



The Woodhouse Way



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KEY DATES

THIS HALF TERM

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

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Whole School Assembly from former student about fundraising for Jack Muni

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Non-Uniform for Housepoint Rewards

Friday 23rd October 2026

Donations for Jack Muni welcomed

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

95.5%

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YEAR 5

Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting our local fire station as part of their PSHE Safe and Sound learning, exploring water safety, fire safety and what makes a good citizen. Excitement is building for next their first Woodhouse residential at Boreatton, offering fantastic opportunities to try new experiences, step outside their comfort zones and build confidence. An exciting enrichment programme is also planned for those staying at school!



YEAR 6

Following an exciting Pokémon delivery on Friday, we are delighted that Mrs Basnett is launching a KS2 Pokémon Club after half term on Thursday lunchtimes. All cards will be provided, and there will be no trading, so children do not need to bring their own cards into school. Places are limited, so please ask your child to let Mrs Basnett know if they are interested.



YEAR 7

Year 7 have had another busy week, continuing to build on their learning across the curriculum and embracing opportunities to challenge themselves. It has been great to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they continue their Woodhouse journey!

Huge congratulations to Darcie (7M), named September's Design and Technology Student of the Month! Her fragrance packaging designs were outstanding, and she has gone above and beyond by researching different designs at home. Well done, Darcie!



YEAR 8

A very busy week for Year 8! Our Sports Leaders did a fantastic job coaching Year 4 pupils from our feeder schools, demonstrating patience, teamwork and encouragement. We were incredibly proud of how they represented themselves and Woodhouse. Huge congratulations to our netball team, who won the district tournament! Students also welcomed Biddulph High School for a transition assembly, helping them to prepare for the next stage of their education and learn more about the exciting opportunities ahead. Fantastic performances all round — well done, Year 8!



THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS ON:

voting – and why it matters in a democracy and how every voice counts; ahead of our Student Council representative elections!

BEHIND THE BADGE

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

NAME: Mrs Clack

ROLE: Business Manager

FUN FACT: I got married on a beach in Cuba.

BEST THING ABOUT WOODHOUSE: There are so many, but it has to be our supportive and welcoming culture

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

We're delighted by the response to our Woodhouse Way Ambassador applications and will announce roles, alongside our new Student Council Reps, next week!

Our SEND Coffee Morning was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Timbey for organising, Ms Whitehurst, Julie Clarke from the MHST and Mrs Jones, SENDCo at Biddulph High School, for attending, and all the parents and carers who joined us. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and share support.

Congratulations to our National Poetry Day winners, Issy H, Toby B, Riley B and Sienna B, selected from an astounding 150 entries! Finally, thank you to all the students volunteering at Monday's Open Evening, helping us showcase The Woodhouse Way!



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

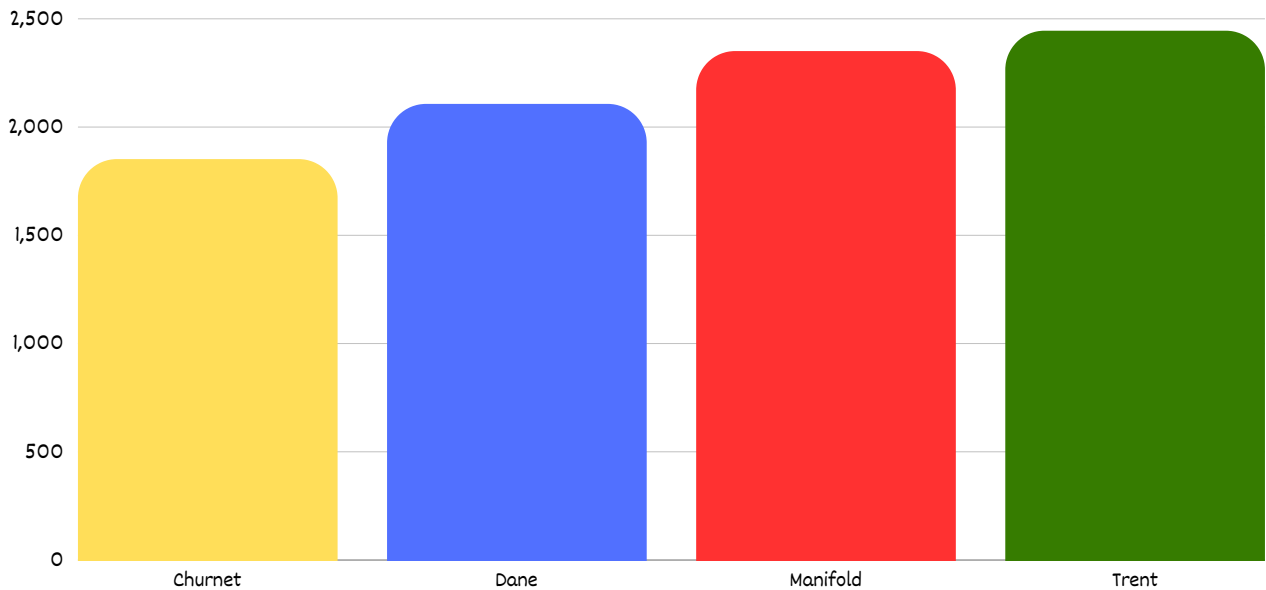


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TOTALS SO FAR



TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Elys F (6n)
2. Charlie M (8d)
3. Ashton S (8d)
4. Jake L (8d)
5. Tommy W (8d)
6. Daniel P (7m)
7. Ed N (7t)
8. Izzy B (8m)
9. Florence H (8t)
10. Max H-M (8t)



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Isla B - 5m



Thea H 8d



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SCHOOL NEWS



Woodhouse Academy



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 Are Y8 Netball District CHAMPIONS 🏆👏👏

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 netball team, who were crowned District Champions on Tuesday evening at Fenton Manor!



The girls played 6 games and were undefeated, scoring 22 goals and conceding only 6 🙌

The team demonstrated outstanding teamwork, determination, passion and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Their hard work, commitment and support for one another paid off as they rose to the challenge and achieved a fantastic result. Mrs Bowers is so proud of you all 🥰👏

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school and congratulate every player on this brilliant achievement 🏆 First time we have won the competition in over 15 yrs.

Well done, Year 8 – a fantastic success and one to celebrate! 🏆

Dream Team - Phoebe P, Evie C, Flo H, Hetty D, Isla B, Hetty R, Indie T, Connie W-D, Ashleigh E!



Hello Yellow 🧡

Last Friday, Woodhouse have shown their support for those struggling with their mental health by wearing yellow as part of the 'Hello Yellow' campaign from mental health charity MIND. It was wonderful to see so many children wearing yellow to show that no one is alone in their mental health struggles and raising awareness that you should reach out and talk to someone about how you are feeling.

Well done Woodhouse! 🧡



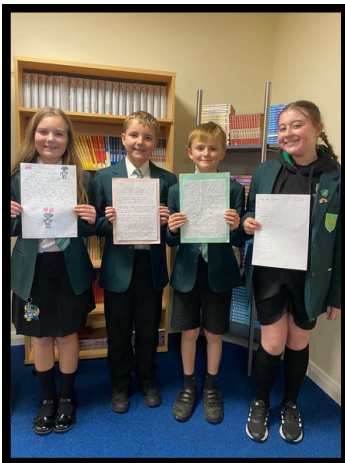
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The Woodhouse Year 8 football team made a fantastic start to their league campaign, winning all three matches in the first round of fixtures at St Edward's. The team secured impressive 1-0 victories against both Churnet View and St Edward's, before finishing the day with a superb 3-1 win over James Bateman. These excellent results reflect the team's hard work, determination and teamwork, putting them top of the league after the opening round. The boys can be extremely proud of their performances and will now look forward to the next round of fixtures in the spring, hoping to continue their winning form. Well done, Woodhouse! ⚽👏



🌟📖 What a day for poetry! 📝🌟

Miss Parks has had the very difficult task of judging our poetry entries, and we have been absolutely astounded by the effort, creativity and care shown by everyone! 😊 The poems showcased a fantastic range of ideas inspired by this year's national theme, 'Wonder' 🌟. The Head Boy and Head Girl were even recruited to help Miss Parks read through all the wonderful entries and decide on our winners! 🗣️

We were so impressed by the standard that, rather than awarding first, second and third place, we decided that choosing one outright winner from each year group was the best way to celebrate these fantastic pieces of writing. 🏆 So, without further ado, a huge congratulations to our winners! 🎉

🌟 Year 5: Izzy H

🌟 Year 6: Toby B

🌟 Year 7: Riley B

🌟 Year 8: Sienna B

👏 Well done to all our winners! You will each receive 3 House Points 🏆, and your wonderful poems will be proudly displayed around our school for everyone to enjoy! 📖🌟 Congratulations once again, and a huge well done to everyone who took part. Your imagination and creativity truly made us wonder! 🥰💙

Year 5 had a planetarium visit last Thursday; they took a tour of the solar system and asked some interesting questions. They also learnt some amazing facts. Thanks to the National Schools Observatory and Liverpool John Moores University for visiting us.



'question of the week'

What would happen to our school if all the rules disappeared for one week?



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This week Year 5's have visited Biddulph Fire Station as part of their PSHE learning. They had 5 'Safe and Sound' sessions, focussing on fire safety, water safety, railway safety, being a responsible citizen and how to spot financial fraud.





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WOW! 🤩🍌

Our first transition event of the year is currently in full swing, and the sun is even shining for us! ☀️❤️
Our prospective Year 4 students visited our fabulous school field to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival, led by our incredible Year 8 Sports Leaders!

Mrs Mullock witnessed some fantastic examples of teamwork, coaching and encouragement. Our Year 8s have been brilliant role models, helping the year 4 students develop their skills and confidence.

We definitely have a few future sports coaches and PE teachers in our midst! 🍌

Incredible scenes, incredible teamwork and a brilliant example of The Woodhouse Way in action! ❤️

#TheWoodhouseWay #Transition #Teamwork #FutureLeaders



🔍👕 LOST PROPERTY! 👟🧥

Is your child missing a tie, coat, water bottle, a whole school bag or PE kit or something else? 😟 There's already an abundance of things in our lost property store.

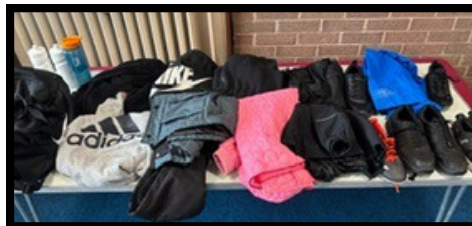
👉 We're encouraging our students to take responsibility and come and have a look through the lost property themselves. It's a great opportunity to practise being organised and taking care of their belongings! ❤️

Parents/carers are also VERY WELCOME to pop in after school via the school office and have a look yourselves.



You never know... that missing item might just be waiting to be reunited with its owner! 🧦🔑🧳

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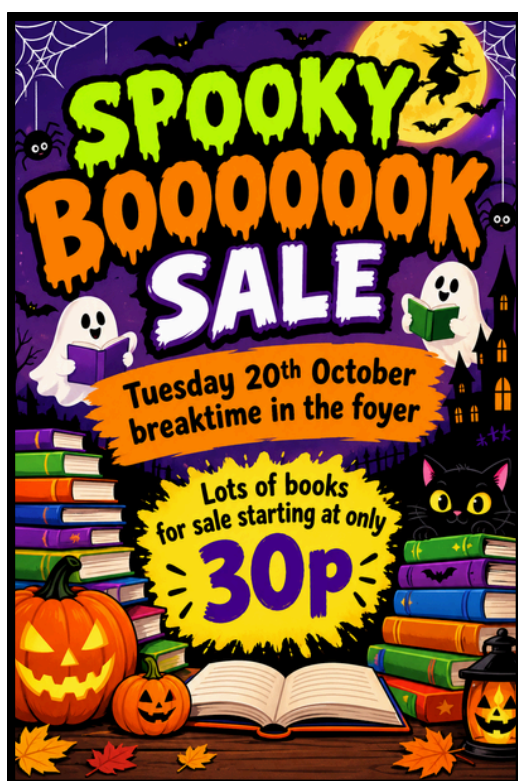


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PRICE LIST

	Black pen	10p
	Purple pen	10p
	Pencil	10p
	Ruler	40p
	Rubber	20p
	Keychain extender Plus other items!	£1.50
	Large glue stick	£1.50
	Science goggles	80p

Plus other items!

Reading books also for sale!