



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 2nd
May 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Summer Term 2025

**Monday 5th May 2025—
Bank Holiday—School
Closed**

**Thursday 8th May
2025—Girls in Digital
Futures event @ Staffs
Uni**

**Monday 12th May 2025—
Year Y8 Italy Trip**

**Monday 12th May 2025—
Y6 SATs week**

**Friday 23rd May 2025—
Y8 HPV Vaccinations**

**Friday 23rd May 2025—
School closes at 3.35pm
for half term**

**Monday 2nd June 2025—
INSET Day - school
closed to pupils**

Hello everyone and a great end to a very sunny week!

- Whole-school assembly: Mr Reynolds talked to our pupils about mental health and how this can be supported - a really important topic.
- Italy: Mr Baddeley held a meeting after school for those students going to Italy on 12th May. This is an annual event for a small number of year 8 pupils to visit our twinned town of Fusignano and is a week-long string of fabulous activities. They always come back from this trip saying how wonderful the experience was.
- SATs: Our students have been working so hard in preparation for their exams starting May 12th. They are doing so well and we are very proud.
- Bump Up: On Friday, a number of students visited Biddulph High School as part of their transition and to familiarise themselves with the school, staff and layout prior to joining in September. All students in year 8 will be going there for a full day later in the term and, new for this year, each form will be visiting as well to spend some time there. This is a great programme so thank you to the staff who have arranged and supported this.
- Dragon's Den: What a fantastic opportunity for our year 8 students to design, cost, present and 'attract finance' from the judging dragons at the end of the day. This is challenging work and one of our governors and business leaders were brought in to support throughout the day and judge in the final session. They commented on how brilliantly our students worked on their products and one judge commented that she had seen this working in other schools and ours stood out as one of the best! Another judge asked the winning team to present to an actual company as well. A HUGE thanks to our visitors, staff for supporting, Dr Kelly particularly for organising and to our students who really demonstrated team work, effort and inspiration.
- Shout out: I had a lovely conversation with Max in year 6 during a lunch. He told me he had been over to Barcelona during the Easter break to play football for his team - Audley Under 11s - in a competition with 100 teams. His team came 3rd! Well done you and your team Max - something to be very proud of.
- Fundraising Friday: Mrs Sullivan and her students in 7s organised activities throughout the day to raise funds for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Well done to all of you that were part of this and to 7s and Mrs Sullivan for organising - a really worthy charity.

Water bottles: Please ensure that students continue to bring in water bottles each day.

Have a lovely weekend and remember Monday is the Bank Holiday so school will be closed on that day.

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.

SCHOOL CAR PARK: To ensure the safety of pupils, can you please ensure that you do not use the school carpark for drop off and collection of pupils unless you have prior permission from the school office. Thank you.

FOR INFORMATION:

WEEK A: 28/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 16/06/25, 30/06/25, 14/07/25

WEEK B: 05/05/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 23/06/25 07/07/25

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](#)).

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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

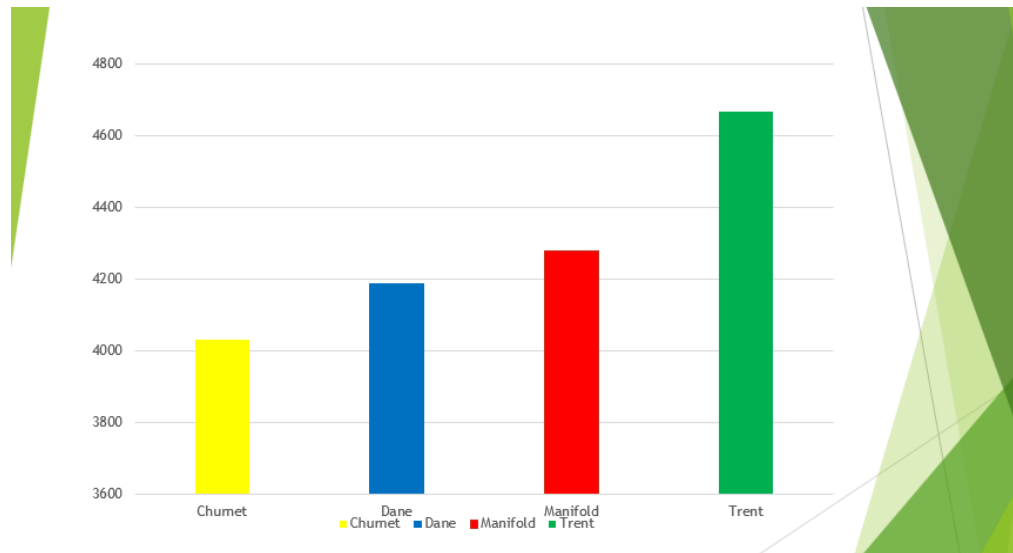
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (179)
2. Lyra W (162)
3. Emma J (138)
4. Ruby H (126)
5. Sophia T (126)
6. Tilly B (120)
7. James B (118)
8. Abi F (114)
9. Ellie S (107)
10. Martha S (106)
11. Amber B (105)
12. Jamie B (104)

TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Elijah H-F (12)
2. Ellie K (12)
3. Jay M (12)
4. Lucie L (7)
5. Ellie S (7)
6. Daisy R (7)
7. Sean G (7)
8. Leia B (6)
9. Felicity S (6)
10. Noa P (6)
11. Jackson B (6)

From the Staff

Yesterday, Year 8 took part in an exciting Dragon's Den day where they were off timetable and worked in groups to design innovative new products using gas canisters. At the end of the day, 4 groups had the chance to pitch their idea to a panel of esteemed judges, including Mrs. Farr (our headteacher), Eileen Cox (Chair of Governors), Holly Goodwin from Grow and Achieve, Jenny Barnett from F-Ball, and Ross Boardman from Boardman Enterprise.

All of the groups that presented were outstanding, showcasing excellent teamwork, creative ideas, and impressive designs. The business experts who provided guidance throughout the day were equally impressed by the students' attitude, inventiveness, and professional behaviour.

The students truly gave their all, and it showed. Well done, Year 8—your hard work and dedication were evident throughout the day!



Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Rose did an amazing job performing with her dance school at Daneside Theatre in 2 shows over the weekend.
Well done all!



Bella took part in The Great UK WaterBlitz. She tested a sample of water from Spout Bank on Hurst Road looking at Phosphate and Nitrate levels.



Lacey Mai competed in a 'Calling U Out' competition Sunday at Fenton Manor and came 1st place in under-12 intermediate solo and her 16over advanced team also placed 1st place.



Daisy came 1st place in her solo and her team came 2nd place on Sunday at the 'Calling U Out' dance competition at Fenton Manor.

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Zayn P competed in his first ever boxing skills match on Saturday at Knutton Social Club representing the Basement Gym .



Last week Aidan was awarded "Player of the Session" at his Leek Town FC junior training session.

He was also featured and interviewed on BBC Radio Stoke's Saturday Breakfast Show as their "Sports Person of the Week."



Isaac was leading the procession for the St. George's day parade as part of the Youth Coordinators team for Scouts.



VE DAY

MENU

Celebration Lunch

A Choice of either Ham, cheese or
Tuna Sandwich served with a
Pizza slice, Veggie Sausage Roll,
and Vegetable sticks.

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Victoria Sponge Cupcakes

or

Union Jack Traybake

Thursday 8th May 2025



Summer Term 2025 – Lunchtime Menu week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Main Meal</u> Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	<u>Main Meal</u> Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	<u>Main Meal</u> Homemade Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake	<u>Main Meal</u> Roast Turkey with Stuffing Bap	<u>Main Meal</u> Breaded Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Samosa Roll (V)
Cheese & Tomato Baguette (V) Or Southern Fried Veggie Burger (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)
Pommes Noisettes, 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	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Beans	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
<u>Desserts</u> Assorted Cold desserts	<u>Desserts</u> Assorted cold desserts	<u>Desserts</u> Assorted cold desserts	<u>Desserts</u> Assorted cold desserts.	<u>Desserts</u> 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*



w/c 28/04/25 19/05/25 16/06/25 07/07/25

Summer Term 2025 – Lunchtime Menu week 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Main Meal</u> Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	<u>Main Meal</u> Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	<u>Main Meal</u> Italian Meatballs Or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	<u>Main Meal</u> Chicken Tikka Curry	<u>Main Meal</u> Baked Battered Fish Fillet or Vegetable fingers (V)
Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza Or Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Or Quorn Shawarma Wrap (V)	Buttermilk Chicken Wrap Or Cheese and Onion Pasty (V)	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll (V)	Homemade Beef Chilli Or Veggie Chilli (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 & Naan bread. Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, Rice, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
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w/c: 05/05/25 02/06/25 23/06/25 14/07/25

Summer Term 2025 – Lunchtime Menu week 3



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Chinese Chicken Curry Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (V)	Main Meal Hunters Chicken	Main Meal Sausage, Mash with Yorkshire Pudding or Veggie Sausage, With Mash and Yorkshire Pudding (V)	Main Meal Chicken Korma	Main Meal Breaded Chunky Fish finger 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	Crispy Chicken Goujon Wrap 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, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or mixed salad
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w/c: 12/05/25 09/06/25 30/06/25



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	Beef Chilli Nachos
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





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