



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 4



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th March	-	Y1/2 Gym Team Tryouts
Wednesday 11th March	-	Gymnastics Competition
Thursday 12th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
	-	Parents Evening 1
Friday 13th March	-	Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
Tuesday 17th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved
Wednesday 18th March	-	Parents Evening 2 *Please note date change*
Friday 20th March	-	Comic Relief
	-	PTFA Easter Bingo, doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm
Monday 23rd March	-	Final Swimming Lesson Y2/3
Wednesday 25th March	-	PTFA Easter Disco, 6.30-8pm *Please note date/time change*
Thursday 26th March	-	Y3/4 Football
Friday 27th March	-	Easter Service, 2pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	-	School Re-Opens for Summer Term
Wednesday 15th April	-	Y1/2 Gymnastics Competition - Separate letter to those involved
Thursday 23rd April	-	Girls Football League
Friday 24th April	-	PTFA Race Night 7pm - 10pm
Thursday 30th April	-	Girls Football League
Monday 4th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 5th May	-	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 6th May	-	Y5 Bikeability
	-	Y3/4 TAG Rugby Competition
Thursday 7th May	-	Y5 Bikeability
	-	Girls Football League
Friday 8th May	-	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 11th May	-	SATS Week
	-	SATS Breakfast week for Y6
Friday 15th May	-	Y5/6 TAG Rugby Comp
Tuesday 19th May	-	Y6 Residential Meeting
Friday 22nd May	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 1st June	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils

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Diary Dates Continued...

Tuesday 2nd June	-	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 3rd June	-	Year 4/5 Young Driver Experience Day
Thursday 4th June	-	Sports Day (Weather Permitting!)
Monday 8th June	-	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 9th June	-	New Reception Visit 1, All Children - 9.15am - 11.15am
Monday 15th June	-	Year 6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 16th June	-	Y5 Transition Event @ TCA
	-	New Reception Visit 2, All Children - 9.15am - 11.15am
Tuesday 23rd June	-	The Cheadle Academy Induction
	-	Move Up Day
	-	New Reception Visit 3, All Children - 9.15am - Lunch
Tuesday 30th June	-	Y2 Bee Keeping Afternoon
	-	The Cheadle Academy Sports Awards Evening
Wednesday 1st July	-	CADSSA Athletics Tournament, Northwood
Monday 6th July	-	Painsley Induction
Tuesday 7th July	-	Painsley Induction
Wednesday 8th July	-	Painsley Induction
	-	KS2 Show Performance, 6.00pm - More information to follow
Thursday 9th July	-	KS2 Show Performance, 6.00pm - More information to follow
Monday 13th July	-	Drop In Parents Evening
	-	Painsley New Intake Parents Evening, 6pm
Tuesday 14th July	-	Year 6 Leavers Outing
Thursday 16th July	-	Leavers Lunch
	-	Leavers Service, 2pm, All Welcome
	-	PTFA Disco, 6.30pm-8pm
Friday 17th July	-	School Closes For Summer Holiday
	-	Camp Out
Saturday 18th July	-	Camp Out
Wednesday 2nd September	-	School Re-Opens To Pupils



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Great Wood on Thursday 12th March.

The cases of books will arrive as usual and children will be able to look at the books and then bring home a wish list of books they would like to buy. Please be aware that this year's book fair, is only open to parents on Friday 13th March and Monday 16th March, 3.30-4.00pm. Each child will receive a National Book token to use against the purchase of any book costing over £2.99.



Books can then be paid for online and distributed by school, once we have received the completed Wish List.

For every £1.00 that we raise at the book sale, school will receive commission, enabling us to extend the school library and reading resources for our children.

COMIC RELIEF

RED NOSE DAY

CASH ONLY EVENT

Friday 20th March

Go Red, 80's or Party!

To raise funds for Comic Relief we invite our children, staff and volunteers to wear something red, Comic Relief attire, 80's theme or even party wear for the day on Friday 20th March.

Brighten up your day and help children across the world by wearing your most vibrant, pieces of clothing, choose an extraordinary red hat, wear a comic relief nose, or have a red hair day!

For a voluntary donation of just £1.00.

RED NOSE DAY

All contributions will go directly to Comic Relief and your support is greatly appreciated.

RED NOSE DAY

Bric-a-Brac Stall!

We will also be holding a bric-a-brac stall,

An ideal opportunity to clear out your unwanted toys and books. All items will be sold at pocket money prices and the stall will be manned by our year 5/6 children.

Please send in your unwanted toys any day this week and help comic relief

Thank you for your generosity and happy shopping!

Parents Evening

On Thursday 12th March and Wednesday 18th March, we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evenings, where staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.45pm – 6.15pm. Bookings are available via Arbor, our online Parent Portal. Here you will be able to choose the most convenient available slot.

Please note: Mr Amison will be standing in for Mrs Furnival during both evenings, if you would like to meet with Mr Amison, please book sessions named Mrs Furnival.

Each appointment will be 10 minutes. Please consider our teachers schedules and be aware they might ask you to arrange an extra meeting (at a later date), if you feel you need more time for discussions.

Friday 20th March

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY



RED NOSE PEPPERONI PIZZA

OR

RED NOSE CHERRY TOMATO PIZZA

WITH CHIPS

CHERRY TOMATOES CUCUMBER & CARROT STICKS

RED NOSE CHERRY SPONGE

Monday 16th March

Attention: Lunch Menu Change

Sausage With Chips, Beans or Veg For dessert... Vanilla Biscuit

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Easter Events



PTFA Non-Uniform Day



On **Friday 13th March**, we will be having an own clothes day to support out PTFA Easter Bingo, which is on Friday 20th March. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day and are asked to bring a chocolate donation for the bingo.

We would greatly appreciate Easter Eggs, boxes of chocolates, bars of chocolate, chocolate bunnies, chicks, or teddies, or any chocolate goodies that you are able to donate.

So wear your favourite outfit to school and support your PTFA, to help us support you!



Easter Bingo

Friday 20th March @ Great Wood School



Doors open at 6.00pm - eyes down at 6.30pm.

Free Entry - Bingo books £1 each (5 games)

Lots of Easter prizes to be won! Refreshments also provided.

PTFA Easter Disco

This Year we will once again be holding our PTFA Easter disco. This will be on Wednesday 25th March, from 6.30pm until 8pm. The entrance fee will be £2 and each child will receive a goody bag and a raffle ticket for our draw, at the end of the disco.

All our Great Wood children are welcome, but reception children must be accompanied by an adult for the disco. So get out your dancing shoes and join us for a boogie!



Easter Egg Hunt



This year we will also be having an Easter Egg Hunt during the last week of the Spring term, where the children will be put into teams and set out to solve the mystery clues, which will be hidden around school and the school grounds (weather permitting)! There will be prizes for the winning team and I dare say there might be chocolate involved during the proceedings!

Easter Bonnet Competition

This year Great Wood will be holding a Easter Bonnet Competition.



We are hoping for original, Easter themed bonnets for our competition this year. Whether you want to wear a hat of flowers, chocolate, chicks, or bunnies, put your artistic 'hats' on and wow us with your creations.



Entries need to be handed in by Thursday 26th March, which is the closing date for the competition.

For the best designs and winners there will be special prizes, which may involve chocolate!

So start collecting exciting materials to enhance your child's entry, put on your creative heads and get designing, to help it stand out as a winner!

Easter

Bonnet

Parade

Easter Service and Bonnet Parade

Come and join us for our Easter Service, in Christ Church on Friday 27th March. During the service, our fabulous children will be parading their Easter bonnet creations.





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CHECKLEY CRICKET CLUB

AS PART OF OUR CRICKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2026 WE WILL BE RUNNING AN UNDER 9'S GIRLS ONLY TEAM.

THE GAME WILL BE PLAYED USING A SOFT BALL AND ALL PLAYERS WILL BAT AND BOWL.

WE INVITE ALL GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 AND 9 THAT MAY LIKE TO PLAY TO COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER PROGRAMME AT DENSTONE COLLEGE EVERY FRIDAY EVENING 6.30PM UNTIL 7.30PM

LEARN TO PLAY THE GAME, DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE SOME FUN.

ALL SESSIONS ARE LEAD BY ECB QUALIFIED COACHES

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 READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble

Staffordshire County Council

Attendance to week ending 6th March 2026:

Reception/Year 1 - 95.27%
 Years 2 & 3 - 95.35%
 Year 4 & 5 - 96.32%
 Years 6 - 93.52%

Whole school attendance for the week: 97.62%

Each week Woody, our attendance bear, gets to spend the week with the class which has had the best attendance. Woody is once again spending the week in our Year 4/5 Class with 99.31%. I wonder where Woody will be next week?



Attendance Matters
 Every student. Every day.

EASTER BIG BOUNCE

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