



# Great [Wood] News

## Autumn Term 7



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### Diary Dates

Monday 16th December	-	PTFA Christmas Bingo - Doors Open 6pm, Eyes Down 6.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	-	Christmas Non-Uniform
	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	-	PTFA Christmas Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 20th December	-	Christmas Non-Uniform
	-	Christmas Breakfast
	-	Christmas Carol Service, 2pm - All Welcome
	-	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 6th January	-	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 7th January	-	School Re-Opens for Spring Term
Monday 13th January	-	Swimming Starts for Year 4



### 2024 Christmas Activities



#### 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 Carol Service



Come and join us for our final exciting Christmas event of this busy term. We hope that you will join us in our choral festivities at Christ Church on Friday 20th December. The service starts at 2pm and everyone is welcome.

### Our Amazing PTFA!

As always at this time of year, our PTFA have been very busy organising events to raise money for all those extras, for our Great Wood children. We have had our Christmas Fair and next week is our famous Christmas Bingo! These events raise a lot of money for our children.

The funds raised pay for the coaches for our Christmas trips and outings, keeping the costs down for our parents and carers, they paid for all of our children's gifts from Santa and this year our PTFA is also funding our Christmas Breakfast, as a treat for our fabulous children. These events take a lot of hard work and organisation and we would like to thank our PTFA members for all the effort and dedication, that they put into each of them.

**Congratulations to all our hard working PTFA and a massive thank you!**

Our next meeting is Wednesday 12th February 2025, 6.30pm - All Welcome



### PE Days

After the Christmas holidays, there will be a change to our class PE days.

Children are required to wear PE kit on their new PE days from 7th January 2025.

- R/1 Wednesday & Thursday
- 2/3 Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
- 4 Monday (bring swim kits) & Wednesday
- 5/6 Monday & Wednesday



Reminder:

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

### Applications for Reception September 2024

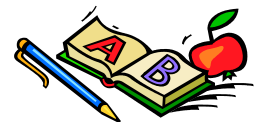
The application process for Reception Class 2025 is now open.

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.



### Poppy Appeal

We would like to extend a huge thank you, to all of you, for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We have raised an amazing £206.53.

The British Legion have asked us to pass on their heartfelt gratitude - they really appreciate all of your help and support. Every poppy, wristband, zip charm, hair band and snap band that you purchased made an invaluable difference to the appeal.



### Swimming

Our Year 4 class will start swimming on **Monday** 13th January 2025.

The children will leave for their lesson on Monday afternoons, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them.

Please note girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



**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.



everymind  
at work

You're not alone this  
Christmas

NATIONAL  
DEBTLINE

0808 808 4000  
[www.nationaldebtline.org](http://www.nationaldebtline.org)

No Panic  
Don't Panic  
Pick up the phone

0300 7729844  
[www.nopanic.org.uk](http://www.nopanic.org.uk)

shout  
85258

Text 85258  
[www.giveashout.org](http://www.giveashout.org)

Cruse  
Bereavement  
Care  
Someone to turn to when someone dies

0808 808 1677  
[www.cruse.org.uk](http://www.cruse.org.uk)

CAMPAIGN  
AGAINST  
LIVING  
MISERABLY

0800 58 58 58  
[www.thecalzone.net](http://www.thecalzone.net)

mind  
for better mental health

0300 123 3393  
[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

SAMARITANS

116 123  
[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

**Don't suffer in silence.**

For more support organisations, you can find the Everymind Mental Health Support Directory on [www.everymindatwork.com](http://www.everymindatwork.com).

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Great Wood Team would like to wish all of our families and children, a very Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year! We have had a hectic and busy half term, but it has been brilliant! We would like to send our thanks to all of you that have helped and supported Great Wood, at our many events this year. We hope you all have a fantastic and peaceful Christmas and enjoy the break.



# ESCOOTERS & THE LAW



DO YOU KNOW THE LAW IF YOU HAVE AN E-SCOOTER?

## What is the law if you have an e-scooter?

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

## Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

## What happens if you are stopped?

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

Following controlled trials of e-scooter hire in two Staffordshire towns these have since come to an end due to the risk and legal implications.

E-scooters are subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the Road Traffic Act 1988. There have been prosecutions in Staffordshire of e-scooter riders in relation to dangerous driving and other offences resulting in their disqualification.

## What is a section 59?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Staffordshire Police also have the powers to seize vehicles. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Report a crime to us at [staffordshire.police.uk](https://staffordshire.police.uk) or call 101. In an emergency call 999.



It is important to know who to turn to especially during the holidays. You have the right to stay safe and speak out. Here are some useful links from the NSPCC to help children get the help when they need it and for Parents/carers to get support too.

- **Online safety workshops for parents/carers:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- **Online Safety information packs for parents/carers** [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)
- **Support for parents hub:** [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)
- **SEND Support:** [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)
- **Right from birth, every time you play with your child, use silly voices, or even sing, you are not just bonding, you are building their brain:** [Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain-building tips | NSPCC](#)
- [Singing Day | Look Say Sing Play | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)
- **Talk PANTS with your children:** [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)
- **It is up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10 minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family:** [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)