

# LUNCH MENU

## 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>

# DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Cheeseburger with Curly Fries	<u>EYFS &amp; Key Stage 1</u> Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Jamaican Jerk, Barbeque or Roasted Chicken with Rice and Peas	<u>Chip Shop Day</u> Breaded Fish Or Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage with Chips	<u>Pizza Day</u> Meat Feast Or Margherita (Larger slice of Pizza instead of chips)
Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Curly Fries	<u>Key Stage 2</u> Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cottage Pie	Choice of Accompaniments: Mushy Peas, Curry Sauce, Gravy, Baked Beans, Cheese	Breaded Fish With Chips
Sweetcorn Peas	Green Beans Carrots	Jamaican Jerk, Barbeque or Roasted Quorn with Rice and Peas		Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables
Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings
Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches
Jam Sponge with Custard	Pancakes	Chocolate Cracknel	Eves Pudding with Custard	Mousse
Available Daily – Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Fruit Pots, Fruit Yoghurts and Salad Bar				

# NEWSLETTER

Academic year 2019 – 2020

29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a damp and miserable week outside, with rain falling relentlessly during the school day. The children have not allowed the drizzle and rain to dampen their spirits though, and have thrown themselves into their learning. It has been wonderful for me to see so much brilliant work this week, from across the curriculum and across the whole school. It is brilliant to see the first steps in writing from reception all the way to the detailed and complex texts written by our year 6. It is a real highlight of my day (and it happens every day) to see the wonderful work from across the school. Well done to all those children who have been to see me this week.

You will know that last year we worked really hard on improving our school attendance. As a result of all our hard work, the attendance improved significantly from previous years. This means that during the last year, our children were able to make better progress and came to school more often than in the past. It was brilliant to see some children and families who made huge improvements over the course of the year, and as a result our persistent absence rate (where attendance is below 90%) was again the lowest it has been. Due to the success of last year, we are working hard again this year to see if we can improve even further. To help this to happen, we again need to sustain and improve our attendance at school. As you know, education is crucial to the future life chances of a child, and we cannot afford for children to miss their learning. Not being in school means children may fall behind their peers educationally and socially. Missing lessons obviously has a knock-on effect the knowledge and understanding children have and can impact on their attainment and progress. Please can you do everything in your power to ensure that every child is in school every day. Thank you as always for your help and support, especially those parents who work so hard to support children with health needs to attend regularly. If there is any support that school can offer you in this area – please just ask. As with all things regarding your child: we will do everything in our power to support and help you.

This week we have been welcoming another large group of prospective parents for new reception places for 2020 to school to tour the academy. I have run 4 open sessions for these prospective parents and the turnout has been unprecedented. Prospective parents have commented on the calm and settled learning across school, the welcoming ethos of inclusion and the wonderful confidence our children show. I have been supported in these visits by some of our older children, who have spoken passionately about the positive impact Woodhouse has had on them. As we have gone around school, it has been fantastic for parents to see the superb education which is provided by our school. It was great to talk about the outstanding wider curriculum we offer in PE and the Arts, about the great strides we have made in developing our knowledge engaged curriculum in history and geography and seeing the pride the children have in their work. It was a privilege to describe the care and nurture that takes place at Woodhouse and the many ways in which staff and parents work together to support children. Our school is heavily oversubscribed, with large waiting lists in most year groups. The fact that so many families want to bring their children to this school is a credit to the team we have at Woodhouse – children, parents and staff. We look forward to welcoming new families to join our school community in September 2020!

I hope you have a fantastic weekend. Thank you for all that you do to work with and support our school. Together, working as a team, I know we can achieve success

Yours sincerely, Oliver Wilson – Head Teacher

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Nativity  
(A Group at 9:15 – 9:45 and B Group at 2:30 – 3)  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre  
(Food in the Canteen from 3:15 – 4 and Fayre open from 4 – 5:30)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity  
(9:15 – 9:45 & repeated at 2:30 – 3:15)  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Closed to all Children for General Election  
(Open as usual on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Nativity  
(9:15 – 9:45 & repeated at 2:30 – 3:15)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Carol Concert at St Faith  
& St Laurence Church (10 – 11)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas Holidays**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Staff Training Day  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – First Day Back at School  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reception Visit to Town Hall to see ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Choir Visit to Young Voices at Resorts World Arena (1 – 10:30pm)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan – 4W Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6)  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1L Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3A Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited

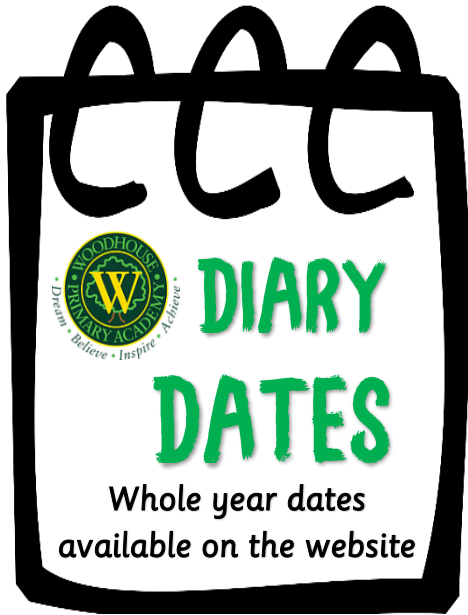
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Half Term Break**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – First Day Back at School  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – 1OW Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day (Plans to follow)  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 5 visit to Harvington Hall  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Sport Relief  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – 5W Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – 4SO Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – 2F Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Nursery visit to Attwell Farm  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Last Day of Term

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Staff Training Day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Holidays**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Apr – First Day Back at School  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed for Elections  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday (Changed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to coincide with VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversaru)



**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **96.29%**  
Last week’s attendance was: **94.22%**  
Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	92.62%	3A	98.67%
RM	85%	3N	96.77%
RW	85.96%	4W	98.06%
1L	91.03%	<b>4SO</b>	<b>99.31%</b>
1OW	96.55%	5W	97.24%
2F	96.67%	5H	95.67%
2G	94.67%	6D	94.74%
RR	92.31%	6L	95%
		6WS	88.50%



Congratulations to **4SO** who had the best class attendance for last week. We had 89 lates last week across all year groups. These, no matter how small, are lost learning time.

Weekly Lates	NSY	RM	RW	1L	1OW	2F	2G	3A	3N	4W	4SO	5W	5H	6D	6L	6WS
Before reg	5	6	6	3	2	7	3	7	10	7	2	3	7	3	1	9
After reg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**THE INCLUSION TEAM AT WOODHOUSE**

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Mr  
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Mentor



Mrs  
Kennedy  
Pastoral  
Lead

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed. If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of the team regarding your child or children’s learning, behaviour, well-being or health then please come along to one of our upcoming surgery sessions, contact us on the email address above or book an appointment through the main office. The most appropriate member of the team, depending on your query, will get in touch with you to discuss next steps and/or arrange a meeting. All members of the team will be on hand at surgery sessions as well as on a daily basis.

We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also there for our families and the wider school community. If we can help in any way: with food bank support, support with uniforms and clothing or with any other aspect of life, then please come and talk to us. If we cannot help directly, we can often sign post to the support needed and help you to access assistance. Please don’t suffer in silence.

# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 29<sup>th</sup> November

## Nursery

Alfie  
Zachary

## Reception

Shona  
Mahdy  
Lilly-Rose  
Anaia

## Year One

Kais  
Nahom  
Adelina  
Laura-Jane

## Year Two

Mila P  
Aaron  
Kai  
Lucretia

## Year Three

Ayat  
Isabella  
Harry B  
Ella

## Year Four

Donte  
Kenith  
Danni  
Eesah  
Trinity

## Year Five

Shakeera  
Kimarnie  
Noah  
Eisa

## Year Six

Ben  
Anika  
Yahia  
Tehlil  
Macie  
Nana

Congratulations to all of these children who have gone over and above with their effort in class and around school this week. We are very proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work. Will it be you next week?



By Augustus



By Macie

Year 6 have been making these fantastic Victorian inspired calendars. They have used a simple three colour scheme to achieve some amazing results. They will be going home for Christmas and adorning fridges and cupboards for 2020.



By Grace F

The  
ART  
Corner

## FRIENDS OF PITTS WOOD

Help us to look after  
'The Spinney'

Come along to our next  
public meeting

Thursday 5th Dec

As you may know, we are in the process of forming a 'Friends of Pitts Wood' group.

Following our first successful public meeting and event, we are now at the stage where we need to deal with a few formal aspects and adopt a constitution and sort out a Management Group. We also want to hear your ideas about what events and activities there should be in the wood.

If you are at all interested in Pitts Wood, even if you can only help out now and again or wish simply to be a supporter, please come along to our next meeting on

Thursday 5th December 2019 at 6.30 p.m. at Quinborne Community Centre.

If you have any queries, get in touch with Clare Sandercock on 0121 429 8221 or [cmsandercock@uwclub.net](mailto:cmsandercock@uwclub.net)

Friends of Pitts Wood Focus/Steering Group



## SEND PARENT CONSULTATION NETWORKS



Birmingham are introducing some important changes to improve the way we do things and in doing so, provide earlier help to schools and families. For most learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities their needs can and should be met in their local school or nursery.

To support this, we are introducing locality SEND teams across the north, south, east and west of the city. The team is made up of educational psychologists, specialist teachers, therapists and Parent Link Officers.

The team will support families and schools when a child needs help to access education. This means that school professionals and families can talk to their specialist team through local drop-in sessions and networks. A telephone help line and texts service to link with the local Parent Link Officer will also be available.

The new locality teams will be meeting with each school in January 2020 and planning a series of drop-in events and networks across the city during the spring term. These meetings will provide the opportunity for families to meet with their local team and to have the opportunity to talk to professionals as well as network with other families.

We know things aren't working as well as they should be by the number of complaints, the high levels of appeals and the high use of our dispute resolution service. Time taken up on dealing with these as well as assessing children and young people to have an Education Health & Care Plan before being able to access specialised services is taking our teams away from the important work with schools and families.

To build up our partnership working and ensure families are really involved with the work we are doing to improve our services we have appointed Parent Link Officers.

### You can meet the Parent Link Officers and hear more about the changes at one of four events across the city:

- **West – 26th November 2019 4.30pm – 6pm, Edgbaston Cricket Ground B5 7QU**  
Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-send-consultation-event-west-tickets-82196510977>
- **North – 27th November 2019 4.30pm – 6pm, St Barnabas Church Centre B23 6SY**  
Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-send-consultation-event-north-tickets-82196304359>
- **South – 5th December 2019 4.30pm – 6pm, The Beeches Hotel B30 1LS**  
Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-send-consultation-event-south-tickets-82197074663>
- **East – 9th December 2019 4.30pm – 6pm, Birmingham City Football Club St Andrews Stadium, B9 4RL**  
Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-send-consultation-event-east-tickets-82197672451>

