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KEY DATES THIS HALF TERM

Monday 2nd November 2026 - School Open to pupils
Friday 6th November 2026 - Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for a bottle)
Tuesday 10th November 2026 - 8t - Biddulph Old Hall Visit
Wednesday 11th November 2026 - 8c - Biddulph Old Hall Visit
Thursday 12th November 2026 - PSHE Day
Friday 13th November 2026 - Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day
Friday 13th November 2026 - 8m - Biddulph Old Hall Visit
Tuesday 17th November 2026 - Bingo Night 6-8pm
Thursday 19th November 2026 - 8d - Biddulph Old Hall Visit
Tuesday 24th November 2026 - 5w Community Project
Friday 27th November 2026 - Black Friday - Whole School Maths Event
Tuesday 1st December 2026 - Christmas Concert - St Lawrence Church
Friday 4th December 2026 - Y5 & Y6 Lego Workshop at Leek College (invite only)
Thursday 10th December 2026 - Christmas Disco
Friday 11th December 2026 - SEND Coffee Morning 9.15-10.30am
Tuesday 15th December 2026 - KS3 Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Wednesday 16th December 2026 - KS2 Celebration Assembly (invite only)
Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th December 2026 - Non-Uniform Day for Winning House
Friday 18th December 2026 - Rewards Afternoon
Friday 18th December 2026 - School closes for Christmas Break at 3.35pm

Dates for your diary!

LAST WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

96.2%

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YEAR 5

Our year 5 students have been brilliant during their first outdoor activities residential at Boreatton! They have overcome personal challenges, embraced new experiences and made so many memories, all with plenty of smiles along the way. We are incredibly proud of them! Thank you to Mr Baddeley, Miss M Lake, Miss C Lake, Mrs Wills and Miss Taylor for accompanying them. Meanwhile, the Year 5 students who remained in school enjoyed an equally enriching programme of activities designed to develop their teamwork skills. Thank you to Mrs McKeown for organising this.



YEAR 6

We were delighted to see so many year 6 students recognised for demonstrating our school value of Respect during our recent KS2 Values Assembly. Congratulations to Jack M, Max A and Stanley C, who were selected by their forms, and a special well done to Nancy M, our overall KS2 Respect Award recipient. We are proud of you all for demonstrating the Woodhouse Way! As always, thank you to all of our parents/carers for attending and thanks to Mrs McKeown for planning and delivering such a wholesome Assembly.



YEAR 7

Well done to our year 7 students who were recognised for demonstrating our school value of Respect during our KS3 Values Assembly. Congratulations to Noah H, Fionnuala HS, Jay F and Oliver H for being selected by their form tutors for going above and beyond in terms of showing respect. It is wonderful to celebrate students who consistently show respect to others and help make Woodhouse such a positive place to learn. As always, thank you to all of our parents/carers for attending and thanks to Mrs Bowers for planning and delivering such an uplifting assembly.



YEAR 8

Our Year 8 helpers were absolutely brilliant at our Open Day on Monday, showcasing Woodhouse Academy and the Woodhouse Way with pride and enthusiasm. We were delighted that 100% of visitors agreed or strongly agreed that our students were helpful in providing information! A special mention goes to our Senior Prefect team - George M, Beau D, Seb N and Florence H - who delivered their speeches confidently and brilliantly in front of two large audiences. They were a real credit to themselves and our school, and we are incredibly proud of them all!



THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WAS ON:
the importance of supporting others. Former student Will Garner shared his inspiring cycling challenge to raise funds for his friend's medical treatment, reminding us of the power of kindness and friendship.

BEHIND THE BADGE

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



NAME: Mrs Tillet

ROLE: Cover Supervisor

FUN FACT: My favourite sport is ice hockey and I love to go and watch my favourite team, Manchester Storm, play as many times as possible each season!

BEST THING ABOUT WOODHOUSE: The amazing team of staff who create the positive vibes we feel around school each day. I have worked in Education for over 15 years and I have never known a school as brilliant as Woodhouse!

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 Message from the Principal

What a busy and positive first half term it has been! As my first half term as Principal, it has been wonderful to see our students, particularly our new Year 5s, settle so happily into life at Woodhouse. We have been laying strong foundations for the year ahead, and I am delighted that The Woodhouse Way is already becoming part of our everyday language as we work towards our vision: working hard, working together and working for the future.

To all our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support and positive feedback. It is genuinely appreciated by myself and the whole team. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together so far and excited to see what the rest of the year brings!

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 2nd November.



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

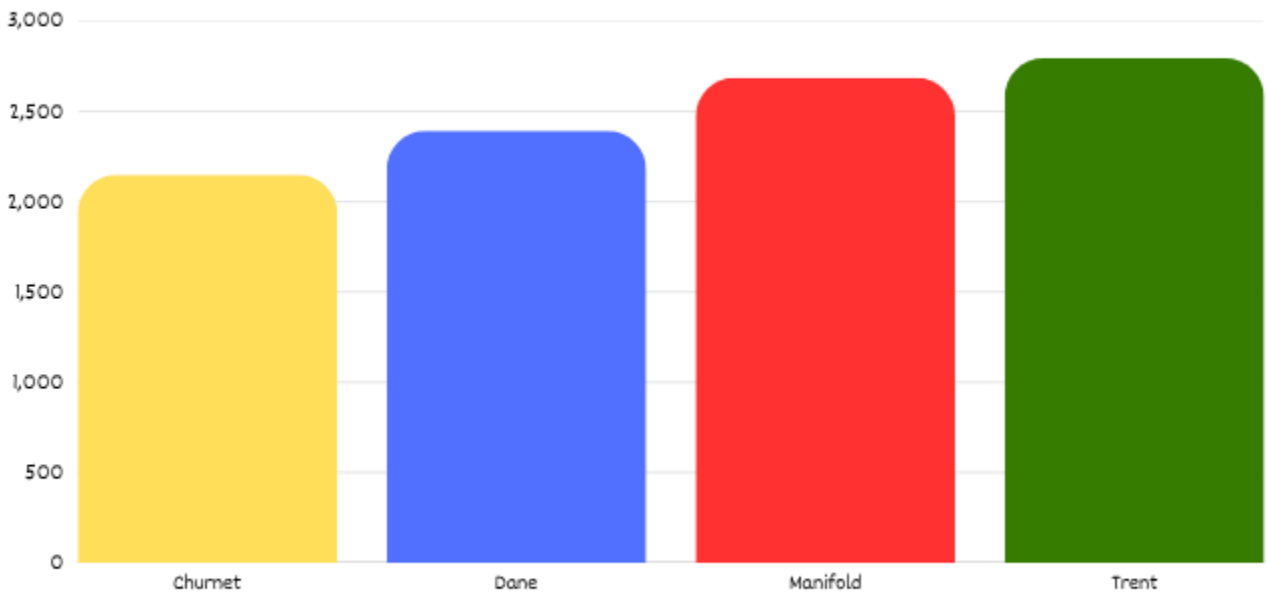


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TOTALS SO FAR



TOP POINTS THIS WEEK

1. Jacob F (8d)
2. Olivia F (8t)
3. Stanley C (6s)
4. Daniel P (7mO)
5. Lucas D (6s)
6. Flynn W (7t)
7. Owen A (8d)
8. Beau D (8m)
9. Connie W-D (8m)



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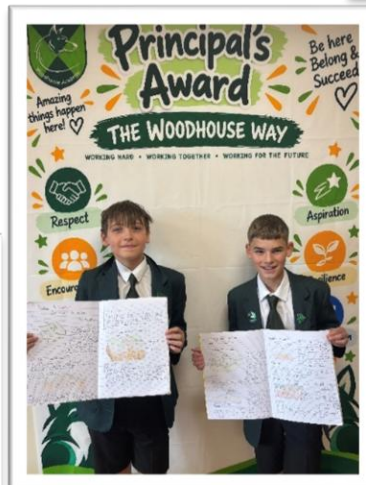
I am so proud of you!

Mrs Mullock's Principal Awards

this week...

These awards are given to recognise when students have gone above and beyond to demonstrate **The Woodhouse Way** with our 6 values:

- RESPECT
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- WORKING HARD
- ASPIRATION
- RESILIENCE
- DETERMINATION





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SCHOOL NEWS



September Design and Technology student of the Month
Darcie F.

Great work, both in the classroom and at home, for her fragrance packaging project. Fantastic effort, well done!

Year 5 group 1 have painted some fabulous pebbles which they are going to hide in the school grounds for the other group to find!
They had loads of fun creating their designs and were very impressive at cleaning up afterwards too 😊



Year 5s have also enjoyed making some fantastic Mr Foxes using origami skills. We also learnt that a group of foxes is called a skulk!



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This week in Science Club, we explored how fireworks get their amazing colours by carrying out flame-test experiments. The children observed flame tests using different metal salts and watched as the flames changed colour.



On Wednesday Mrs Hirst covered a History Lesson with 7T whilst Miss Lake was in Boreatton with the year 5s. 7T's task was to perform a news broadcast about the Battle of Hastings, with a newsreader in the studio and reporter on the scene of the battle. They all did a fantastic job and were very convincing in their roles - Mrs Hirst was very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed covering the lesson





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Miss Lovatt would like to thank everyone who came and bought a book from the spooky book sale on Tuesday. Over 50 books were sold and monies will go towards new equipment in the SEN department. Thank you to Nathaniel, Erin and Isla in year 7 for helping!

Have your say – The Big Future!

We are encouraging our students to take part in The Big Future, a national survey led by the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to share their views on the issues that matter to them and help shape decisions about their future.

Parents/carers, please support your child in completing the survey at home.

 Take part here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/>

At Woodhouse, we believe every voice matters! 

#TheWoodhouseWay #PupilVoice



'question of the week'

Is it ever acceptable to lie to protect someone's feelings



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SCHOOL NEWS - Boreatton





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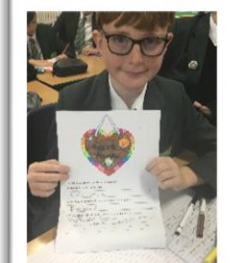
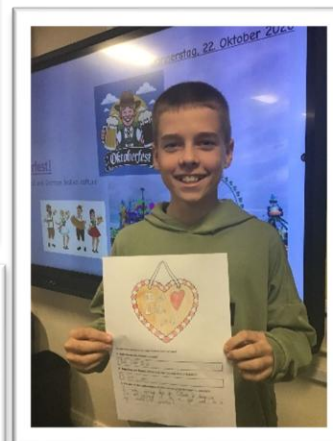
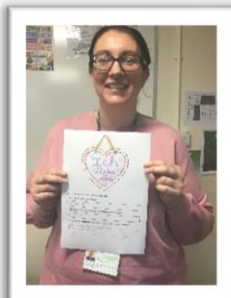
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6S and 6N enjoyed a lesson about Halloween in German today. They learnt the translations for Halloween items, such as a bat, spider, black cat and skull and completed a Halloween colour by number scene using numbers and colours in German.



This week, years 7 and 8 have been exploring German Culture, learning about the history and traditions of Oktoberfest. They designed their own Lebkuchenherz (gingerbread heart biscuit) with a special German message and learnt a traditional celebratory song and dance called 'Fliegerlied.'

Learning about culture and traditions is an important part of the language learning journey at Woodhouse and our pupils always embrace these opportunities with enthusiasm and enjoyment.





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Woodhouse Stationery Store

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

Good Stationery Brighter Days!

Great Stationery Great Ideas!

Stationery Fuels Brighter Futures

Reading books also for sale!

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!		

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.