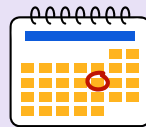




Great Wood Primary School

Diary Dates:



September

- Wednesday 16th - Meet The Teacher
- Thursday 17th - Blythe Bridge Open Evening
- Wednesday 23rd - Non Uniform Day - Cake Donations
- Thursday 24th - The Cheadle Academy Open Evening
- Friday 25th - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - 2pm
- Tuesday 29th - Reception Fire Safety Session

October

- Friday 2nd - Harvest Celebrations
- Friday 9th - World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
- Friday 16th - Y5 Safe & Sound Event - Leek Fire Station
- Thursday 22nd - PTFA Spooky Disco, 6-7.30pm
- Friday 23rd - School Closes for Half Term

November

- Monday 2nd - School Re-Opens
- Tuesday 3rd - Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 9th - Open Afternoon, 2pm
- Friday 13th - BBC Children in Need
- Monday 16th - Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day
- Friday 20th - Open Afternoon, 2pm
- Saturday 21st - Cheadle Christmas Lights Switch On
- Friday 27th - PTFA Christmas Fayre
- Saturday 28th - Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
- Monday 30th - Festival Of Christmas Music

December

- Wednesday 2nd - Elf Day
- Thursday 3rd - Parents Evening 1
- Friday 4th - R/1/2 Nativity Performance, 5pm
- Sunday 6th - Churches Together Festival of Carols
- Monday 7th - Parents Evening 2
- Wednesday 9th - R/1/2 Nativity Performance, 5pm
- Friday 10th - Y3/4/5/6 Christmas Trip

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.

The School day starts at 9am, any late arrivals must report to the school office before entering the classroom!



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



Contact us:

Tel: 01538 702355 (opt 4)

Email: office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk

Webiste: www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Arbor: School Messaging

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Welcome

We would like to send a very warm welcome to the children and families, who are joining us for the first time - welcome, Maisie, Denver, Oliver, Florence, Nevaeh, Tilley-Rose, Harry, Maia, Sophie, Alice, Aluna-Jayne, Jax, Georgie, Jeffy, Stanley, Ellie-Rose, Nellie, Ember and Jonah in Reception. We look forward to getting to know you all during our exciting Autumn Term.



Thank you to everyone using our 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 accounts in advance. Accounts not topped up in advance will be suspended.

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 accesing or navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

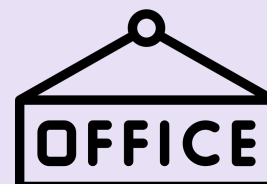
School Office

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.



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

Break Sales

Our Cook Laura, 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 - 38p
Milkshake - 82p
Toast & Jam - 44p
Pancake - 49p
Crumpet - 38p



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

Academy Photos

Please ensure that you order your Academy Photographs by 9.00am on Wednesday 23rd September.



Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Pupils return: Monday 2nd November

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday 4th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Pupils return: Monday 22nd February

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Term starts for pupils: Monday 12th April

May Day: Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Pupils return: Monday 7th June

Term ends: Friday 16th July

INSET Days for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday 19th July,
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st July.
Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September.

Children return to school on Monday 6th September 2027

Please **do not** book holidays during term time. We cannot authorise these, except for exceptional circumstances and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

Wrap Around

Our 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.

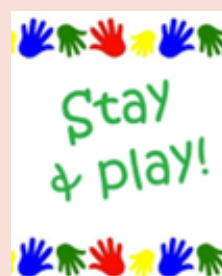
We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us.

For further details, please contact Gina on 07398634160.

We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!

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

Bookings are also subject to a 24hour cancellation policy.



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.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to be holding our Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 25th September 2-4pm. Please come and join us for coffee, a slice of cake and a chat, all funds raised go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Own Clothes Day

The main reason for this fundraisers' success is the generous donation of cakes from our parents, homemade or bought and, therefore, we will be having a school own clothes day on Wednesday 23rd September. To wear their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a donation of a cake or cakes, (these can be home baked or shop bought). **Please can homemade cakes be brought in on Friday 25th am, all donations will be gratefully received!

We hope that you will be able to come along and support this extremely worthwhile cause, whilst enjoying a slice of cake, a cuppa and a chat amongst friends.



Meet The Teacher

On Wednesday 16th September we will be holding our Autumn Term parents evening, when we welcome you to come and meet your child's teacher.

For the Reception class meeting, Mrs Rees will be available between 3.45 and 4pm. Mrs Rees will then be available between 4pm and 5pm should Reception parents have any further questions.

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Furnival and Mr Adamson will be available during three time slots. The slots will be as follows:

3.45pm to 4.00pm
4.05pm to 4.20pm
4.25pm to 4.40pm

There will be no individual appointments for children in years 1-6, but whole class meetings, where you will be informed about what your children will be learning and how each year group works. There is no need to book. If you have more than one child at school, you will be able to go to each class at a different slot.

Free School Meals

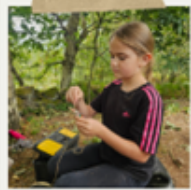
From September 2026, the Government expanded eligibility for Free School Meals in England. All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings.

To see if your child may be eligible, or to make an application, please visit the link below:

[Applying for free school meals](#) | [Free school meals](#) | [Staffordshire County Council](#)



After School Club Autumn Crafts



Painting, knots, whittling, and more... making the best of what autumn has to offer!



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Understanding Behaviour workshop Online:
 Wednesday 16th September
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Fussy Eating

Free online workshop



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Fed up with stressful mealtimes?
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As parents we want our children to eat well – and to enjoy mealtimes together

Come along and get support and new ideas for:

- How to encourage your child to try new foods - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Happier family mealtimes

Fussy Eating Workshops

Wednesday 23rd September 1.15pm – 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th September 10.00am – 11.30am

At Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub STB 60T

