



Great [Wood] News

Spring Term 3



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Diary Dates

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
Wednesday 19th March	-	PTFA Meeting, 6.30pm - All Welcome
Friday 21st March	-	Comic Relief
Friday 28th March	-	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations
Tuesday 1st April	-	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala
Friday 4th April	-	PTFA Easter Bingo, doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.30pm
Wednesday 9th April	-	Year 1/2 Gymnastics Competition - Separate letter to those involved
Thursday 10th April	-	PTFA Easter Disco, 6-7.30pm
Friday 11th April	-	School Closes For Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April	-	School Re-Opens
Monday 5th May	-	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday 12th May	-	SATS Week
Tuesday 20th May	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 21st May	-	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 23rd May	-	School Closes For Half Term
Monday 2nd June	-	School Re-Opens
Wednesday 4th June	-	Year 5/6 Young Driver Experience Day
Monday 16th June	-	Year 6 Residential Visit
Tuesday 24th June	-	Academy Photo's - Class Groups, Leavers & Teams



Treasure Island

On Friday 7th March, we will be having some very special visitors to Great Wood. M&M Theatrical productions will be returning to school, with a fantastic performance of 'Treasure Island!' This is a pop up theatre, which arrives with its own cast, staging, lighting, sound, costumes and lots of talent! The performance will be during the afternoon and the whole school will be enjoying the entertainment.

We are very lucky that our amazing PTFA will be heavily subsidising this event and, therefore, the cost to our Great Wood families will be just £5 per child. This can be paid for via Arbor, under the trips section and we would appreciate payment before Monday 3rd March.

Our children will definitely benefit from this exciting opportunity and we look forward to welcoming M&M Theatrical Productions to Great Wood once again.



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term holiday!

We have lots to look forward to during the second half of the spring term, with World Book Day, Red Nose Day and our famous Easter Bingo!



Place your bets...

Great Wood School

Presents

Race Night



Come and join us for a night of virtual horse racing on

Friday 28th February 2025

Great Wood School 7pm-10pm

(bring your own drink and nibbles)

Adults (over 18) only

FREE ENTRY

Individual bets made at £1 per horse, per race

Please inform the school office if you will be attending and let us know if you would be interested in a crèche facility.

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.



Stay & play!

We hope to see you there, enjoying the fun!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to Great Wood on Thursday 13th March.

The cases of books will arrive as usual and children will be able to look at the books and then bring home a wish list of books they would like to buy. Please be aware that this year's book fair, is only available for children to view in school and is not open to parents.

Books can then be paid for online and distributed by school, once we have received the completed Wish List.

For every £1.00 that we raise at the book sale, school will receive commission, enabling us to extend the school library and reading resources for our children.



Happy Book Hunting!

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. All our children will be asked to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book, or wear their pyjamas for reading a story. Whether it's Little Red Riding Hood, Harry Potter or the Wimpy Kid, pick the character that you would most like to be and come dressed as them for the day.

Each child will receive a National Book token to use against the purchase of any book costing over £2.99 at participating book shops, or clubs.



Menu Change

Due to our World Book Day themed lunch on Thursday 6th March, Wednesday 5th March will be Mac & Cheese and not roast.

PTFA Meeting

Our next PTFA meeting, will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 6.30pm.

All are welcome to attend, so please come along and join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and to find out about our upcoming fund raising events.



Please be reminded to keep up to date with your child's account balances on Arbor.

We would appreciate any outstanding payments being made as soon as possible.

Please remember to top up the correct account as money can not be moved.

Thank you.



Y4 Swimming

Year 4 Swimming will continue until the last session on Monday 7th April.



No Gum

Please may we remind you that chewing gum and bubble-gum are not permitted in school. We have noticed recently that this has been forgotten. Please do not allow your children to bring gum, in any form, to school. It is a choking hazard and is often not disposed of correctly. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter and for helping to keep our children safe.

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.



TMPF – Term Dates 2024/2025

Spring Term 2025

Term ends: Friday 11th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

Summer Term 2025

Term starts for pupils: Monday 28th April

May Day: Monday 5th May

Half Term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Term ends: Friday 18th July

Inset Day for staff (schools closed): Monday 21st July.

Summer Holiday: Tuesday 22nd July – Friday 29th August



Important Notice

Please may we remind you **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these and you risk receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child does not attend school.

Our Children's Safety

Unfortunately, we are once again getting a lot of families walking across the car park, instead of on the pavement at the start and end of the school day.

There should be no other vehicles on the car park other than those belonging to staff and arranged visitors, but these vehicles can move at anytime. This poses a danger to anyone crossing the car park, rather than using the pavement.

Please use the pavement when dropping children off, or picking them up. Thank you.



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.



New Menu

WEEK ONE

WEEK TWO

WEEK THREE

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)

Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)
Veg of the Day
Sultana Shortbread (Ve)

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken Tortilla with Golden Rice
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)

Sausages with Mash & Gravy
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Iced Carrot Cake (V)

Chicken Meatballs with Mash & Gravy
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Apple Sponge (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy
Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

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Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

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Veg of the Day
Fresh Fruit Salad (Ve)

THURSDAY

Italian Sausage Pasta Bake
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Sultana Flapjack (Ve)

Mac & Cheese (V)
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Apple Flapjack (Ve)

Penne with Beef Bolognese
Sandwich with a Choice of Filling
Veg of the Day
Flapjack (Ve)

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Veg of the Day
Custard Rice Pudding (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Veg of the Day
Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Brownie (V)

24/2/25, 17/3/25, 7/4/25, 28/4/25, 19/5/25,
9/6/25, 30/6/25, 21/7/25

3/3/25, 24/3/25, 14/4/25, 5/5/25, 26/5/25,
16/6/25, 7/7/25

10/3/25, 31/3/25, 21/4/25, 12/5/25, 2/6/25,
23/6/25, 14/7/25

Choice of **Classic Tomato Pasta** or **Filled Jacket Potatoes** also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, yoghurts, jelly and fresh drinking water.

V – Vegetarian Ve – Vegan