Great Wood News
November 2026

This month's value is Responsibility

In today's assembly to introduce this month's value of Responsibility, children shared whether they have taken responsibility for any of the chores that child development experts in the NHS have considered age- appropriate.

Ages 6-7 Fold towels • Dust/Mop floors • Empty dishwasher • Match clean socks • Weed garden • Rake leaves • Peel potatoes and carrots • Make salad • Replace toilet roll

Ages 8-9 Load Dishwasher • Put on a washing load • Hang/fold clean clothes • Dust furniture • Put groceries away • Scramble eggs • Bake biscuits • Walk dogs • Wipe table

Ages 10-11

- Clean Bathrooms
- Vacuum carpets
- Clean Kitchen
- Hang out washing
- Prepare a simple meal

The children were told that the list of chores would be shared in the newsletter. It was interesting for everyone to see that some children are being asked to responsibilities at home and they all thought that they were capable of helping out at home. We started off thinking of who had carried their own book bag and water bottle to school, then replacing a toilet roll…

Thank you to new reception parents for completing feedback on the transition to school experience at Great Wood. The survey results and reflections and available on the website. [Review-of-starting-school-2026-results-1.pdf]

The results of the Parent View process as part of the OFSTED inspection will be included in the online report. Thank you to all those that provided feedback. The OFSTED report will be made available to parents as soon as we receive authorisation. Leaders have been through many inspections and this was the most forensic. One comment made by the lead inspector during feedback stuck: "Children at this school get a really good deal."

Thank you to the PTA for the organisation of the Halloween Discos – all ran smoothly, including the juniors using their water bottles for drinks to reduce plastic waste.

The PTA have a Bake Sale this Wednesday in the mini-hall after school. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off at morning drop-off either at the link corridor entrance or the staff room door (where ice creams are sold from in summer months.)

Here is a link to the Great Wood PTA Amazon List where items that are needed for events are listed with the idea that individuals or businesses can sponsor them.

In last month's newsletter, the revamped School Nursing Service was introduced with an overview of the advice and support that they can provide.

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing Service

Scan the QR code and go directly to our website for further resources and information.

The have asked that we share the details of their new app for instant advice and support.

Mobile Rocket Health App

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

Parents/Carers, Young People and Professionals can now have instant access to health, advice and support on their mobile phones by downloading our new health app. Go to with App Store or Google Play and search Lancs Child and Family or you can scan the QR codes.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

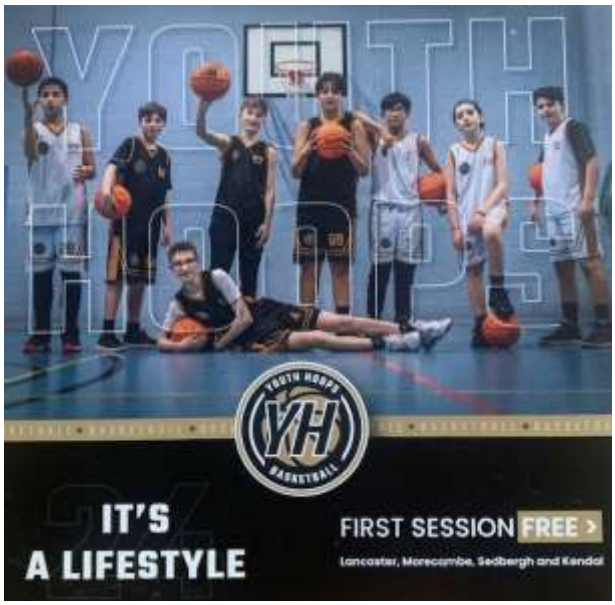
Clubs have started this week; see the original clubs sheet for dates and pick up locations.
Be aware of Diary Dates below – and term dates for 27-28 Great-Wood-Calendar-27.28.docx
This morning 30 school dinners had to be added manually following lunch register. When no lunch is ordered the child is given Option 1 which is better than not having a meal but it may not be your child's preference. Please help avoiding upset by booking meals. We remain one down in the school office.
You may like to know that staff held a Macmillan's coffee and cake and raised over £250.

We dealt with yet another smart phone ‘error of judgement’ just before half term that had impact on others pupils. The deadline to the following has been extended as we had 4 responses.

Two years ago, school shared concerns about the impact of smart phone use and parents completed a survey. Governors discussed the results of the survey at length. GW-Smart-Phone-Survey-October-2024-1.pdf With further growing concern about the impact on smart phone use, Great Wood School is repeating the same survey to see if there is changing opinion in our community. The link to the survey is at the end of Smart Phone Free Child Hood Information and Survey Link The deadline for completing the survey was October 31st 2026 but has been extended. Please let us know your thoughts.

Thank you for your Food Bank donations – they are much appreciated.

Diary Dates

November 26	
Tues 3rd	9am Blue Influencer Assembly Y5&6
Wed 4th	Y6 Road Sense Workshops end of day PTA Bake Sale
Thur 5th	Y5 History Visitor
Tue 10th	5L Pottery at Morecambe Bay Academy
Thur 12th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
w/c 16th	Friendship & Say No to Bullying Week
Tues 17th	Owls visit reception
Wed 18th	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum North
Fri 20th	Children in Need Day – Non Uniform
Tues 24th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 5R Pottery at Morecambe Bay Academy
Mon 30th	4:30pm Governors Meeting
December 26	
Wed 2nd 7:30	7:30 PTA Meeting – Dog and Partridge.
Fri 4th	PTA Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate Donations
Wed 9th	9:15 am EYFS Play for Parents
Thur 10th	9:15 am EYFS Play for Parents
Thur 10th	2:00pm – Year 2 Play for Parents
Fri 11th	9:15am Year 2 Play for Parents 1pm – Sharing Festive stories – bring in books to share PTA Christmas Fair after School
Tues 15th	Juniors to Dukes Theatre in the round
Wed 16th	Christmas Lunch
Thur 17th	Infants to Grand Theatre – Puss in Boots
Fri 18th	School closes at normal time

Dom – our basketball coach asked me to share this. Basketball is popular with both boys and girls.