



# Great Wood News



Autumn Term - Issue 2

## Diary Dates

### October

|                           |                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Show Racism The Red Card - Wear Red<br>Y5 Safe & Sound Event - Leek Fire Station |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Open Afternoon, 2pm                                                              |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | PTFA Spooky Disco, 6-7.30pm                                                      |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | School Closes for Half Term                                                      |

### November

|                           |                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | School Re-Opens                            |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Flu Vaccinations                           |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Open Afternoon, 2pm                        |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | BBC Children In Need                       |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day          |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch On         |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | PTFA Christmas Fayre                       |
| Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Tean Christmas Lights Switch On            |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Festival Of Christmas Music, Victoria Hall |

### December

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Elf Day                              |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Parents Evening 1                    |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>     | R/1/2 Nativity Performance, 2pm      |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Churches Together Festival of Carols |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | Parents Evening 2                    |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | R/1/2 Nativity Performance, 5pm      |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>  | R/1/2 Christmas Trip                 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Y3/4/5/6 Christmas Trip              |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Lunch                      |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Breakfast                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Service, 1.45pm            |



## Contact Us



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Arbor School Messaging



Great Wood Community Primary School, Tean



## Free School Meals

From September 2026, the Government expanded eligibility for Free School Meals in England. All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings. To see if your child may be eligible, or to make an application, please visit the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals>



## Attendance

Coming to school every day and on time, means that we can learn lots of new and exciting things!

School attendance and lateness is closely monitored to ensure that children have the best opportunity to learn.

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am, when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.



| Class Attendance<br>W/C 5/10/26 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Reception                       | 92.86% |
| Year 1/2                        | 97.03% |
| Year 3/4                        | 97.69% |
| Year 5/6                        | 98.97% |

THE WINNERS OF  
WOODY THE  
ATTENDANCE BEAR  
THIS WEEK ARE  
YEAR 5/6, 98.97%



KEEP UP  
THE  
GOOD WORK

National  
Attendance  
Target: 95%





|           | WEEK ONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | WEEK TWO                                                                                                                                     | WEEK THREE                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY    | Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Banoffee Mousse (V)                                                                                                                                                     | Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Cinnamon Swirl (Ve)                                                             | Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes (V)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve)                                       |
| TUESDAY   | Penne with Beef Bolognese<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)                                                                                                   | Chicken Tikka Curry & Rice<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)                 | Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Chocolate Snap (Ve) |
| WEDNESDAY | Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Apple Flapjack (Ve)                                                                                                                                        | Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roasties & Gravy<br>Veg of the Day<br>Flapjack (Ve)                                                             | Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties<br>Veg of the Day<br>Soft Baked Cookies (V)                                                   |
| THURSDAY  | BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)                                                                                | Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Golden Apple Cake (V) | Classic Mac & Cheese (V)<br>Sandwiches with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options)<br>Veg of the Day<br>Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)      |
| FRIDAY    | Crispy Battered Fish with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                                                                                                         | Chicken Nuggets with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                            | Fish Fingers with Chips<br>Veg of the Day<br>Fruity Jelly (Ve)                                                                          |
|           | 31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26,<br>14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27                                                                                                                                                    | 7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26,<br>21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27                                                                   | 14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26,<br>28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27                                                             |
|           | Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) and Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Filling (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water. |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                         |

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan - More Sustainable

## Snack Time



Pancake, 49p



Toast, 38p



Jam on Toast, 44p



Crumpet, 38p



Milkshake, 82p



## Starting School in September 2027?

Do you have, or know anyone who has, a child who is due to start school next September? Parents and children are warmly invited to come along to our Open Afternoons and have a look at what we have to offer.

Please contact the school office to book your place.



# GREAT WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OPEN AFTERNOONS

**Monday 19th October 2pm &  
Friday 6th November 2pm**

Please bring your children along to meet our Great Wood family. Explore our classrooms, meet our Early Years Team, celebrate our true family ethos, see how we make learning fun and witness why Great Wood is GREAT!

Please email [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk) to book your place.

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## Wear Red For Racism

TOGETHER **WE ARE** STRONGER



**WEAR  
RED  
DAY<sub>26</sub>**

**FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 2026**

CHANGE HEARTS. CHANGE MINDS. CHANGE LIVES.

#WRD26

SCAN TO  
REGISTER TODAY



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be joining thousands of others across the country in support of Anti Racism and the Show Racism The Red Card Campaign

We'll be wearing red to  
Change Hearts.  
Change Minds.  
Change Lives.



## Harvest

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we celebrated Harvest, with an own clothes day and Harvest songs at the end of the school day. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing Great Wood family, you have been extremely generous with your donations for the Cheadle and District Food Bank.

This kindness will make a massive difference to people, who really need our help at the moment.

Thank you.



# MINI & JUNIOR RUGBY

## AT STOKE-ON-TRENT RUGBY CLUB

WE'RE RECRUITING TO OUR U9 (Y4) TEAM  
MIXED BOYS AND GIRLS TEAM  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY  
4 FREE SESSIONS  
GREAT MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

 [newplayer@stokerufc.co.uk](mailto:newplayer@stokerufc.co.uk)  
 [stokerugbyclub](https://www.instagram.com/stokerugbyclub)  
 [Stoke-on-Trent Rugby Club Mini & Juniors Section](https://www.facebook.com/Stoke-on-Trent-Rugby-Club-Mini-&-Juniors-Section)





# October Holiday Club

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th, and Friday 30th October, during half term.



Campfire skills



Exploring



Crafts



Playing



9:00-16:00



£45 per day, per child \*Siblings discounts available



Ages 8-12



Dimmingsdale, ST10

\*Enquiries for other ages welcome



To book your place, contact Harriet on

07728735014 or harrietleedham94@gmail.com

Snacks included / Confidence building / Creativity / Social interaction



## Bug Club

**THE BUG LADY**  
bringing the mini-beast world to life!

**AFTER-SCHOOL BUG CLUB!**

EXPLORE • DISCOVER • LEARN  
HANDLE SAFELY • GET INSPIRED • MAKE MEMORIES

AMAZING CREATURES AWAIT!

A hands-on Exotic Mini-Beast Adventure! Join us to meet and learn about amazing creatures from around the world!

SMALL CREATURES BIG WONDERS!

**TUESDAYS**  
STARTING 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER  
FOR 7 WEEKS

45 MINUTES AFTER SCHOOL

**COST £35**  
FOR THE ENTIRE 7 WEEK COURSE

JUST £5 PER SESSION!

MEET INCREDIBLE EXOTIC BUGS  
LEARN ABOUT THEIR HABITATS & LIVES  
HANDLE THEM SAFELY  
HAVE FUN AND MAKE MEMORIES!

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:**  
Please contact the school office to request a place.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED!**  
Payment of £35 is required upfront to secure your child's place.

EACH EXPLORER RECEIVES A BUG CLUB CERTIFICATE AND A TOY BUG TO TAKE HOME!

IT'S A BUG-TIFUL WORLD! ♥

FUN • SAFE • EDUCATIONAL

Starting after half term, Carrie will be returning to Great Wood with her amazing bugs!

There are limited places remaining.

To secure your child's place, please book via Arbor, under the clubs section.



# HAF Fun This Autumn

**BOOK  
NOW**

Staffordshire  
County Council

**HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES  
AND  
FOOD**



## HAF fun this half term

Holiday Activities and Food is funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals. Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!



Bookings open on Monday 5 October at 4pm

[staffordshire.gov.uk/haf](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/haf)



### OCTOBER HALF-TERM

HOLIDAY CLUBS

**BISHOP RAWLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Royal Walk, Cheadle, ST10 1QA

**OCTOBER 26** HALF DAY 09:00-13:00

**FREE  
PLACES**

**WE'RE GIVING  
YOU AN EXTRA  
2 HOURS**

We are excited to welcome you all to our action-packed holiday club during the October half-term. Our program of sports, games, crafts and special events will give every child an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

**MULTI-SPORTS • SPECIAL EVENTS • GAMES  
ARTS & CRAFTS • INFLATABLES • COMPETITIONS**

Available to children receiving Targeted Free School Meals  
Households receiving universal credit and annual net earnings of £7,400 or less

#### HAF CODE

Access through your  
school or Staffordshire  
County Council.

#### REGISTER

Login to the EEQU  
website to register  
your child's details.

#### BOOK

Locate your venue on  
the ASM Sports page  
to secure a place.

**HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES  
AND  
FOOD**

This program provides children who are eligible for free school meals with the opportunity to access physical activity, alongside receiving snacks, a nutritious lunch and drinks.



Each eligible child will be able to access only one funded place (one day) during this holiday period.

**SECURE MORE DAYS...**  
Add to your booking via  
[myasm.co.uk](http://myasm.co.uk)

Call: 01782 366332 Website: [asmports.co.uk](http://asmports.co.uk)



## Ox Sports October Camp

### BOOK TODAY!

[ox-sports.classforkids.io](http://ox-sports.classforkids.io)



- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2026
- 6-12 Year olds
- 8:30-16:00
- Great Wood Primary School  
ST10 4LE



**£22 PER DAY OR £60 FOR FULL WEEK**

Cricket  
Rounders  
Football  
Handball  
Badminton  
Hockey  
Dodgeball  
Tennis  
Archery  
And many more!

### CONTACT US

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Instagram- Ox.Sports24

- UEFA C/FA qualified coaches
- DBS
- First Aid
- Safeguarding



# CHEADLE LANTERN PARADE

## IS BACK!

### 24TH OCTOBER 2026

A GLOWING EVENING OF  
LANTERNS, MUSIC AND BIG  
BRASS SOUNDS WITH ALL-FEMALE  
BRAZEN BRASS BAND!

SPREAD  
THE NEWS



Lantern collection from 6pm



Parade starts 6.30pm



Wellspring Methodist Church,  
Chapel Street, Cheadle

## FREE LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

Drop in and make a lantern ready for the parade.

- 26th September · 10am-4pm · Wellspring, Cheadle
- 1st October · 3-6pm · Great Wood Community Hall, Tean
- 5th October · 3-6pm · Wellspring, Cheadle
- 17th October · 10am-4pm · Wellspring, Cheadle

All ages welcome • No booking required

All materials provided • Free to attend



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more info

