



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 23rd
May 2025



Diary Dates for Parents

Summer Term 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025—

INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Thursday 5th June 2025—

Northwood Athletics

Friday 6th June 2025—6m &

6t at Astbury Mere

Monday 9th June 2025— 5m &

5t at Astbury Mere

Wednesday 11th June 2025—

5c & 5d at Astbury Mere

Friday 13th June 2025—6c &

6d at Astbury Mere

Tuesday 17th June 2025—

New Y5 Information Evening

Thursday 19th June 2025—

Whole School Bump Up Day

Monday 23rd June 2025—Field

Sport Day

Tuesday 24th June 2025—

Track Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June 2025—

Reserve Field Sports Day

Thursday 26th June 2025—

Reserve Track Sports Day

Monday 30th June 2025—Y6

Standon Bowers

Thursday 3rd July 2025—Y8

Leavers Photos

Monday 7th July 2025—Y5

Awards Afternoon (2.15pm)

Wednesday 9th July 2025—Y6

Awards Afternoon (2.15pm)

Thursday 10th July 2025—Y7

Awards Afternoon (2.15pm)

Thursday 10 July 2025—Y8

Awards Evening (6pm)

Friday 11th July 2025—Y8

Luau

Wednesday 16th July 2025—

KS2 Rewards Assembly (invite only)

Thursday 17th July 2025—

KS3 Rewards Assembly (invite only)

Thursday 17th July 2025—Y8

Alton Towers

Friday 18th July 2025—School

Closes at 3.35pm

Hello everyone and I hope your week has been good.

- Hall: As you are all aware, we are having to have extensive work completed on our hall floor. We are busy planning alternatives for the reward assemblies and will let you know when this is finalised.

- Italy: Our weary travellers arrived back on Monday morning and they were shattered but had the most amazing time. Well done to all of you who went on this trip - you were fantastic! And of course, a HUGE thanks to Mr Baddeley and Mrs Hirst for looking after our pupils while they were there. The Italian students will be visiting us later in this term.

- Year 6 Dental Health Checks: These happened on Tuesday this week. Many thanks to Mrs Whitehurst for organising this.

- HPV Vaccinations: Happened on Friday for our year 8s.

- KS3 athletics: A large number of our 7&8 students took part in this on Thursday and performed brilliantly. Well done all of you.

- Y8 hoodies: We have been asked by students and parents about pupils wearing these at some point. We have let them all know this can happen in the final week of term.

- Staff leaving: We are saying goodbye to Mr Woodrow and Mrs Williams this week. They have been brilliant and we send our thanks for their hard work and commitment. Mrs Williams spoke to me this week to say what a fantastic school this is and that our staff and students are brilliant! Just lovely.

Inset: A reminder that the first day back following the break is a training day so the school will not be open to pupils.

Wishing you all a super break.

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](#)).

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

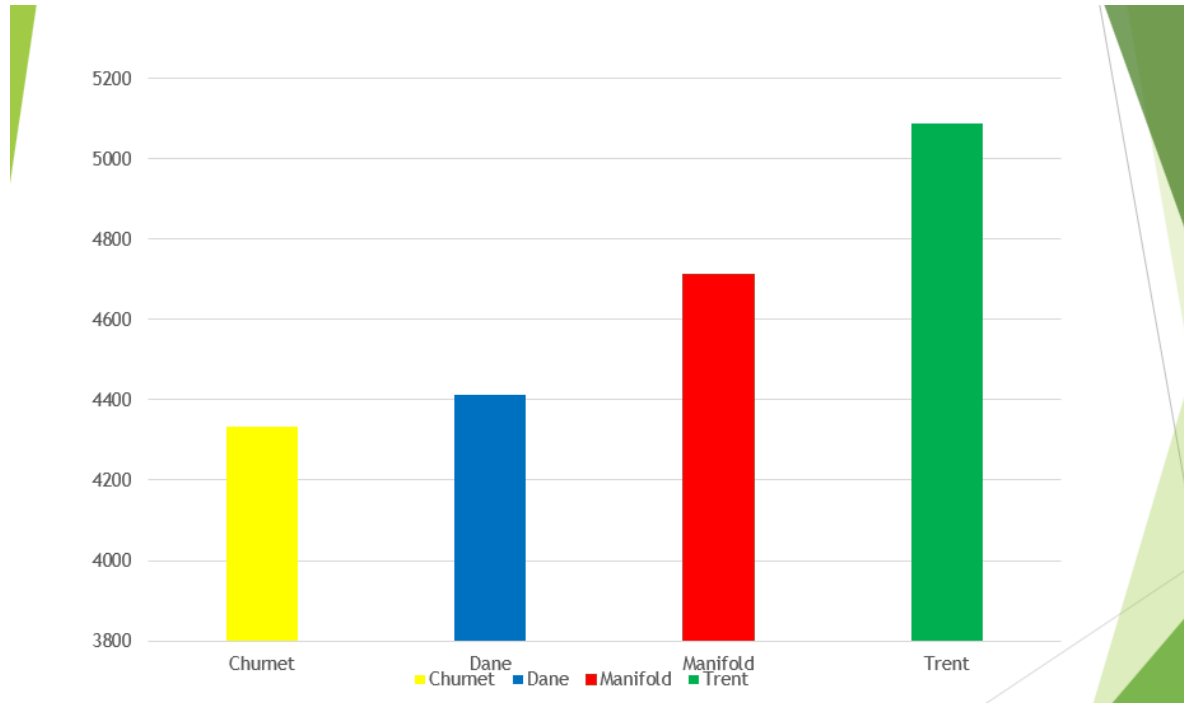
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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 (181)
2. Lyra W (171)
3. Emma J (139)
4. Tilly B (130)
5. Ruby H (128)
6. Sophia T (126)
7. Abi F (124)
8. James B (123)
9. Ellie S (112)
10. Martha S (108)
11. Jackson B (108)
12. Amber B (108)

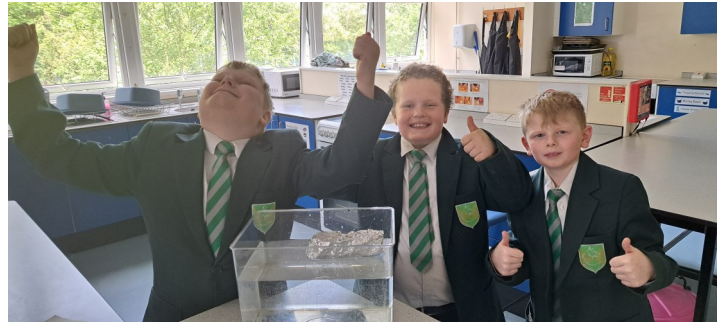
TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Daisy R (7)
2. Jack P (7)
3. Harriet E (6)
4. Lochlan C (6)
5. Jack F (6)
6. Dougie R (6)
7. Millie C (5)
8. Daniel P (5)
9. Joe P (5)
10. Alfie S (5)
11. Kaiden A (5)
12. Riley B (5)
13. Ellie B (5)
14. Bobby C (5)
15. Darcy C (5)
16. Oliver H (5)
17. Donovan M (5)
18. Isabel OB (5)
19. Amelia P (5)
20. Elsie R (5)
21. Markus S (5)
22. Tilly S (5)
23. Sebastian T (5)
24. Isaac W (5)
25. Amber W (5)
26. Flynn W (5)
27. Jackson B (5)
28. Zach W (5)
29. Sienna C (5)
30. Felicity W (5)

From the Staff

5M made some fantastic boats during their forces topic, the winners were The Cozma Dah team.

Name of Vessel (Team name)	Mass held before sinking (g)
Fantastic Flamingos	100g
Warships	20g
Girl's Pops	30g
Flying Dutchman	30g
Burning Boys	60g
The minions	60g
The burger boys	160g
Cozma DAH	190g



8T have been looking at photosynthesis and testing for starch in a leaf in their science lessons this week.



We've had 3 year 10 students in the Science, D & T and P.E departments this week. 5M had a lesson that was run by the students designing a robot to land and explore Mars. They did a great job!



Yesterday 5D investigated air resistance and the importance of shapes, in their science lesson. They made paper aeroplanes and had a friendly competition to see which one went the furthest. Seth's plane was the best one, winning 3 out of 6 races. Well done 5D for your enthusiasm!





Our Y8 students had a great time in Fusignano last week. Mr Baddeley and Mrs Hirst would like to thank all the students that accompanied them on the trip. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and they continued to develop the strong relationship between Biddulph and Fusignano, as well as further developing the relationship between Woodhouse and Luigi Battaglia.

Y8 Italy Visit





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THE FESTIVAL OF BRILLIANT

Biddulph Old Hall
11-12th July '25



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For schools & community groups - free

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For children of all ages & their families
Tickets only £10 supporter, £7.50 standard,
£5 subsidised, under 3s free



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

General Subjects Teacher
Full time – £31,650-£49,084

To start September 2025 (negotiable for the right candidate)

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 team and to teach across KS2 and KS3. The role will cover mainly maths and English.

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: Wednesday 4th June at midday

Interviews: WC 9th June

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Head of humanities/full time teacher of humanities
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We are seeking to appoint a skilled teacher to join our experienced team to teach across KS2 and KS3 and lead the geography and history departments.

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Summer Term 2025 – 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	Main Meal Roast Turkey with Stuffing Bap	Main Meal 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
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*



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
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	Main Meal 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
Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted Cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.

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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





School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Pencil case	80p
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Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
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and wellbeing



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Family
health



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