



Great [Wood] News

Autumn Term 4



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Diary Dates

Thursday 24th October	-	Y3/4 Athletics Competition
	-	PTFA Spooky Disco, 6.30-8.00pm
Friday 25th October	-	School Closes for Half term
Monday 4th November	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 5th November	-	School Re-Opens
Thursday 7th November	-	Non-Uniform Day - Tombola Donations
Sunday 10th November	-	Remembrance
Monday 11th November	-	Anti Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day
Friday 15th November	-	BBC Children In Need
Tuesday 19th November	-	Y5/6 Swimming Gala - <i>Separate letter to those involved</i>
Wednesday 20th November	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 21st November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 25th November	-	Non-Uniform Day - Wine Donations
Friday 29th November	-	Christmas Fayre, 3-5pm - More Details To Follow
Saturday 30th November	-	Tean Christmas Lights Switch On
Tuesday 3rd December	-	R/1 & Y2/3 Polar Express Trip
Thursday 5th December	-	Elf Day & Reindeer Visiting Great Wood
Friday 6th December	-	KS2 Christmas Trip - The New Vic Theatre, The Three Musketeers
Sunday 8th December	-	Churches Together Annual Festival Of Carols
Tuesday 10th December	-	Festival Of Christmas Music @ Victoria Hall
Wednesday 11th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Thursday 12th December	-	Nativity Performance, 5.30pm
Monday 16th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo - Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 20th December	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service, 1.45pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 6th January	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 7th January	-	School Re-Opens for Spring Term



Teddies



We are now collecting teddies for our Christmas 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, asap and we will find them a new loving home for Christmas!

Poppy Appeal

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

This year we have a variety of goodies as well as the traditional poppies.

These will be available to purchase in school now.

Festival Bands	£1.00
Snap Bands	£1.50
Reflectors	50p



All monies raised will go to the Royal British Legion.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Spooky Disco

Our Great Wood Spooky Disco will be on Thursday 24th October 6.30-8pm.

Put on your spookiest outfit because there will be a prize for the best dressed Spook! There will be spot prizes for the spookiest dancers and a raffle at the end of the night.

Each Spook will receive a raffle ticket, a spooky goody bag and as much spooky punch (non alcoholic) as they can drink! *Please bring your own water bottle.*

Entry is £2 per spook and Reception children must be accompanied by an adult.



Applications for Reception September 2024

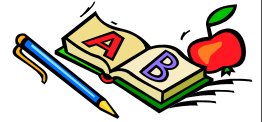
The application process for Reception Class 2025 opens on Wednesday 1st November.

If you, or anyone you know has a child, who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the application process will open soon.

All applications must be done online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

Please be aware that having your child's name in the school book DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.

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



Great Wood Primary Open Afternoon

For parents of children who are starting school in September 2025

Come along and meet our Great Wood family. You'll have the opportunity to:

- Enjoy our warm and welcoming, inclusive school
- Visit our vibrant classrooms
- Speak to our Early Years Team and School Leader
- Celebrate our true family ethos
- Hear all about our strong community links
- Experience an array of exciting activities
- See how we make learning fun
- Witness why Great Wood is GREAT!



**Our open afternoon will be held on
Tuesday 5th November - 2.00pm - 3.00pm.**

Please contact office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk to book a place.

Vicarage Road, Upper Tean, Staffordshire, ST10 4LE.

Tel: 01538 702355 option 4.

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Bluebell Bakes Are Back!

Following previous successes, Bluebell Bakes are coming back to Great Wood on Friday 25th October.

Cake Sale

On Friday 25th October, after school we have a special treat for our Great Wood families.

Bluebell Bakes will be visiting us again and selling homemade cakes for your enjoyment.

This time, with Halloween treats!



Prices will be from £1 up to £3.

CHECKLEY PARISH PUMPKIN & SCARECROW COMPETITION & TRAIL

CREATE A SCARECROW, CARVE A PUMPKIN OR DECORATE YOUR HOME

31ST OCTOBER
ENTRY IS FREE, WITH A PRIZE FOR THE BEST ENTRY

events@checkley.staffslc.gov.uk
Stephanie - 07895168323
@checkleyparishcommunityevents

BIG SCREEN IN TEAN

Monthly Pop-Up Cinema
Showing **FREE** Family Films

25
OCTOBER

The Latest Blockbusters

Scan here to
**BOOK YOUR
FREE TICKETS**

FREE
Refreshments
for Kids

Can you find out what our next film is?
(Hint: Try looking inside our building, asking your school for clues, or track down our Facebook page and send us a message)

Christ Church, Hollington Road, Tean, ST10 4JY
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult over 18

This year we will once again be supporting the BBC Children In Need Appeal at Great Wood. We will be selling wristbands, pin badges, Pudsey/Blush Ears and Stationery, at the following prices:

Pudsey Collectables £1.00	Selection of Pin Badges £1.00	Selection of wristbands £1.00	Pudsey Ears £2.50	Selection of Pudsey Pens £1

Items will be on sale after half term, along with our Pudsey Raffle tickets.
Our donations to charitable causes is a result of your generosity, however, we appreciate it may not always be easy to make contributions.

Non Uniform Day

Thursday 7th November

To wear own clothes on Thursday 7th November, please bring in a donation to go on the tombola, (bottles are good but full ones are best!)

Toiletry sets, toys, homeware, chocolates are also welcome.

Enjoy wearing your own clothes and thank you for your continued support!

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.

ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 11th November

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

All Different
All Equal

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.

This years Flu Vaccinations will be held at Great Wood on **Thursday 21st November 2024.**

For more information, please visit:

Student information:

<https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDil>

Parent information:

<https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLzvs>



Christmas Fayre

On Friday 29th November, we will be holding our annual amazing Christmas fayre. It will run from 3pm until 5pm. If you, or anyone you know, would like a stall at the fayre, (for just a small donation) please let Mrs Buckley, or the school office know and they will be happy to help.



Bug Club

After half term Carrie will be returning to Great Wood with her amazing bugs!

The bug club is available to all children. There will be a charge of £30 for the term.

Places can be booked via Arbor.



Bugs!

We have a couple of bugs going around school at the moment, to help stop these spreading please can you refrain from sending your child back to school until 48hours after any episode of sickness.



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit **and** your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer **yes** to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Multi Sports Holiday Clubs
Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 28 - November 01**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to be active, develop skills and make new friends.

ASM SPORTS PRICE DROP!

ONLY ON NEW BOOKINGS! £15

Includes: Bug C, Inflatables, Musical Mayhem, Pumpkin Carving, Monster Mash, Disco/Party.

OX SPORTS CAMP

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY AT:
ox-sports.classforkids.io

OCTOBER HALF TERM
TUESDAY 29TH & WEDNESDAY 30TH
8:30-16:00

£22 PER DAY
6-11 YEAR OLDS

GREAT WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST10 4LE

FA qualified coaches
DBS checked
First Aid
Safeguarding

CONTACT US!
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OXSPORTS@OUTLOOK.COM

Ox Sports Mini Kickers

Book today!
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9-10am
Saturday mornings (Term Time Only!)

Great Wood Primary School
ST10 4LE

2 years - 4th birthday
£3.50 per session

In partnership with Chedale Town FC

FA qualified coaches
DBS checked
First Aid
Safeguarding

More Information:
07872 410688
oxsports@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook @ Ox Sports

Happy Holiday!

We break up for the Half Term on Friday 25th October. School opens again on **Tuesday 5th November** when we look forward to the second half of a busy Autumn Term!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.



Pudsey Raffle!

KS2 Prizes



KS1 Prizes



Christmas Trips



We are already excited and looking forward to our Christmas trips with our Great Wood children.

Reception, year 1, 2 and 3 children will be going to The Polar Express where they will enjoy an immersive experience, enjoy hot chocolate and meet Santa.

Children in years 4, 5 & 6 children will be going to see The Three Musketeers at the New Vic Theatre.

Both trips are now live on Arbor, under the trips section, with the option to pay in instalments, to ease costs in December.

We are really looking forward to taking the children on these fantastic trips.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Please be reminded that the closing date for Year 6 parents to apply for a high school place, for their child, is **31st October 2024**.

Please ensure that you have made your application before this date. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview and by following the links to 'Apply online'.

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



For health and safety reasons, please can we request that children do not come down the steps from Great Wood Hall to cross Vicarage Road. Please use the driveway and cross with Jan, the crossing lady. Thank you.