



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 5



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Diary Dates

- 19th November - BBC Children In Need
- 20th November - Cheadle Christmas Light Switch On
- 24th November - Flu Vaccinations
- 26th November - Tean Festival Of Lights, 5.45pm
- 27th November - Charity Christmas Market, Great Wood Hall, 10am - 3pm
- 1st December - KS2 Visit To Harry Potter World
- 3rd December - Alzheimer's Elf Day
- 7th December - Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
- 8th December - Nativity Performance, 5pm
- 9th December - Nativity Performance, 4.30pm
- 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Fayre
- 15th December - Reception/KS1 Visit to The National Forest Adventure Farm
- 16th December - Christmas Lunch
- 17th December - School Closes For Christmas



Elf Day!

Great Wood will be taking part in Elf Day, on Friday 3rd December. This special day is to support the Alzheimer's society. We are asking our children (and staff) to put on their best elf costume and to donate £1 to the charity. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes! Then join us in having an elftastic time, while supporting this extremely worthy and important cause. Thank you.



New Wrap Around Booking System

All bookings for our Breakfast and Afterschool wrap around will now be via the Parent Portal, or Arbor App.

You are required to book each session, which your child requires, in advance and all sessions can be found in the clubs section. If the sessions are at capacity, you will not be able to book your child in.

Please note: the 24 hour cancellation policy still applies and must be done via the school office, or Wrap Around mobile number 07398634160.

If you require any help with the bookings please do not hesitate to contact us.



Wrap Around Charges

AM Drop Off	Price
7.30am	£5.00
8.00am	£3.00
8.30am	£1.00
PM Collection	Price
4.00pm	£2.00
4.30pm	£4.00
5.00pm	£6.00
5.30pm	£8.00
6.00pm	£10.00

Flu Vaccinations



All children have been offered a flu vaccine as part of the school's vaccination programme. The vaccine is designed to protect children against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness. By having the vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family.

Electronic consent forms have been issued and need completing by **9am Monday 22nd November.**

The Valley is 130!

Saturday 27th November 12pm - 2pm

Come and Celebrate 130 years in the life of our unique school!



- Look around the building & grounds
- Look through the archives & memorabilia
- Coffee and Cake

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Remembrance

Our Year Six pupils were extremely proud to take part in the community remembrance memorial, on 11th November. Our children remembered and paid their respects to those who fought in the Great War. They laid wreaths on both of the memorials in Tean. We have been selling poppies and poppy merchandise in school and the proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion, thank you for your support.



Lest we forget



PTFA AGM

Our fantastic PTFA will be holding their AGM meeting on Tuesday 23rd November at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what it is all about and see how our PTFA impact on the school lives of our Great Wood children. Without the PTFA it would not be possible to run many of our events like discos, bingo, Midsummer Madness and our famous Bonfire Extravaganza, which provide funds for all those little extras for our children, such as books, ICT resources and coach transport for our school trips and visits, which directly keeps costs low for our Great Wood families.

You don't need to commit to every event, any help would be greatly appreciated. Come and join us for a cuppa and see what our amazing PTFA is all about. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are able to help out with any events, please speak to Mrs Buckley in school.



KS2 The Making Of Harry Potter

On Wednesday 1st December Key Stage 2 children will be going on a special visit to Warner Bros. Studio Tour to see The Making Of Harry Potter.

Please can any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible, if you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the school office.



The BIG  **SPOTACULAR**

This year we will once again be supporting the BBC Children In Need Appeal at Great Wood. We will be selling 'Pom Pom' key rings, Ears, wristbands and pin badges at the following prices,



NEW Pudsey Pom Pom Keyrings
£2.00



NEW Pudsey or Blush Badges
£1.00



Selection of wristbands including the new coloured wristbands
From £1.00



Blush or Pudsey Ears
£2.50

Available NOW!



Fancy Dress day, Pudsey style!

On Friday 19th November, why not come to school dressed up in spots, bright colours, or even as Pudsey himself!

Wear your brightest colours, or your spottiest clothes, pyjamas, or onesies, or just wear a pair of stylish Pudsey ears and join us for a day of Great Wood Children in Need fun!



We ask you to donate £1 per child!



Pudsey Biscuits!

Also on Friday 19th November, for one day only, Katie and Jan will be selling their amazing Pudsey Bear biscuits priced at just 50p each.

Toy Sale

Also on Friday 19th November, we will be holding a Toy Sale, where children can purchase toys, priced at 50p or less. Please can any donations of good quality toys be sent to the school office. Thank you.



Applications to Join Our Reception September 2022

The application process for Reception Class 2022 is now open.

Don't miss out on joining our amazing school and all it has to offer. We aim to make learning fun and endeavour to provide as many opportunities, for our Great Wood family as possible.

To apply, please visit <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>. The closing date for all applications is 15th January 2022.

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



CHARITY
CHRISTMAS
MARKET
GREATWOOD HALL TEAN
ST104JY
27TH NOVEMBER 2021
10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Busy and Exciting Term!

We are starting to get back to normal! We are beyond pleased to bring our Great Wood family a more normal term. As the build up to Christmas gains momentum, these are the events we have in store;

KS2 magical visit to Harry Potter World,

Elf Day for Alzheimer's,

Our Nativity is back live and in person!

Christmas jumper Day, incorporating our fantastic Christmas Fair, with a visit from a special guest.

KS1 visit to The National Forest Adventure Farm and a visit to a very special workshop.

Along with Christmas Lunch and Christmas Breakfast, very yummy experiences!



Please can we remind you that children's Meal, Break & Wrap Around accounts should be paid for in advance, NOT in arrears.

Please check regularly and top up accordingly. Thank you.



- Project D
- Byatt's Blooms & Bows
- Ivy Angel Jewellery
- Beautiful Bodies
- Little Treats of Tean
- Pooch Parlour
- Becky's Books
- J.J Designs
- Love Yourself Bath & Body
- Waxphoria
- Fragrances with Kelsie
- All Things Wood
- Knitted Goods
- Handmade Cards & Bags
- Perfectly Crafty
- And Much More!

There's no such thing as too small...
Give a donation to visit our stalls

All Donations go to:
Childhood Cancer
Parents
Alliance



www.ccpa.org.uk

Woody's Adventures

Woody, our amazing attendance bear has had an exciting week with R/1 this week. This is what he had to say;

I had a fantastic time during music, with R/1 and Mrs Whiteley, (it did get a bit loud though)! We had a brilliant time with lots of red paint, making poppies for Remembrance Day. I did need a bit of help holding the paint brush though, (no posable thumbs you see)! Later that day I managed to snatch ten minutes peace in the book corner, with my favourite book, while the children did PE. On Friday I made friends with another furry friend, Herbie the golden retriever. He wanted to play all afternoon and Ms York had to rescue me.

I am looking forward to spending next week with year 3/4, but hope to visit R/1 again soon.





On Monday 1st November, both children and staff arrived at school wearing 'odd socks'! This was arranged to mark the start of anti-bullying week. The week is to celebrate kindness and the uniqueness of everybody. We tried to say at least one kind word to each other and embrace the fact that everyone is different and that is great. We learnt that acceptance is key, that we all matter and we are all equally as valuable as each other. Look at our sensational socks!



National Forest Adventure Farm

On Wednesday 15th December children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the National Forest Adventure Farm's North Pole Experience.

Please can any outstanding payments be made as soon as possible, if you are having difficulty making payment, please contact the school office.



IT'S BACK!



FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will be sent a letter via school to register

Registration opens: 7pm, 29th November 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities



Non Uniform Day

for our Christmas Extravaganza

Friday 26th November

To wear own clothes on Friday 26th November, please bring in a donation to go on the tombola (bottles are good but full ones are best!) Enjoy wearing your own clothes and thank you for your continued support!



Nativity Performances

Our little ones are currently practising hard to wow you with their Nativity performances of 'Prickly Hay', which take place on 7th, 8th & 9th December. Please email the school office for any ticket requests by 17th November, spare tickets will then be allocated to parents who have requested them.



Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Katie and Jan are busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Thursday 16th December.

As the number of children having dinner significantly increases on that day, it is really important that we let the kitchen know, in advance, how much food to order and prepare.

We will, therefore, assume that, **unless you tell us differently**, your child will be having Christmas dinner. **If you wish your child to bring sandwiches from home on that day and not have a Christmas dinner, please email** office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk, **before Wednesday 1st December**. Our kitchen will ONLY be providing Christmas lunch on this day.

If your child receives the Universal Infant Free School Meals, of Income based Free School Meals, there will be no charge for the Christmas lunch, children in Key Stage 2 the cost of the Christmas dinner this year is £2.30 **to be paid in advance via Arbor**.

