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KEY DATES THIS HALF TERM

Tuesday 13th October 2026
5C & 5W Safe and Sound Visit
Tuesday 13th October 2026
SEND/Pastoral Coffee Morning @ 9.15am
Tuesday 13th October 2026
Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival (Y8 Sports Leaders)
Wednesday 14th October 2026
5M Safe and Sound Visit
Wednesday 14th October 2026
Y8 Assembly with BHS
Thursday 15th October 2026
Biddulph High School Open Evening (5-7.30pm)
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!

LAST WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

95.8%

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YEAR 5

Year 5 have been exploring the Solar System as part of their science studies and yesterday they enjoyed an exciting visit from the National Schools' Observatory planetarium, from the University of Liverpool. The children took a tour of the night sky before travelling beyond Earth to visit the Moon and explore the planets. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life! A big thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising this wonderful experience, a Woodhouse first!



YEAR 6

Year 6 are dominating the leader board in this year's Woodhouse Academy Duolingo League! Duolingo is a fun language-learning app where students complete short lessons and earn XP, helping to consolidate and extend their learning from MFL lessons. Congratulations to Elys F, our first weekly winner of the year, with Harriet B and Luca H finishing as runners-up. All three will receive House Points – and all of our first-week top three came from Year 6! Thank you to Mrs Hirst for coordinating this fun and well-loved competition!



YEAR 7

Year 7 were pleased to welcome our PE and Art Link Governor, Mrs Cox, on Monday as she visited 7MT's PE lesson and 7C's Art lesson. Mrs Cox was impressed by the students' excellent attitudes, particularly their respect for staff and their ability to listen carefully and engage positively with their learning. In PE, she enjoyed seeing students developing their skills in football and handball, while in Art she was impressed by the intricate and challenging work being produced by the students. She also enjoyed looking through their sketchbooks and seeing some excellent creations! Well done, Year 7!



YEAR 8

A huge well done to our Year 8 students who have represented Woodhouse in sport this week! Our football team played their first cup match of the season against Cheadle on Monday, securing an impressive 12-0 victory. A special mention goes to Will, who scored an incredible four goals despite usually playing in defence! Our Year 8 girls also competed in a netball tournament at JBH on Tuesday. The Black Team, captained by Connie WB, finished 2nd out of 7 schools, while the Green Team, captained by Harriet S, secured 3rd place. Fantastic performances all round – well done, Year 8! ❤️



THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS ON:

Black History Month – Miss C Lake shared the history of the event and launched our inter-house competition celebrating inspirational Black people and their impact on our community

BEHIND THE BADGE

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



NAME: Miss Parks

ROLE: Head of English & MFL

FUN FACT: I love America! We take our children over to explore as many states as we can and have visited 21 so far. Florida is our favourite, with California a close second. We still have plenty to discover- Hawaii is one we would love to do! 🌺 🌴

BEST THING ABOUT WOODHOUSE: We have such a strong sense of community and support as well as the most fantastic pupils- top of the list, my form 8C 😊



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

This week's featured staff member celebrates a 'big' birthday next week...



OTHER NEWS

ALL THE EXTRA BITS THAT MAKE US SMILE

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's information evening with Mr Robinson and Mr Swift from Biddulph High School, I hope it helped you to feel more informed. I am looking forward to strengthening links across our brilliant three-tier schooling system in the coming year.

It was lovely to see so many students wearing yellow for YoungMinds' Hello Yellow campaign today, promoting mental health and wellbeing. Thank you for organising, Miss C Lake! ❤️

Our form classes have been having great fun this week with our whole-school Pointless competition! You're a legend, Mrs Dean! ❤️



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

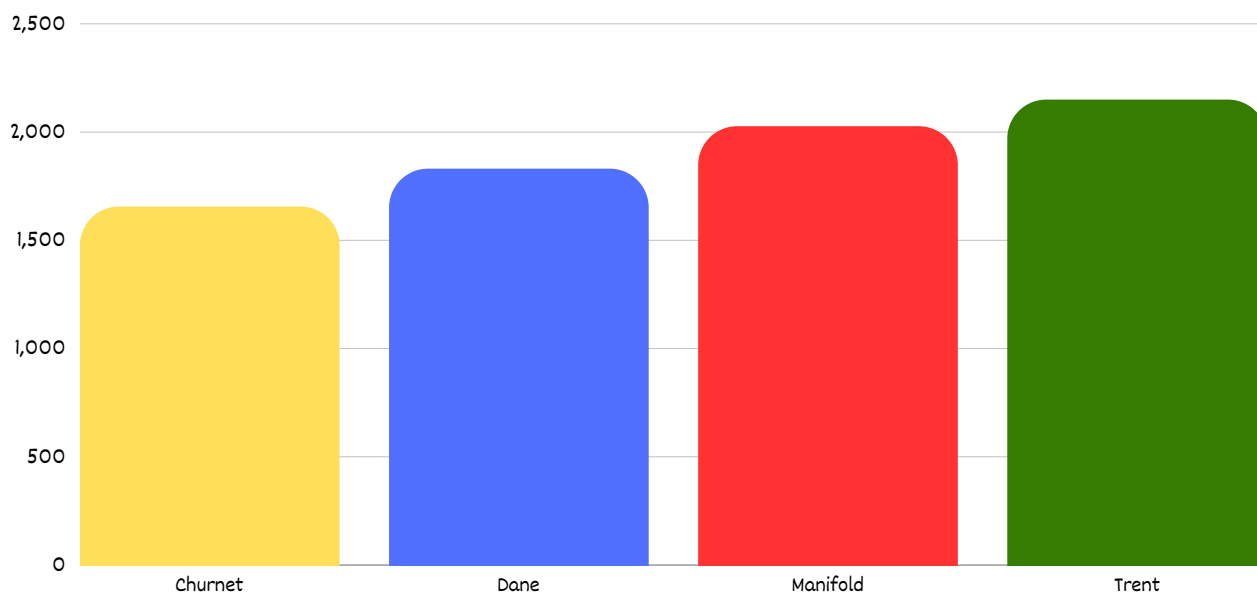


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TOTALS SO FAR



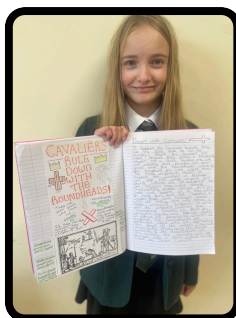
TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Jordana C (7c)
2. Lottie G (6s)
3. Phoebe P (8t)
4. Connor B-C (8t)
5. Riley B (7t)
6. Jessie J (7t)
7. Izzy B (8m)
8. Poppy J (7c)
9. Maisie B (6b)
10. Hollie T (6b)
11. Daniel P (7m)



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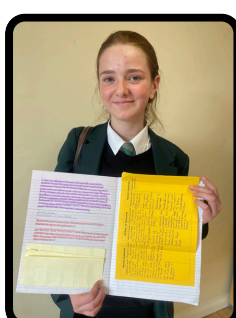
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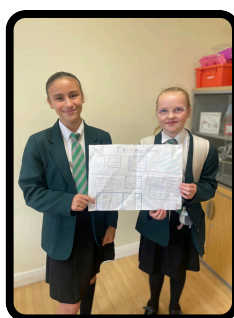
Bella D (8d)



Oakley R (6n)



Harley R (7m)



Maisie B (6b)
Harriet B (6b)



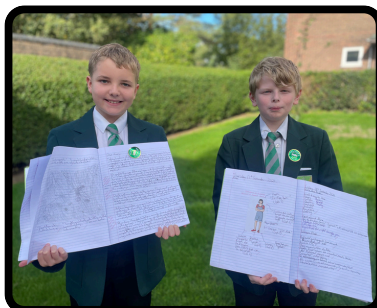
Phoebe R (5c)



Ella-Rose D (5w)



Callum H (5m) Alexa B (5m)



Riley B (7t) Jay F (7m)



Jessie J (7t)



Connor B-C (8t)

Phoebe P (8t)

Hattie C (8d)

Connie W-D (8m)

Elliot J (8c)

Max H-M (8t)

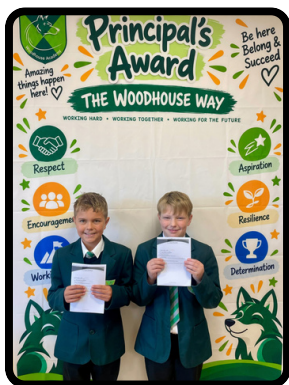
Charlie M (8d)



Emily-Mae W (8t)

Kiki B (8t)

Hetty R (8t)



Freddie H-W (6s)

Casper H (6s)



Luca H (6b)



Jordana C (7c)

Poppy J (7c)



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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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Year 8 have been looking at multiplying and dividing fractions in maths today. Some of them wanted to show their maths rap to help them remember the process.

On Tuesday 6th October we took part in a Y8 netball competition at James Bateman. So many of our students have been enjoying netball in curriculum time and after school practices so it was great that we were able to enter 2 teams ❤️❤️

Our black team, captained by Connie, played against 6 teams from our district. Winning 4 of these with outstanding performances from all; the highlight being a 5-0 win against James Bateman. They finished 2nd overall! 🏆

Our green team, captained by Harriet were superb. Such great teamwork from all. They were so pleased with their 2-0 victory against James Bateman. They finished 3rd overall! 🏆

Girls, you represented yourselves, Mrs Bowers and the school with such pride. Thank you for displaying passion, great teamwork and determination 🥰





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Mrs Dean is back at it again- this half term we are playing a whole school game of 'Pointless'. In forms, pupils have to answer questions and come up with what they think will be a 'Pointless' answer and not given by any other form!



Thea has achieved this month's award for the girls for stepping out of her comfort zone this year, showing lots of courage. Noah has achieved this month's award for the boys because he has shown our core school values and has been super supportive and encouraging of his peers in lessons. Great work both of you, you have made Mrs Bowers and Mr Baddeley super proud.



'question of the week'

Could you live a full week without speaking or typing, communicating only through hand-drawn doodles? How would you tell your teacher you forgot your homework?



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A huge well done to the Y7 & Y8 football cup teams. They played Cheadle in their first match of the season on Monday with both teams merging victorious. It was goals galore in the Y8 game with Woodhouse winning 12-0! Special shout out to Will who managed to score 4, despite his usual position as a defender.

The Y7 game was much closer though. Both teams competed well against each and with 5 minutes remaining Woodhouse were trailing 3-1. However, by showing our school values of encouragement, working hard, resilience and determination they came back to win 4-3!! A great display of the Woodhouse Way!



Well done to the Y7 football league team. They competed in the first league tournament of the year on Wednesday and showed some great success. They drew 2-2 with Churnet View, 1-1 with St Edwards and beat James Bateman 3-0. The results mean they currently sit 2nd in the league. We're looking forward to our next round of fixtures in spring.



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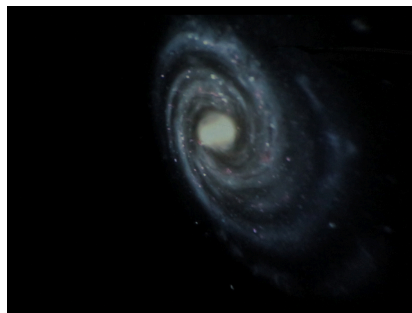
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This week the Pathway to Excellence has been launched to staff and our first event has been completed by some of our high potential children. There will be a launch event in the new year with further details.

Expect to see some more events popping up and for children to see more challenge yourself opportunities like these in classrooms:



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.

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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.

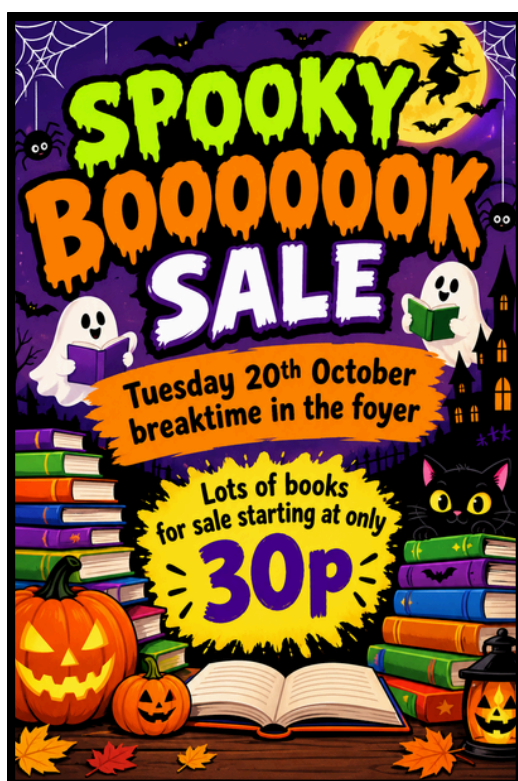


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SCHOOL NEWS



HSB
BIDDULPH HIGH SCHOOL
Y9 OPEN EVENING
Community, Ambition, Respect, Excellence





- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Review curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions



**Thursday
October 15th**
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Conway Road,
Knypersley,
ST8 7AR



We look forward to welcoming
all current Y8 students



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<https://biddulphhigh.co.uk/>



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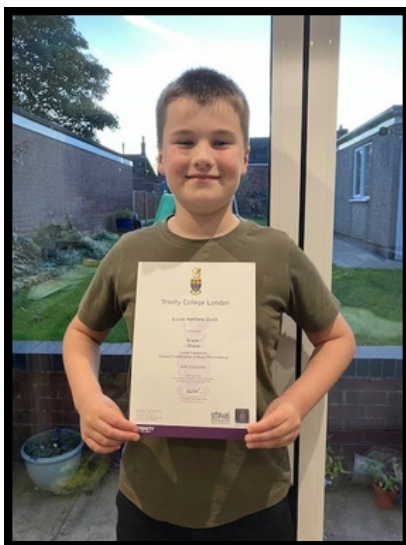
WOODHOUSE WALL OF FAME



Elspeth represented the City of Stoke gymnastics club at Edge Hill University on Saturday & came third place in her vault routine.



Daniel was awarded the star player award for Knypersely under 11s cricket team as well as the bowler award for the under 13s Knypersely cricket team at last week's cricket awards evening. We are all very proud of him!



Lucas passed his grade 1 piano practical exam with distinction!
Well Done!



Hollie's MVP award for her Under 12s ice hockey game in Telford. She achieved another shut-out today, that's 2 in a row for her now and we're so proud of her for a fantastic start to her season 😊