



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 1



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Our Queen

It is with immense sadness that our Great Wood family mourn the passing of our beloved Queen. We thank her for giving her life to our country and for guiding us through both the most amazing times and the most difficult times. Many of us have never known another monarch and the loss of Queen Elizabeth II leaves us all with heavy hearts. Her Majesty will be very deeply missed and our sympathy and love go out to her family at this desperately sad time.

Ma'am we appreciate your kindness, your wisdom, your understanding, your guidance and thank you for your devoted service.

Rest in peace your Majesty.

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our Great Wood family to the start of our new school year. Traditionally this is a very busy term for our children and families. We have lots of exciting events planned, including trips, visitors, events and challenges. We look forward to another amazing Nativity and (dare we say it) fantastic Christmas activities. We hope all of our Great Wood family will enjoy a fabulous term.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th September	-	Academy Photography - Individuals/Siblings
Wednesday 14th September	-	Painsley Catholic College Prospective Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st September	-	Meet The Teacher Parents Evening - More Details To Follow
Tuesday 27th September	-	The Cheadle Academy Prospective Parents Evening
Thursday 29th September	-	PTFA Meeting, 6pm - All Welcome
Friday 30th September	-	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - All Welcome
Friday 21st October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 31st October	-	School Re-Opens
Friday 18th November	-	BBC Children In Need



We would like to send a very warm welcome to the children and families, who are joining us for the first time - welcome, Daxton, Bonnie, Alba, Freya, Beatrix, Ophelia, Nieve, Ella, Lily, Levon, Elizabeth, Athena, Lilly-Ann and Harry in Reception. Also, to Jessica and Lucas who are joining our school family. We look forward to getting to know you all during our exciting Autumn Term.

Mr Day, from TMPF will teach our children Modern Foreign Languages, on a Tuesday, across the school. Our children will be enjoying Spanish and learning to speak to each other in a foreign language.

Mrs Whiteley will be joining us to deliver our music lessons, each Friday, where our children will experience a variety of musical lessons and singing.

Academy Photographs

Academy will once again be in school on Monday 12th September, to take individual/family group photos of our wonderful children. If you have any younger children, not yet in school and you would like Academy to take their photo too, please bring them into school at 8.30am on 12th September. **Please ensure all children are wearing full school uniform and NOT PE kits on this day.** Children in Years R, 1 & 2 will need to bring PE kits with them. Year 4/5 will need to bring their swimming kits.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our school team if you have any queries.



Year 4/5 Swimming

Years 4 and 5 will start swimming on Monday 12th September 2022. The children will leave for their lesson on Monday afternoons at 1.45pm, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them. Swimming caps are available to buy from the school office, at a cost of £2.50. Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.





Thank you to everyone using our Arbor Parent Portal.

The portal can be used to access your child/children's profiles and to top up your child's break, dinner and Wrap Around accounts.

We would kindly ask that you "top up" your child's account in advance.

As children order their break snacks with their teacher each morning, please ensure that your child knows what they are allowed to order for their snacks, as the cost of their snack will be added to their account.

If you are having trouble accessing or navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Sickness

May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours, after their last episode of sickness, or diarrhoea.



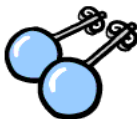
Please be reminded children are required to wear PE kit on PE days.

R/1	Monday & Wednesday
2	Monday & Wednesday
3/4	Tuesday & Thursday
4/5	Monday & Thursday
6	Tuesday & Friday



Earrings

We would like to make you aware that our P.E. policy guidance states that no earrings, (or any other jewellery), can be worn during P.E. lessons. Also, plasters, or tape put over earrings is not permitted. On P.E. days please can you ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school, or is capable of removing them themselves, (staff are not able to do this for them), to enable your child to do P.E. Any children that are wearing earrings, on P.E. days and that are not able to remove them independently, will not be allowed to participate in that P.E. lesson.



Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform, ties, PE kit, bags, water bottles etc.



IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Don't wait until you can't cope before you seek help. For good days, bad days and all the in-between days, there are lots of places you can turn to for support.



IT'S ALWAYS OK TO ASK FOR HELP

TMPPF – Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 5th September

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 6th September

Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2023

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Term ends: Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts for pupils: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

INSET Days for staff (schools closed): Monday 24th July & Tuesday 25th July

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 26th July – Friday 1st September



As we commence a new school year we wish to remind you **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these absences and you may be fined by Staffordshire Local Authority.

Break Sales

Our new Cook Katie, alongside Jan, will continue serving our lovely break time snacks. These will be available each morning at the following prices. Please remember to top up your Arbor account in advance to enable children to purchase snacks.

Toast	30p	Milkshake	70p
Oatcake	70p	Fruit Juice	65p

Please note: children in Reception are only allowed to order toast.



Every Mind Matters



Every Mind Matters is a new resource from the brilliant NHS. It contains practical tips and videos from experts about dealing with stress and anxiety, boosting your mood, dealing with change, coping with money worries, sleeping better and looking after your wellbeing.

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters

School Office

Please may we remind you that the school office is closed every Thursday afternoon from 1pm. Therefore, we kindly request that you please contact us before this time to advise of any changes to the collection of your child/children. Emergency calls will, of course, still be taken on the usual school number and naturally, we will still contact you should any need arise. However, we ask that you please do not contact us for non-emergencies on Thursday afternoons. Many thanks for your help and co-operation with this.



A helping Hand With Meals

We understand that families may have had a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.



Applications are quick and easy with an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online

Please contact us at office@greatwood.staffs.sc.uk if you need any help.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Please be aware that the closing date for Year 6 parents to apply for a high school place, for their child, is **31st October 2022**. Please ensure that you have made your application before this date. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



Afterschool Clubs

Friday Football

Mr Adamson is looking for some footie enthusiasts! We would like to invite children in Key Stage 2 to take part in an afterschool Friday Football club from 3.30-4.30pm each week until half-term. Children will ideally already have some experience of playing football, and be interested in potentially representing Great Wood on our school football teams in planned future fixtures. Please note that children attending this club will need to wear shin pads and football boots, as well their PE kit or own comfortable sports clothes. The club will begin on Friday 16th September. Please sign up via the Clubs section on Arbor to allow your child to take part. Places are limited to 30 and will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

'Footy Fun!'

Inspired by the Lionesses' victory in the European Championships over the summer, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Shaw are running a 'Footy Fun' club! It will be on Mondays afterschool from 3.30-4.30pm each week until half-term. This club is open to all children from Year R to Year 6, who are enthusiastic about football! They may not know the rules, or have ever played before, but want to come along and 'have a go!' Children do not need to wear shin pads or football boots, just their PE kit or their own comfortable sporty clothes. This club will begin on Monday 19th September. Please sign up using Arbor on the Clubs section if you would like your child to take part. We hope to see lots of you there for a kick-about! Places are limited to 40 and will be issued on a first come, first served basis.



Year 3/4 Class Dojo's

As you may be aware our year 3/4 class are earning dojo points. These can be earned for good behaviour, work, attitude and kindness. However, dojo points can also be removed for inappropriate behaviour. There will be a prize each week for the child with the most Dojo's and a prize for the winners at the end of each half term.



Please can all parents/carers be reminded that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.



Great Wood Wrap Around



Our exciting wrap around care facility has become an amazing success. The children have a great time, playing with their friends, enjoying a variety of activities and using a wide range of resources. We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.30pm until 6pm in the evenings. We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us. For further details, please contact Jean, or Gina on 07398634160. We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!

****Please be reminded all bookings for Wrap Around are now via Arbor, under the "clubs" section. Children's places are not secure if they are not booked correctly, numbers are increasing and we are limited to 26 children per session. Please book to avoid disappointment.**



Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to park considerately on Vicarage Road at the beginning and end of the school day. Please, please help us to keep our children safe by parking considerately and **NOT** on the zig zags; when dropping off or collecting children. Also can we remind you that the staff car park is for staff and visitors' vehicles only, unless prior arrangements have been agreed with the school office. Thank you.

For health and safety reasons, please can we request that children do not come down the steps from Great Wood Hall to cross vicarage Road. Please use the driveway and cross with Jan, the crossing lady. Thank you.



Autumn/Winter Menus - 3 Week Rota

WEEK 1 MENU		W/C 12/09 03/10				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2022	Hot Main Dish	All Day Breakfast 🟢 All day breakfast with bacon or Quorn sausage, egg, beans and toast	Allegra's Chicken Pie with Mash Roast chicken and Leek with Creamy Mash	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Beef Bolognese 🍷🍷 A classic Italian beef Bolognese in a yummy tomato sauce	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
	Alternative Dish		Macaroni Cheese 🟢 Cheesy macaroni pasta	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🟢 Delicious Quorn roast with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Veggie Burger with Potato Wedges 🟢 A delicious Veggie Burger	Quorn Nuggets and Chips 🟢 Crispy Quorn nuggets
	Salads	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot, sweetcorn and pasta salad	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot, sweetcorn and pasta salad	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot, sweetcorn and pasta salad	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot, sweetcorn and pasta salad	A Selection of Fresh Salads Including lettuce, cucumber, tomato, grated carrot, sweetcorn and pasta salad
	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato 🍷🟢 with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato 🍷🟢 with salmon mayonnaise and a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato 🍷🟢 with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato 🍷🟢 with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato 🍷🟢 with a choice of fillings
	Pasta	Tomato Pasta 🍷🟢 A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta 🍷🟢 A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta 🍷🟢 A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta 🍷🟢 A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta	Tomato Pasta 🍷🟢 A delicious fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta
	Vegetables	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas
	Desserts	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with Fruit Slices 🍷🟢	Secret Brownie with Fruit Slices 🟢	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices 🟢	Berry and Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard 🍷🍷🟢	Orange, Sultana 🟢 and Carrot Slice with Fruit Slices

PACKED LUNCH-AVAILABLE DAILY
HAM OR CHEESE SANDWICH OR DAILY SPECIAL WITH VEG STICKS AND FRESH FRUIT OR BEAR YO YO OR DESSERT OF THE DAY

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
WATER, SALAD, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

🟢 Vegetarian 🍷 Oily fish 🍷 Wholegrain 🟢 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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WEEK 2 MENU

W/C: 19/09 10/10



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Hot Main Dish	Veggie Bolognese Penne pasta in a yummy tomato sauce	Sausage and Mash with Gravy Sausage and mash with rich gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast turkey with fluffy <u>roasties</u> and tasty gravy	Cottage Pie A classic cottage pie with veg and gravy	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
Alternative Dish	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice	Quorn Sausage with Mash Delicious Quorn sausage and mash with rich gravy	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Creamy vegetable pie with a cheesy shortcrust topper	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious veggie balls in a tomato sauce with pasta	Quorn Dippers and Chips Crispy Quorn Dippers and Chips
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Vegetables	Carrots and Sweetcorn	Peas and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas
Desserts	Flapjack with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding and Custard with Fruit Slices	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Fruity Chocolate Brownie with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices

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WEEK 3 MENU

W/C: 05/09 26/09 17/10



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SPRING/SUMMER 2022

Hot Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese Cheesy Macaroni Pasta	Quorn Sausage with Mash Delicious Quorn sausage and mash with rich gravy	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Succulent roast pork with fluffy <u>roasties</u> and tasty gravy	Beef Bolognese Penne pasta in a yummy Beef and tomato sauce	Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips
Alternative Dish	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice Fruit Sweet and Sour Chicken and Fluffy Rice	Veggie Balls in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Delicious veggie balls in a tomato sauce with pasta	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Delicious Quorn roast with fluffy <u>roasties</u> and tasty gravy	Veggie Lasagne served with a Bread Wedge Delicious sheets of pasta layered with veggies and tomato sauce	Quorn Dippers and Chips Crispy Quorn Dippers and Chips
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Vegetables	Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans, Carrots and Peas
Desserts	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin with Fruit Slices	Strawberry Ice Cream with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Sponge Cake with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices	Banana and Apricot Flapjack with Fruit Slices with Fruit Slices

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