have lots going on with netball and football matches, a bake sale on Wednesday break and 2 of our year 8s joining me at the Staffordshire Middle School Spelling Bee on Friday.
- Behaviour letter: This was sent out on Wednesday to ask parents and carers to support the school and staff when making decisions regarding either consequences or follow ups. When incidents occur, they are fully investigated by our pastoral team and are looked into objectively. This takes an awful lot of time and there have been so many recently, particularly key stage two, where it is has simply been a matter of pupils falling out and then being best friends the next day! This has always been the case for as long as I have been in education but we need parents to understand that what information is shared by a pupil when they arrive home is not always the full picture. Our staff work so hard at school, are here to do the best they can for our children and need the support from everyone.
- And to end on a really lovely note - we have been able to go onto the field this week during lunch times and the students love it! They are great down there and everyone has their own space. We are very lucky to have this facility and I can't tell you how many times I was thanked by them - again, showing how super our students are.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope the sun continues to shine.

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

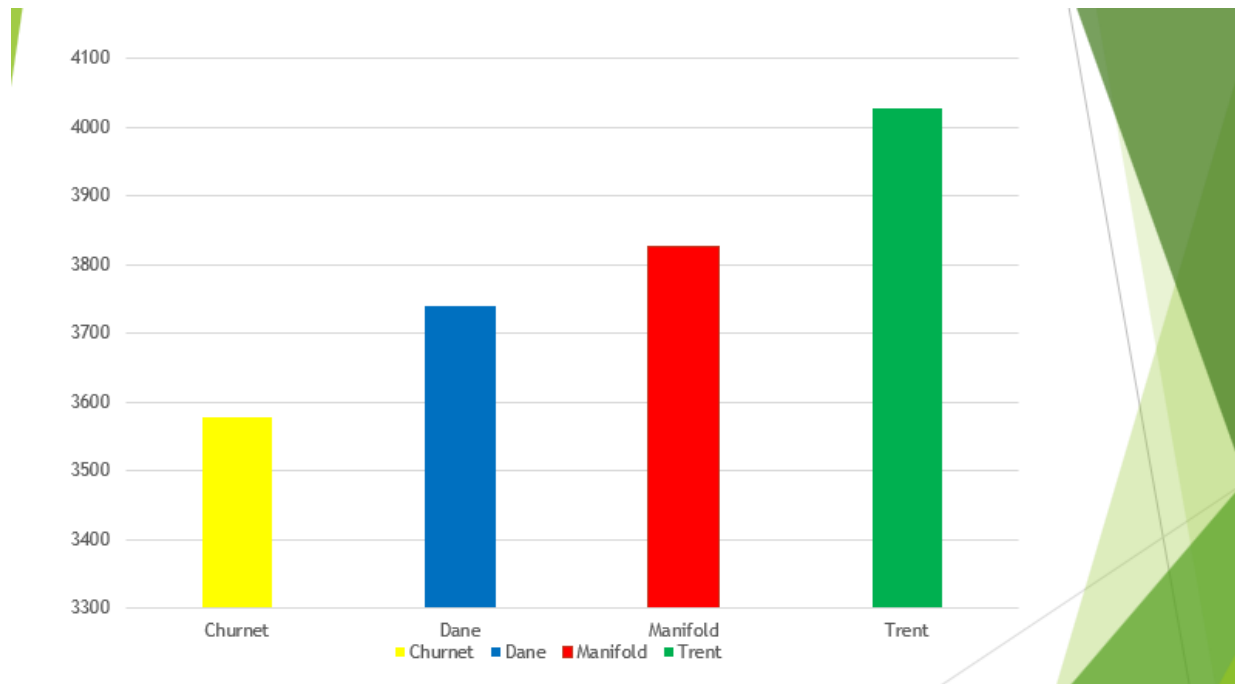
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

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

From the Staff

HousePoints



TOP POINTS THIS YEAR

1. Evalyn C (164)
2. Lyra W (136)
3. Emma J (125)
4. Sophia T (120)
5. James B (116)
6. Ruby H (110)
7. Tilly B (105)
8. Abi F (105)
9. Martha S (98)
10. Amber B (91)
11. Ellie S (88)
12. Jamie B (86)
13. Lily J (86)

TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Sophia T (33)
2. Lyra W (24)
3. Emma J (23)
4. Felicity W (17)
5. Esme T (17)
6. Kendra R-J (16)
7. Lily J (16)
8. Oscar T (10)
9. Thalia T (10)
10. Samuel L (8)

From the Staff

A huge well done to all of our swimmers who competed in this years Staffordshire Moorland's District Swimming Gala. The competition was at a high standard but all of our students rose to the challenge. Key Stage 2 girls were able to finish 1st and the Key Stage 2 boys finished 2nd. This resulted in our Key Stage 2 team finishing 1st overall and are crowned district champions!! We had a good level of success with Key Stage 3 as well. The girls managed to finish 2nd and the boys were able to finish 1st, meaning that overall our Key Stage 3 team finished 2nd! 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆



On Thursday evening, 25 of our girls in KS3 took part in a Touch Rugby tournament against James Bateman. It has been fantastic to see so many of the girls enjoying their Rugby in lessons and at the extra-curricular practices, so Mrs Bowers wanted to give them the opportunity to showcase their talents in a competitive setting. For some of the girls, this is the first time they have represented in sport and it was wonderful to see them do so with such pride.

The games played were competitive and of a high standard. Well done to the green team who managed to show resilience and courage to score a try after conceding early on in their first game. Congratulations to the black team who won their first game 7-0 and then drew against James Bateman 1-1. They won overall on goal difference. A fantastic result!

A massive shout out and thank you to Simon Jones for organising the competition and all his support this half term in lessons.



From the Staff

It was such a nice day today that Mrs Wills took her year 5 class out to do some angle work on the yard. They made acute, obtuse and reflex angles with their partners and then looked at 90° , 180° , and 360° turns clockwise and anti-clockwise. They then looked around and found those angles in the school. They had a great time!



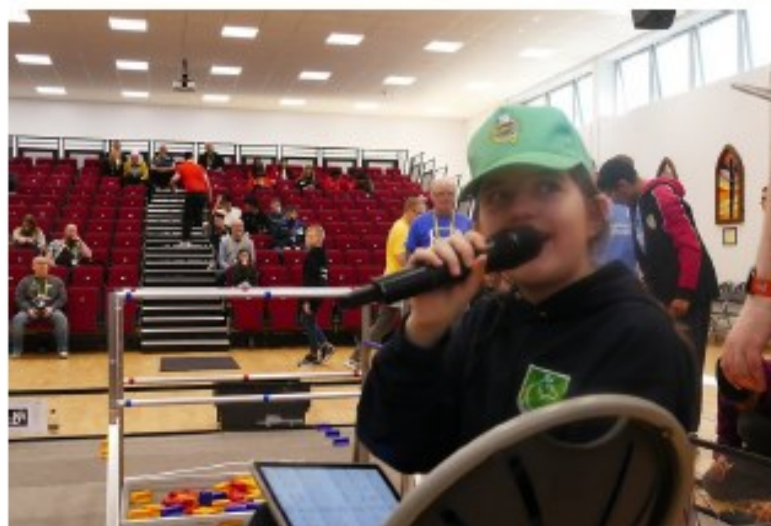


It is hard to comprehend that a week has gone by since the year 8 robotics team competed at the regional qualification tournament at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy.

Two teams competed this year, Power-pack and Grenade Launchers.

As soon as the teams arrived at the competition, they both hit the ground running with robot programming and initial testing before the tournament began.

The students that attended were, Scarlett A, James B, Joseph B, Isaac B, Myles B, Jamie B, Maisie-Paige B, Ethan C, Evalyn C, David G, Beau G, Olivia G, Blossom H, Lily J, Jude J, Oliver M, Emily M, Chaya M, Finn P, Lizzie R-P, Obi S, Alfie S and Eva W.



A big shout out to Maisie! She helped the referees for a number of games and provided some good running commentary along the way.

Although the overall outcome was not what we had hoped for, all students behaved really well and showed lots of 'Gracious Professionalism'.

Well done everyone for representing Woodhouse Academy.

Signing off for another year, Mr Challinor, Mr Reynolds and Mr Sumner.

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

Joe was chosen as player of the week on 23rd March when he represented Congleton RUFC U11's in their match against Leek RUFC U11's. Congleton won very convincingly!!

Joe went in for a number of hard tackles and scored 2 tries.



Kylan attended his first skills bout on Saturday representing the basement boxing gym in Biddulph and did absolutely amazing



Rose did brilliantly in her 'Groups' dance competition on Sunday, coming 1st place in Supergroup, Acro, 3rd in Jazz and 4th in Contemporary. Really proud of her and her team mates.



Isaac & Minnii attended the COSACSS Y2K at the weekend. Both achieved PB's, Isaac also came home with 3 gold medals & 2 silver.



Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	Homemade Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognaise (V)	Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	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.

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(V) = Vegetarian option *All menus are subject to change*



Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	Italian Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	Chicken Tikka Curry or Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)	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
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





EASTER GIFT STALL

In the foyer at lunchtime on

**Monday 7th April &
Tuesday 8th April**

> DON'T FORGET YOUR MONEY <



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School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
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Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1
Keychain extender	£1.50
Purses and wallets	from 50p
Notebooks	50p

Plus lots more for sale....

From Monday 31 March 2025 all workplaces and schools in England have a legal duty to present the following wastes separately.

- Dry recyclable materials – Clean plastic, metal, glass, paper and card
- Food waste
- Black bin waste (residual waste – non recyclable)

FOOD WASTE ONLY



DRY MIXED RECYCLING ONLY



General Waste



Please can you encourage your child to read the signage on the waste bins and recycle their waste appropriately when possible.

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and support



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and wellbeing



Behaviour
difficulties



Family
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