



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 6



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### Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th November	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Thursday 21st November	-	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 25th November	-	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate or Wine Donations
Friday 29th November	-	Christmas Fayre, 3-5pm
Saturday 30th November	-	Tea 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



Our PTFA will this year be holding a chocolate wine or water stall at the Festival of Lights, on Saturday 30th November.

Therefore, on **Monday 25th November**, we will be holding a non-uniform day in return for any **wine, or chocolate donations - Please note, all chocolate donations must be able to stand in a bottle bag**, from Cadbury's chocolate bars, boxes, such as chocolate orange and after eights, chocolate lollies, to chocolate Santa's. All donations will be gratefully received and all funds raised will help keep our children enjoying those extra treats and activities.



### PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November, at 6.30pm. Come along and join us and help us plan for all our upcoming Christmas events.



### 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, or Diarrhoea.



### Reindeers and Elves Come To Great Wood

On Thursday 5th December we will be welcoming real live reindeers to Great Wood. The reindeer will be accompanied by Santa's elves and will be happy to pose for photographs with our Great Wood children.

We will be having Elf day on the same day (5th December) and ask our children (and staff) to come dressed as elves for the day. We are asking for a donation of £1 for elf day or £2 for Elf day & a photograph with the reindeer (which will be emailed to you). We will also be having an elf Lucky Dip, which will be 50p a go, with a prize every time along with an guess the number of sweets in a jar, which will be 50p a go.

We are sure that our Great Wood children will have a fantastic time at our Festive event and will really enjoy meeting and feeding Santa's reindeer.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our Great Wood families, for your fantastic support for our children in Need day on Friday.

Our children enjoyed dressing in Pudsey colours, eating Pudsey biscuits and buying Pudsey goodies. We managed to raise £231.67 which is amazing! Thank you so much for all your brilliant support, for this extremely important cause.

### The Polar Express

On Tuesday 3rd December children in Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 will be visiting Telford Steam Railways, Polar Express. Please can any outstanding permissions and payment be made via Arbor by Friday 22nd November. Thank you!



### KS2 The Three Musketeers

On Friday 6th December Key Stage 2 children will be going to see this years performance, 'The Three Musketeers', at the New Vic Theatre. Please can any outstanding permissions and payment be made via Arbor y Friday 22nd November. Thank you!



# Christmas Fayre

Great Wood Primary School,  
Upper Tean  
Friday 29th November  
3pm - 5pm

Come and enjoy our;

Tombola Lucky Envelopes

Homemade Gifts Craft Stalls

Face Painting Lucky Dip

★ Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

and much more!



The colder weather is now upon us and in conjunction with our Health and Safety team, we would like to share some winter safety tips/rules with you.

- If children are riding a scooter, or bike to school, it is recommended they wear a helmet and have reflectors on their scooter/bike (due to the darker nights and icy weather). Can you please ensure that these recommendations are met for the safety of your child.
- When it is icy, please use the gritted paths around school.
- Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves for outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes.
- All children will need a named Great Wood tracksuit, (available from Something Special, Cheadle), for their PE lessons, as in dry weather PE lessons will continue to be outside.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters and for your help in keeping our Great Wood children, healthy, warm and safe.

## 2024 Christmas Activities

### Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 29th November.

There will be lots of stalls, games and prizes to be won. We look forward to you joining us.

To start our Christmas festivities, we invite all children (and adults), to wear non uniform, a Christmas jumper or outfit.



### Tean Christmas Lights Switch on

On Saturday 30th November our PTFA will be holding a stall at Tean's Christmas Lights switch on.

We hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.



### Polar Express

On Tuesday 3rd December our Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3 Children will be visiting Telford Steam Railway, Polar Express. Children will enjoy an immersive train ride and receive the first gift of Christmas.



### Elf Day & Santa's Reindeers

On Thursday 5th December we are asking children (and staff) to join us for a day of Elftastic fun. So get out your red and green clothes, your pointy ears, your elf hat and maybe even your curly shoes! Santa's (real) reindeer will also be visiting Great Wood on Elf Day, for photos with our Great Wood Children.



### Key Stage 2 Visit to The New Vic Theatre

On Friday 6th December our key stage 2 children will be attending this year's Christmas performance of The Three Musketeers, at The New Vic Theatre.



### Churches Together Festival Of Carols

Our fabulous choir will be taking part in the Churches Together, Festival of Christmas carols at Great Wood Hall on Sunday 8th December, 2.30pm.



### Festival of Christmas Music

Our choir are taking a part in the Festival of Music on Tuesday 10th December, at The Victoria Hall. This is a wonderful Christmas event combining the Staffordshire Youth Orchestra and massed schools choirs.

### Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativities

Our Reception and KS1 children are bringing 'Baarmy Bethlehem!' to our stage this year. Rehearsals have been in full swing to perfect our Nativity. We are looking forward to seeing our younger children performing on stage.



### Christmas Bingo

Our PTFA Christmas Bingo will be held on Monday 16th November. Doors will open at 6.00pm and 'Eyes Down' will be at 6.30pm. There will be copious amounts of chocolate to be won, tea, coffee and mince pies to enjoy and of course our fantastic Christmas raffle.

### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Outfit

Ho,ho, ho! Laura and Jan are already busily planning our school Christmas Lunch, which we are all looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 18th December. We also invite our children to wear their favourite Christmas outfit to enjoy the festivities. A non-uniform day, just for fun! So put on your festive outfit, get into the Christmas spirit and join us in dressing up for Christmas!



### Christmas Disco 2024

Our disco will be held on Thursday 19th December from 6pm-7.30pm. Children are asked to bring their own water bottle, which we will fill with juice for them.

We look forward to seeing everyone there for a Christmas boogie!



### Christmas Breakfast & Visit from a Special Someone!

Children are invited to come and join us for a hot Christmas Breakfast and a Christmas film, on Friday 20th December. Please wear your Christmas jumper, or outfit. This year children will be enjoying this special breakfast in the hall, watching a festive film and Santa will be visiting, with sacks full of presents for our amazing children. All children will receive a present. There will be no charge for this event.



## Christmas Dinner



Ho,ho, ho! Our new cook Laura and Jan are busily planning our school Christmas Dinner, which we are looking forward to enjoying on Wednesday 18th 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](mailto:office@greatwood.staffs.sch.uk), **before Thursday 5th 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 £2.75 **to be paid in advance via Arbor**.

## Applications for Reception September 2024

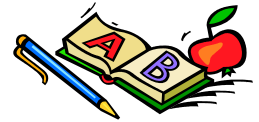
The application process for Reception Class 2025 is now open.

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](http://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.



## CHRISTMAS TOY RUN

Done with the help of Cheadle Lions, EqualBase & St. Giles the Abbot Church

### WHAT?

Please donate **NEW ONLY** unwrapped presents for children of all ages so everyone gets something for Christmas.

### WHERE?

Drop off points at these primary schools  
Bishop Rawle, St. Werburgh's, The Valley  
Great Wood, Dilhorne Primary, St. Giles'  
St. Thomas' Cheadle Primary

### Also

St. Giles the Abbot Church

### WHEN?

Donations needed before  
6th December 2024

If you have donations after this date

Please contact:

Councillor Phillip Routledge: 07722 472233

Councillor Zenobia Routledge: 07853 918810



## Checkley Parish Festival of Lights Saturday 30th November

**1pm-6pm - Great Wood hall, Upper Tean**  
entertainment and stalls and vendors

**11am-4pm - Christ Church Hall**  
festive stalls

**4pm - Jubilee Park, Tean**  
Meet Santa & see Santa's sleigh

**4.30pm - Jubilee Park, Tean**  
Light Procession with Santa's sleigh

**5pm - Great Wood hall, Upper Tean**  
light switch on, with pyrotechnics

Festival of lights  
Light Procession  
Santa's Grotto  
Stalls  
Live Music  
Laser show & Pyrotechnics

Please Be Aware there will be  
loud noises & flashing lights



## CHRISTMAS IN TEAN

### A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

AT GREAT WOOD HALL  
SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 2.30PM

The choir of Great Wood and St Thomas' schools  
UTTOXETER TOWN BRASS BAND

**FREE ADMISSION**

**BRING ALL THE FAMILY AND JOIN IN A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEAN**

#### CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES IN TEAN

##### CHRIST CHURCH (ANGLICAN)

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 11AM - CAROL SERVICE

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 4PM - NATIVITY SERVICE.

"A nativity play like no other! An open invitation to everyone. Come and be the part in the Christmas play that you always wanted to be, but never got to be at school. Show up in your own costume or borrow one of ours; bring your favourite cuddly sheep, donkey, sparkly Angel wings. No rehearsals necessary. Everyone can have a part, young and young at heart 0-100 years. And you can act as much or as little as you feel led to - audience members will also be warmly welcomed"

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 11:30PM - MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 10:00 AM - CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY COMMUNION

##### WELLSPRING (METHODIST)

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 4PM -

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE / REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 AT 10:30AM -

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP AT WELLSPRING CHEADLE

##### ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY (ROMAN CATHOLIC)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 5:30PM - MASS WITH HYMNS

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER AT 3:45 PM - FAMILY MASS WITH CAROLS

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT 5:30PM - MASS WITH CAROLS

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30 pm in Tean High street - come and enjoy carols, readings and prayers as we place baby Jesus in the crib - then it's really Christmas!**

All are welcome to any of these services.

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