



# Great [Wood] News

## Spring Term 1



### School Contact Details



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### Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 18th January	-	Year 4 Bikeability
Monday 22nd January	-	Young Voices
Tuesday 23rd January	-	5 Year Olds Dental Survey
Thursday 25th January	-	Year 2 Multiskills @ TCA
Monday 29th January	-	NSPCC Assembly
Wednesday 1st February	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Friday 2nd February	-	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 5th January	-	NSPCC Y2, 5 & 6 Class Workshops
Tuesday 6th February	-	Safer Internet Day
	-	Academy Photos
	-	Chinese New Year Lunch
Wednesday 7th February	-	Pancake Lunch
Thursday 8th February	-	Parents Evening 3.45pm-5.45pm
Friday 9th February	-	Valentines Lunch
	-	Y5/6 Class Violin Assembly, 2.45pm - Y5/6 Parents Welcome
	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 19th February	-	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 6th March	-	Gymnastics Competition
Thursday 7th March	-	World Book Day
	-	World Book Day Lunch
	-	Stoke's Gotta Sing
Thursday 14th March	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved
	-	Comic Relief
	-	Comic Relief Lunch
Friday 22nd March	-	Easter Celebration Day
	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	-	Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils
Tuesday 9th April	-	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 23rd April	-	St Georges Day Lunch
Monday 6th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed





Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2024 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.



On Friday 2nd February 2024 we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day.

We are inviting our Great Wood children to wear their own clothes for the day; with a number on, or something green. If it is your child's PE day please send them to school in trainers with their own clothes, suitable for PE.

During the day the children will take part in a number treasure hunt and a number of other fun maths activities.

A £1 donation towards the NSPCC would be very much appreciated.

**Our children's favorite, All Day Breakfast Lunch is back!!**

Each Thursday of our week 2 menu, children have a choice of Bacon, Sausage or Veggie Sausage, served with Omelette, Diced Potatoes, Beans or Tomatoes & Toast.

Starting this Thursday, 18th January 2024.

Please be reminded that your child's Arbor accounts are to be topped up in advance,



**World Book Day**



Advanced notice - On Thursday 7th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!

**Lost items**

Please check your child hasn't accidentally picked up another child's school uniform. If this is the case, 'pop' it back into school and we will endeavour to return it to their rightful owner.

Please, please, please ensure that ALL of your child's belongings are labelled. We can always find the real owner of a labelled jumper, or cardigan; anonymous items can be somewhat more difficult!



**PTFA Meeting**

The first PTFA meeting of 2024, will be held on Thursday 1st February at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend, so please come along and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and find out about our upcoming fund raising events.



**Lateness**

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.



**Gloves, Hats and Scarves**

Please can we remind you that it is very cold on the playground at the moment (especially if it is windy), so please can you ensure that your child/children have suitable outdoor clothing. Gloves, hats and scarves are a huge help, in fighting off the cold.



**School Ties**



We are having an increasing number of children arriving in school without their tie. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child wears their tie every day because, as you are aware, it is a compulsory part of our school uniform.

Ties are available to purchase from Something Special, Cheadle.

**Teddies**

It might seem early, but we are on a mission! We are now starting to collect teddies for the Summer Fair!

If you have any clean and not too tatty teddies, we would be very grateful for them, for our amazing name the Teddy Stall.

So if you have teddies in need of a new home, please bring them into school, whenever suits you and we will find them a new loving home.



All the funds raised by our Summer Fair help to provide all those important extras for our Great Wood children.



**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.

**Violin Assembly**

On Friday 9th February our fabulous Mrs Whiteley will be leading our year 5/6 children in their K2M assembly. Parents, Carers and Grandparents are welcome to join us and listen to their amazing violin playing (we are sure you have already sampled this at home)! The assembly will start at 2.30pm. Hope to see you there!



## Parents Evening

Don't forget parents evening!

On Thursday 8th February we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, where staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.45pm – 5.45pm. Bookings are available via Arbor, our online Parent Portal. Here you will be able to choose the most convenient available slot. Each appointment will be 5 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.

Tuesday 6th February

**CHINESE NEW YEAR**

**2024**

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN  
& EGG FRIED RICE  
OR  
VEGETABLE CHOW MEIN  
WITH  
ORIENTAL VEGETABLES

LEMON AND GINGER SPONGE  
WITH COCONUT CUSTARD

Wednesday 7th February

**Pancake Day**

Main Course of the Day  
with  
Veg of the Day  
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Build Your Own Pancake  
choose from  
Lemon & sugar, honey or jam

Friday 9th February

### Valentines Lunch



Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers or Vegetable Goujons  
With Chips,  
Beans & Peas

For dessert...  
Valentines Heart Biscuit

### Snow Days

The weather is unpredictable at the moment and more snow is quite likely. In the unlikely event of a snow day, school will inform parents/carers that the school will be shut, as early as possible via email and Facebook. We always endeavour to keep the school open and if you don't hear from us, Great Wood will be open.

Please DO NOT call school on these days to see if we are open, as this blocks the phone line for those parents trying to inform us of absences due to illness.

During snowy/icy weather, Mrs Wilkinson will be working very hard to ensure our safety, by gritting the paths into school on icy mornings. Please can all parents, children (and staff) make sure they walk only on the pathways that she has gritted.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter, we really appreciate it.



### Stay in Contact

We would like to remind you that if you move house, change your email address, or get a new mobile phone number, you need to inform the school office as soon as possible. We need to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency, so it is vital that we have up to date contact details for all our Great Wood Families.

Please ensure that you let us know straight away, if any of your contact details change.

UPDATE  
YOUR  
DETAILS!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WELCOME BACK!

HAS YOUR SITUATION CHANGED OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK?

3 GOOD REASONS TO CHECK YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

- You **save money** (and time) on packed lunches. ✓
- Know that your child will receive a **tasty and nutritious** meal each day. ✓
- Your school will receive **additional funding** if your application is successful. ✓

Editable text box that will contain contact details, email links or instructions such as:

If your circumstances have changed or you would like to find out more, please contact the school office for more information and help with your application. [office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk)

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**RED & WHITE COMMUNITY NIGHT**

# 5K

## NIGHT-TIME WALK

Friday 15 March  
bet365 Stadium | 6pm

Register **£10** Per person  
Register **£20** Family for 4

Those raising over £150 will become a "Red & White hero!". As well as receiving a SCFC signed ball.

For more information email [community@stokecityfc.com](mailto:community@stokecityfc.com)



**ASM SPORTS** Extra-Curricular Clubs

Book Now for **Spring Term**

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to invite your child to participate in our extra-curricular club at **Great Wood Community Primary School**

Our clubs are open to children of all abilities and provide a further chance to extend learning in an organised, fun and safe environment.

- ▶ Opportunity to practice new sports
- ▶ Improves concentration and behaviour
- ▶ Encourage a healthy and active lifestyle
- ▶ Develops confidence and self-belief

<b>Mini Games</b> Whole School			Enhanced DBS
<b>£4.00</b> per/club	<b>Wednesday</b> 15:30-16:30	<b>From:</b> 17/01/24 <b>To:</b> 20/3/24	Paediatric First Aid
			Safeguarding Children
			£5m Liability Insurance

If you would like to book your child onto the sessions, then please visit [asmports.co.uk](http://asmports.co.uk) to secure your place.

Simply register an account, select your school, and choose your dates. Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' process.

See you at the club!  
**Team ASM Sports**

Phone: 01782 366332    Visit: [asmports.co.uk](http://asmports.co.uk)    Email: [info@asmports.co.uk](mailto:info@asmports.co.uk)  
Address: G22 Genesis Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 4BF  
Registration No: 07376198    VAT No: 159838063



**STOKE CITY** FOOTBALL CLUB

## Soccer school holiday sessions near you!

Sessions are running throughout Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire.

Make sure to scan the QR code to find your nearest venue and get more information on tickets and upcoming events.

Try the web link:  
<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/stokecityfc/>

Courses will run every school holiday for children between the ages 3 to 15 years old.

**Courses include:**  
Mini Potters (3-6 yrs)  
Outfield (6-12 yrs)  
Girls only (6-15 yrs)  
Goalkeeping (6-15 yrs)

STAFFORDS UNIVERSITY

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**Wendy Miller Coaching** *Wm coaching*

**Children's Coaching Classes**

Free trial available!

Would you like your child to:

- worry less?
- be happy and positive?
- feel confident?
- build great friendships?

I teach children about their amazing brains and how they think. This helps them grow in self-awareness, confidence, and gives them the strength to face life's challenges.

Join me to empower your child!

**Weekly term time classes at Christ Church Hall, Tean, Tuesdays, 6:00-6.55pm**  
**£8 a session**  
**For children aged 7 years +**

**Holiday clubs, 1-1 sessions and workshops available**

To book and for more information contact Wendy at:  
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