



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 1



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Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th January	-	Young Voices 2025
Monday 20th January	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday 30th January	-	Year 2 Multiskills @ TCA
Thursday 6th February	-	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10th February	-	Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6pm
Tuesday 11th February	-	Safer Internet Day
	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 12th February	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Friday 14th February	-	Valentines Lunch
	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 24th February	-	Inset Day - School Closed For Pupils
Tuesday 25th February	-	School Re-Opens
Friday 28th February	-	PTFA Race Night 7pm - 10pm
Tuesday 4th March	-	Pancake Lunch
Thursday 6th March	-	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	-	Treasure Island Theatrical Production
Wednesday 12th March	-	Gymnastics Competition - Separate letter to those involved
Thursday 13th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival @ TCA - Separate letter to those involved
	-	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 21st March	-	Comic Relief
Friday 4th April	-	PTFA Easter Bingo
Thursday 10th April	-	PTFA Easter Disco
Friday 11th April	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April	-	School Re-Opens
Monday 5th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 23rd May	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 2nd June	-	School Re-Opens
Monday 16th June	-	Year 6 Residential Visit



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.



Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2025 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

We would like to welcome Isaac, Arthur and Amara who have joined our school family. We look forward to getting to know you all during our exciting Spring Term.

Parents Evening

Don't forget parents evening.

On Monday 10th February we will be holding our Spring Term Parents Evening, where staff will be available in their classrooms from 3.45pm – 6pm. 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.

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 its 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!



World Book Day



Advanced notice - On Thursday 6th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!

PTFA Meeting

The first PTFA meeting of 2025, will be held on Wednesday 12th 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.



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.

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.



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



16th JANUARY

KIDS CHOICE MENU

Beef Burger or Veggie Burger

Chips

Veg of the Day

Vanilla Sprinkle Sponge

KID APPROVED

edwards and ward
a recipe for success

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.



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

FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



6 week virtual course starting over
Microsoft Teams
Monday 27th January 2025
10-12pm
Tuesday 28th January 2025
17:30-19:30pm

Would you like to feel more confident in your parenting? Would you like to learn more about your child's behaviours and their emotional development? Then Pram to Primary might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-11 year olds with both face-to-face and virtual options available.

To register your interest, please contact:
Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk



FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Scan the QR code for more information

Cheadle Primary Academy
Starting Wednesday 29th January 1pm-3pm

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

Scan here to
**BOOK YOUR
FREE TICKETS**

The Latest Blockbusters

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



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 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

Multi Sports Whole School (Rec to Y6)		
£4.00 per/club	Wednesday 15:30-16:30	From: 08/01/25 To: 09/04/25

- ▶ Enhanced DBS
- ▶ 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 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 Email: info@asmports.co.uk
Address: G22 Genesis Centre, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 4BF
Registration No: 07376198 VAT No: 159838063

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.



On Thursday 6th February 2025 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.

Great Wood Wrap Around

Great Wood Wrap Around Care, is available if you need it.

We open at 7.30am, until the start of the school day and from 3.30pm until 6pm in the evenings. We still have spaces available, so why not come and join us.

For further details, please contact Gina on 07398634160 or to book your place, please visit your child's Arbor account, under the clubs section.

We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!



PE Days

Please be reminded of the change to our class PE days for the Spring term.

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

