



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 13th
June 2025



Diary Dates for Parents Summer Term 2025

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

Saturday 28th June 2025—
Smart Uniform in school 10am-
12noon

Monday 30th June 2025—Y6
Standon Bowers

Thursday 3rd July 2025—Y8
Leavers Photos

Saturday 5th July 2025—Clive
Marks in school 10am-12noon

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
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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 a good one.

A busy week in school, as always:

- Whole-school assembly: With our hall out of action, those who are taking assemblies have been sending themed links and videos for form tutors to use. This week it was Mrs Baddeley talking about mental health awareness.
- Bump Up and Transition: Next Thursday sees our years 8s go to the high school and all our new year 5s coming here for the day. It is a really special time and we love to meet the pupils who will be coming to us in September as well as supporting those who are leaving us in July. We also have a welcome evening on Tuesday for all our new year 5 September intake and letters have been sent out to all parents/carers this week with information on there.
- Rewards Events: A letter was sent out earlier this week about our rewards events (not the behaviour or value ones) to say when and where these are taking place. More information will be sent out closer to the actual dates.
- Astbury: On Monday, 5M and T spent the day at Astbury Water Centre, 5C and D went on Wednesday and 6C and D visited on Friday. Whilst I was on duty at the end of the day, I asked so many of our pupils what they thought and it was obvious it was brilliant. Well done all to our key stage 2 for behaving so wonderfully and to Mr Baddeley for organising these.
- Alton Towers: This year, it is just our year 8s going to Alton Towers for their behaviour reward day on Thursday 17th July. I have been asked by a few students if their parents are able to collect them so they can stay longer. Unfortunately, we can not allow this due to safeguarding and ensuring all pupils in our care are delivered back to school.
- Community Projects: I am pleased to say that 90% of these have now been completed and we have had all sorts going on! From charity fundraising, letters sent to our community, baby parcels made to numerous bake sales. Money has been raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital, CRY, Cauldwell Children, Biddulph Community Zone and Children In Need - all incredibly worthwhile causes so a HUGE thanks to all of our pupils, parents and staff who have supported this.
- Special Mention: To Jude in year 8, who brought to me a full world map with every flag on there (he can remember them all!). Also, to all those students who are constantly polite to staff and ask them daily how they are - it does not go unnoticed.
- On a final note, we are seeing increasing numbers of parents coming on to our car park at speed. We deliberately had speed bumps put onto the drive to mitigate this but there are still instances whereby parents drive too quickly around the back of the school. This is a safeguarding issue and we will be following up of course but please can we ask parents to drive very slowly when entering the school premises.

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.

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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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.

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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

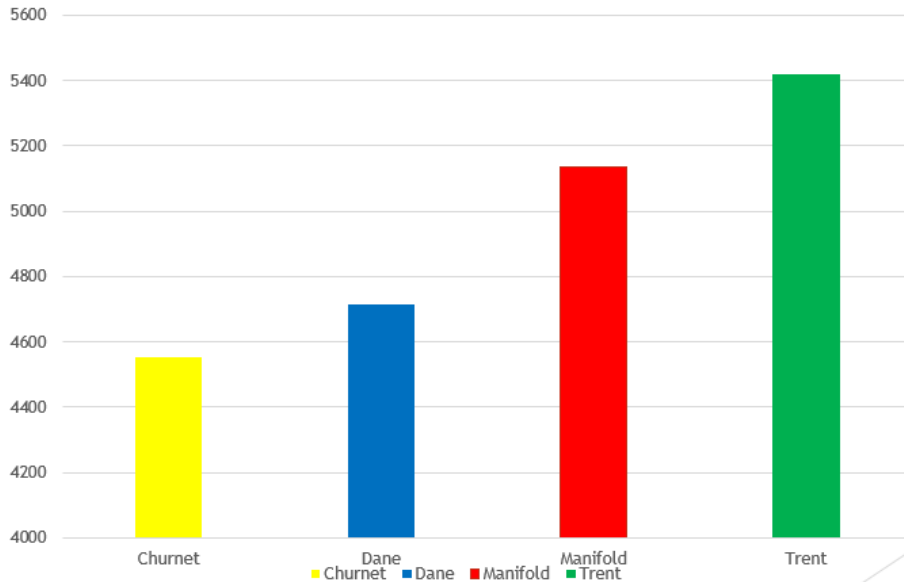
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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. Lyra W (216)
2. Evalyn C (183)
3. Emma J (145)
4. Ruby H (136)
5. Tilly B (136)
6. Abi F (131)
7. Sophia T (127)
8. James B (126)
9. Jackson B (119)
10. Amber B (113)
11. Ellie S (112)
12. Dylan L (111)

TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Tommy D (28)
2. Lyra W (15)
3. Jude J (9)
4. Abi F (7)
5. Elsa B (6)
6. George M (6)
7. Oliver S (6)
8. Sienna B (6)
9. Bobby T (6)

From the Staff

A big well done to our Y7&8 footballers. We played Endon High in the Staffs Moorlands District Cup semi-final and both teams emerged victorious with Y7 winning 3-1 and Y8 winning 3-0. The result means that our Y7&8s will now play in both the league final and the cup final! What a great accomplishment!



Our Y8 sports leaders did a fantastic job on Tuesday. We teamed up with leaders from James Bateman to deliver the Transition Festival for students in Y4 from Squirrel Hayes First School, Moor First School, Knypersley First School and Kingsfield First School (please can these be tagged). Activities included crazy golf, end zone, relays, netball shooting, golf putting, parachute games, team building, javelin and agility activities. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the leaders who did a fantastic job!



Out Ks2 students have had a fantastic time at Astbury Mere Watersports Centre this week. Some students had the joy of sun and others had the unfortunate rain but that still did not stop them from having a fantastic time. Students were able to take part in activities such as raft building, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and some team building exercises.



Elsa B

Year 6

Your chest tightens up
and you feel so small.
You want to go home
or give them a call.
You start to feel stressed
and want to just cry
but you keep pushing
and give it a try.
You meet your new teacher
and they seem really nice
and you work really hard
no matter the price.
You give your name,
then people say theirs.
If you make a mistake,
nobody cares:
You'll still have your friends
and make new ones too.
No matter your looks,
they like you for you.
After a while,
you start to feel fine.
And no matter what,
you never resign.

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!

Well done to Matilda at the Calling You Out dance championship. Matilda came 2nd place with her dance team.



Kendra has passed her Blue Belt Red Stripe in Taekwondo with another distinction. No-one in the history of her tutor's class has ever got so many consecutive distinctions. We are incredibly proud of her.



Well done to Dylan who won player's player and supporter's player of the season for his Saturday football team, and Lucas who won parent's player of the season for his football team. Well done!



Last weekend, Ella was in Blackpool Friday to Sunday competing in Winter Gardens at the UK Championships for street dance. She danced her way through heats to be awarded 6th place. This is a huge achievement for Ella!



THE FESTIVAL OF BRILLIANT

Biddulph Old Hall
11-12th July '25



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Head of humanities/full time teacher of humanities
Full time – £31,650-£50,458 plus TLR £4,536
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.

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.

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 The Golden Thread Teaching School. 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 18th June at midday

Interviews: WC 23rd June



Summer Day Menu



Battered Fish, served with
Chips, Mushy Peas or
Steamed Peas

or

Pork / Quorn Sausage
Chips & Gravy

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Ice Cream Cornetto



Friday 20th June 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.

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(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
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





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