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KEY DATES

THIS HALF TERM

Thursday 8th October 2026

Y5 - Planetarium Visit in school

Tuesday 13th October 2026

5C & 5W Safe and Sound Visit

Wednesday 14th October 2026

5M Safe and Sound Visit

Monday 19th October 2026

INSET Day - School closed to pupils

Monday 19th October 2026

Open DAY

Tuesday 20th October 2026

KS2 Celebration Assembly (Invite only)

Wednesday 21st October 2026

KS3 Celebration Assembly (Invite only)

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Y5 Boreatton Park Residential

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Non-Uniform for Housepoint Rewards

Friday 23rd October 2026

Rewards Afternoon

Friday 23rd October 2026

School closes at 3.35pm for Half Term

Dates for your diary!

YEAR 5

We are incredibly proud of how well our Year 5 pupils have adjusted to their new Maths and English sets this week. They have handled the slight change to their timetable with determination and resilience, settling in brilliantly with their new teachers and classmates. We are really looking forward to seeing the progress they make and watching them continue to thrive in their new learning groups!

Next Thursday, year 5 are being visited by the travelling Planetarium for a tour of the solar system. How Exciting!



YEAR 6

6N were delighted to be joined by our MFL Link Governor, Gary Frost, this week for their German lesson. He was amazed to see the hard work, aspiration and determination demonstrated by our pupils in their language learning. The ambition for all and the enjoyment of studying German were truly palpable!

A fantastic reflection of the enthusiasm and commitment in our languages lessons. Well done, Mrs Hirst and 6N and as always, thank you to our supportive governors.



YEAR 7

Year 7 have been celebrating National Poetry Day, exploring this year's theme of 'Wonder'.

We have already received some tremendous entries, showcasing creativity and imagination, including Elsie's wonderful poem from 7.2, which received a Principal's Award! This is included further in the newsletter.

Well done, Year 7 — we can't wait to read more of your fantastic poems!



YEAR 8

Transition talk is in the air! With some big decisions looming, here are two key events to help Year 8 families gather information:

Thursday 8th October – Biddulph High School Information Evening at Woodhouse Academy

Mr Robinson will give a presentation about Biddulph High School. To attend, please book on this link: [Biddulph High School Information Evening hosted at Woodhouse Academy - Thursday 8th October - Fill in form](#)

Thursday 15th October, 5-7:30pm – Biddulph High School Open Evening

We hope these events help families feel informed and ready for the next step!



THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS ON:

Allergy awareness and management. Mrs Clack helped us to understand the role we all play in keeping ourselves, and others, safe.

BEHIND THE BADGE

GET TO KNOW THE AMAZING PEOPLE
WHO MAKE WOODHOUSE, WOODHOUSE!

NAME: Mr Challinor

ROLE: Teacher of Design & Technology/Religious Education

FUN FACT: I was a midwife for about 2 hours (with a badge too!) because I delivered my second daughter at home!

BEST THING ABOUT WOODHOUSE: The students (especially 8T)

Each week, we shine a spotlight on a different member of our team.

This week's featured staff member is ...



OTHER NEWS

ALL THE EXTRA BITS THAT MAKE US SMILE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent events and fundraising activities. We raised an amazing £67.97 for Give Like Dolly Day, while our Scholastic Book Fair raised £205 to spend on exciting new books for our library.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated items for our forthcoming fundraising events, and a special thank you to the parents and carers who attended our SEND Consultation Evening with Mrs Timbey and our TAs. It was a wonderful example of the partnership between home and school, working together to achieve successful outcomes for all our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support — it really is appreciated! ❤️



LAST WEEK'S

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

96.7%

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With best wishes
MRS J MULLOCK
PRINCIPAL





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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 PAYMENTS: Can you please ensure that any outstanding debts are paid in full and Arbor accounts are topped up in advance for school meals and snacks. Thank you.

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:

Can we remind parents to park considerably on Woodhouse Lane when dropping off and picking up.

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

Sign up to easyfundraising and turn your online shopping into free donations for Woodhouse Academy - Biddulph!

It's a free and easy way to help support our cause while you shop with your favourite retailers.

Plus, when you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will match it!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/woodhousemiddle/3C8Q32/c2s/H6MCGBuK/CE054/facebook/>

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

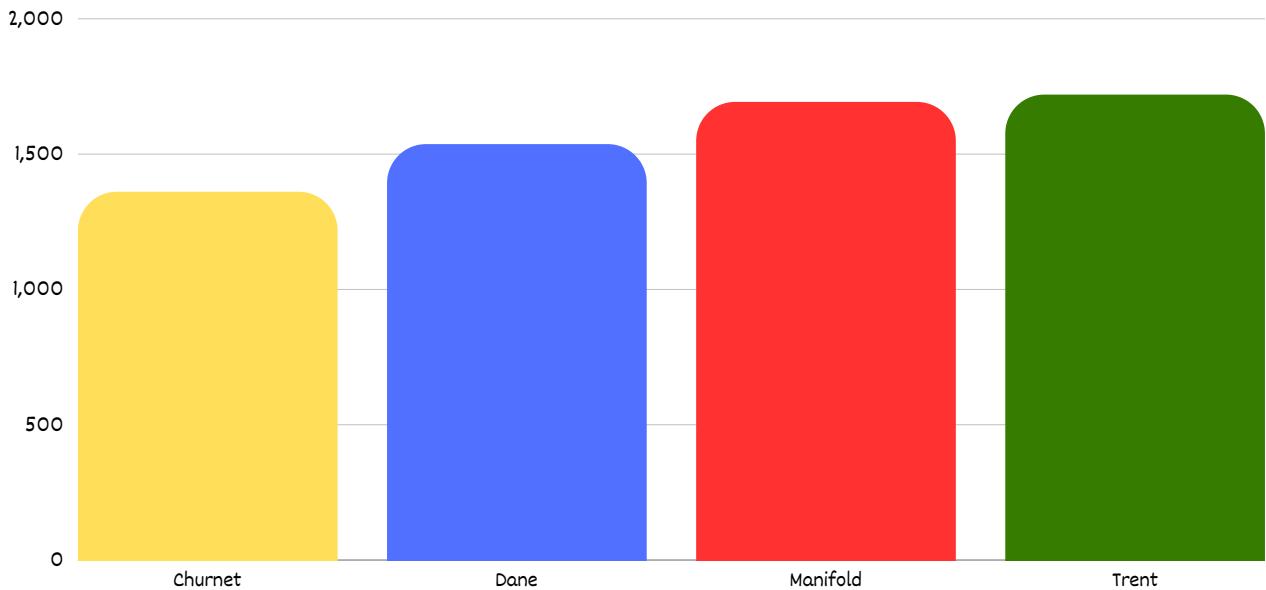


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TOTALS SO FAR



TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Jessie J (7t)
2. Hollie T (6b)
3. Elsie R (7t)
4. Seb N (8m)
5. Ollie F (7m)
6. Matilda K (7c)
7. Seb T (7t)
8. Phoebe P (8t)
9. Ed N (7t)



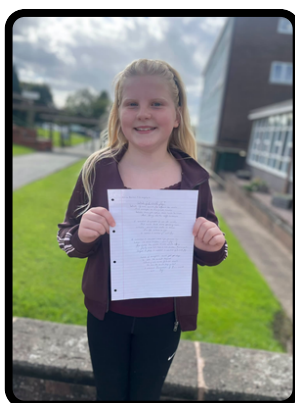
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Myla T (6n) Ruby R (6n)
Hendrix E (6n)



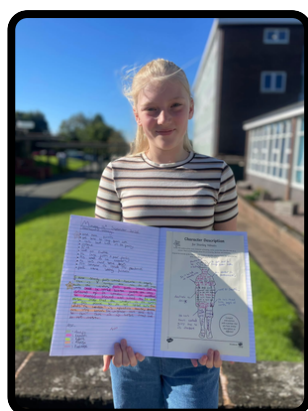
Elsie R (7t)



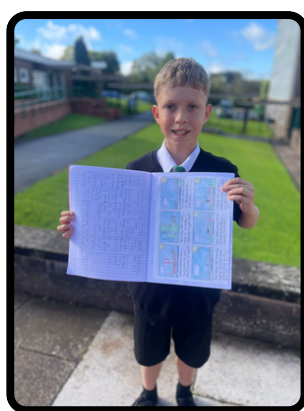
Milo S (5m)



Ed N (7t)



Phoebe P (8t)



Josh M-B (7m)



George D (5w)
Nova L-C (5w)



Martha S (8d)
Bethlyn D (8d)

George M (8c)
Beau D (8m)



Seb N (8m)
Florence (8t)



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SCHOOL NEWS



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Discover The Woodhouse Way

OPEN DAY & EVENING

Monday 19th October 2.30–7.30pm

We have places for September 2027



Scan the QR code to book your slot now

- 2:30–4pm (SEN/Quiet Session)
- 4:15–5:45pm
- 6:00–7:30pm

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Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph, ST8 7DR

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This week our XC team competed in their 2nd race at Westwood College. Again our students represented the school with pride and worked hard to improve their positions from last week. We await the final results but are very proud of all the students that have taken part. A special mention to Ed N who was determined to improve his place from race He had a superb race and won the Y7 boys title. Iris G also performed strongly finishing again in 2nd place. She closed the gap on first and I think if the race was another 200m she would have won.



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WOW WOW WOW!! What a turn out! Over 70 students turned up to our KS2 dodgeball club at lunch today, all earning themselves a housepoint! It was organised chaos at it's finest. Huge credit to our Y6 students who helped and guided the new Y5's with the understanding of the rules. Just another example of how our extra-curricular clubs can help foster friendships.



'question of the week'

What would happen if gravity completely stopped working for exactly one hour every Tuesday at 2:00 PM? How would we prepare for it?



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Last Friday, we took part in '925 Day' where we were on a mission to raise £26 to 'Give like Dolly' and supply a child with one new book each month from Dolly's Imagination Library. It makes me really proud to say that we raised £68! This is enough money to provide a child with a book every month for 2 and a half years!! ❤️📚😊

And as if that wasn't amazing enough, as a result of you being so generous when purchasing books from our book fair last week, we now have over £200 of NEW books in our school library for our children to read and enjoy! 📚😊

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you all for your generosity- it is amazing what we can do when we all work together! ❤️





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Cookery Club!

Last night in Cookery Club, our Y8 students got creative in the kitchen and made some delicious savoury rolls! 😊

We had a fantastic mixture of flavours, including:

 Sausage & chutney

 Sausage & apple sauce

 Cheese & onion

Mrs Waterton was lucky enough to sample some of their creations, and can confirm they were all absolutely delicious! 🙌 😊

Well done, chefs! ★

You're invited to our
Coffee Morning
Drop in session

 Tuesday
13th October

 9:15 am – 10:30 am

 at Woodhouse Academy



**SEND or
pastoral concerns**

Come along for a chat, a cuppa
and support.
— ♥ —

If you have any concerns about wellbeing or challenges with learning, please come along to our coffee morning. Our pastoral office Ms Whitehurst, Julie Clarke from the Mental Health Support Team and Mrs Timbey our SENDCO will be on hand. We will also be joined by Mrs Jones, the SENDCO from Biddulph High School ready to answer any questions you have around transition or provision.



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Woodhouse Stationery Store

Good Stationery Brighter Days!

Open every **MONDAY** in the foyer **12.30 - 1pm** with Miss Lovatt

CASH ONLY

Small Supplies Big Possibilities!

Write! Create! Learn! Achieve!

Be Prepared Be Brilliant Be Woodhouse!

PLAN IDEAS CREATE LEARN ACHIEVE

PRICE LIST

Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	40p
Rubber	40p
Keychain extender Plus other items!	£1.50
Large glue stick	£1.50
Science goggles	75p

Plus other items!

Reading books also for sale!

Great Stationery Great Ideas!

Stationery Fuels Brighter Futures

Woodhouse Academy, Biddulph Library

School Library

Opening times
Monday - Friday
8.30am - 8.50am and 1pm - 1.25pm

Your Librarians are...
Mrs Proctor **Miss Lovatt**

THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Students with a pass can sit at the tables

Library rules.

This is a quiet area.

No eating or drinking.



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WOODHOUSE WALL OF FAME



*Finley E 5W won player of the week at Rugby.
Well Done Finley!*