



## A Message from Mrs. Harris

We have had a busy and productive period in school, and I am pleased to share some of our recent highlights with you. This week we welcomed visitors from other schools within our Trust who came to look at our learning environment. It was a pleasure to show them the purposeful, engaging spaces our pupils enjoy every day, and the feedback we received was extremely positive.

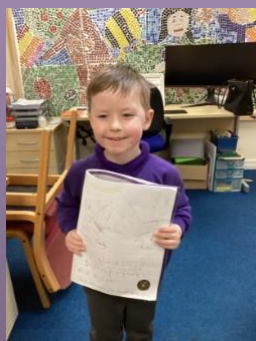
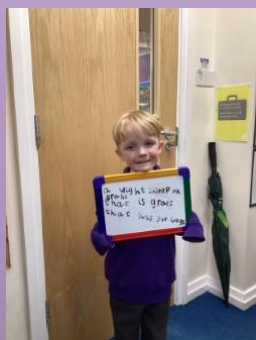
Our parent survey is now open, and we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it. Your views play an important role in helping us reflect on our strengths and identify areas for further improvement. Please do share your thoughts, as they genuinely help to shape our ongoing work. <https://edurio.com/poll/4XLdG2>

Leaders from across the MAT also came together for a strategy day, providing valuable time to collaborate, share best practice, and plan collectively for the benefit of all pupils across our schools. It was a productive session that strengthened our shared vision and direction. Enrichment continues to be a real highlight for the children, and this week's dodgeball sessions were especially enjoyable. It is always lovely to see the enthusiasm and energy that these opportunities bring.

We also hosted a highly successful Bingo Night, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Events like this play an important role in bringing our school community together, and we are grateful to everyone who supported the evening.

Finally, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the PTA. Their ongoing commitment and support make a significant difference to the experiences we are able to offer our pupils, and we are deeply thankful for all they do.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>91.3%</b>
Reception	<b>87.96%</b>
Year 1	<b>90.93%</b>
Year 2	<b>95.53%</b>



Congratulations to **Owls 97.33%** for being the classes with the highest attendance this week! Well done for your *fantastic attendance* this week. **Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**

## Home Awards





## Merit Award Winners

Merit certificates are awarded to children who exemplify our school values, follow our school rules and demonstrate our star learner qualities. Check out our award winners for the last fortnight!

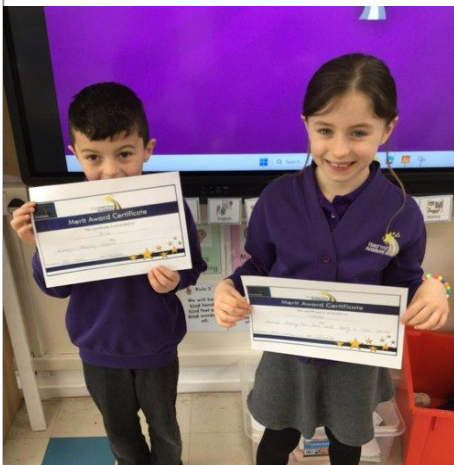
### Reception



Year 1



### Year 2





## Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

	Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Thurs PM	Friday PM	Friday PM
date	1/5	8/5	15/5	22/5	5/6	12/6	18/6	26/6	3/7

Dates for your diaries, all being well weather wise we will be inviting parents to join us for the above Forest school afternoon sessions.  
Times to be confirmed.

### May Day Celebrations

#### Friday 1st May

Reception: 9.15am

Maypole parade in the woodland

Year 1: 10am - Dragonflies

10.30am- Busy Bees

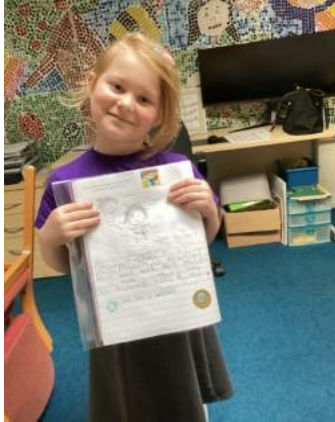
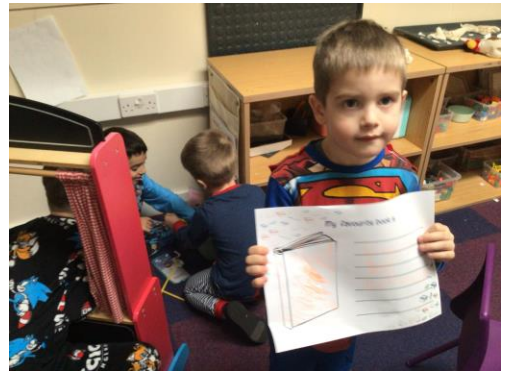
11am- Ladybirds

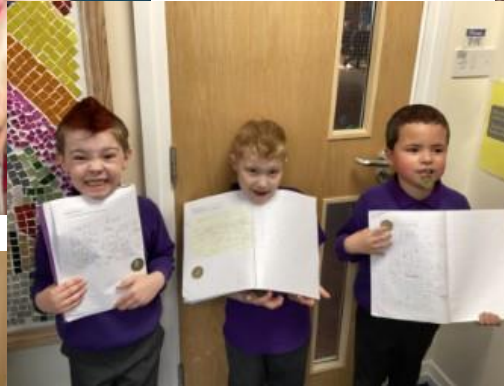
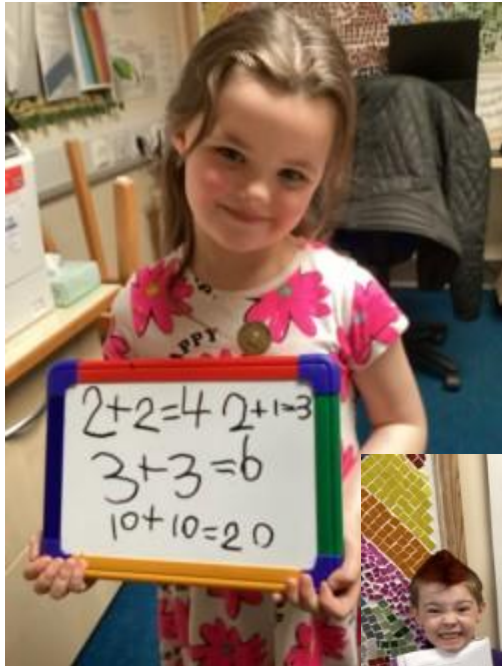
Short maypole dance- top carpark

*Please remember to make your maypoles at home to bring in on the day!*

*If you need help or resources let your child's teacher know!*









## Easter Bingo



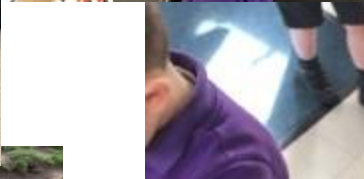
£437 raised!!!



- A huge thank you to the PTA for a wonderful Easter Bingo- we have 2 left over raffle numbers 461477 and 461459









## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



### WHO ARE WE?

We are the Mental Health Support Team and work in schools, aiming to educate young people and families about mental health and wellbeing. We are a Low-Intensity service that supports emerging mental health problems.

### PARENT WORKSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION TO EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Understanding your child's emotions

•  
The importance of self regulation when co-regulating

•  
How to support your child to regulate their emotions

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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WHAT TO EXPECT, PLEASE  
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Midlands Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

Please join us 2pm 25th March  
Come through to the Main office.





## V.I.P Craft day



Last Friday and Monday we welcomed VIPs in for Mother's day celebrations, thank you to all those that came and your positive comments





# Library and Forest School Dates

## Parent Library Mornings – Spring

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

### SUMMER TERM 2026

#### Reception Tuesday Sessions

<b>Foxes</b>	14/4	5/5	2/6	23/6
<b>Squirrels</b>	21/4	12/5	9/6	30/6
<b>Badgers</b>	28/4	19/5	16/6	7/7

#### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

<b>Kestrels</b>	15/4	6/5	3/6	24/6
<b>Owls</b>	22/4	13/5	10/6	1/7
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	29/4	20/5	17/6	8/7

#### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

<b>Dragonflies</b>	16/4	7/5	4/6	25/6
<b>Ladybirds</b>	23/4	14/5	11/6	2/7
<b>Busy Bees</b>	30/4	21/5	18/6	9/7

**Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)**

## Forest School Timetable

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1 w/b	2 w/b	3 w/b	4 w/b	5 w/b	6 w/b	7 w/b	8 w/b	9 w/b
8/9	15/9	22/9	29/9	6/10	13/10	20/10	3/11	10/11
17/11	24/11	24/11	1/12	8/12	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1
2/2	9/2	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	13/4	20/4
27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5	1/6	8/6	15/6	22/6	29/6





# Dates for Your Diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2025-2026

### Autumn Term 2025

**Term starts:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

**Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

**Term Ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Holiday:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

### Spring Term 2026

**Term starts:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Holiday:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Term Ends:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Holiday:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Summer Term 2026

**Term starts:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**May Day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Term & Academic Year Ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Violet Way INSET Days

19th June 2026

20th July 2026

## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning – Every**

Tuesday 9:00am-

10:30am, £2per family

**Coffee Mornings – Friday 17th April**

**22nd April** Trycross Zoo trip

**15th April-** class photos

**May Day events 1st May**

**May Day** Celebrations for Reception and Year 1- 1st May -(note that Year 2 will not be doing Mayday activities with parents as we will enjoy our Y2 production with you instead)

**16th June-** Reception Sports day am- time TBC

**17th June-** Year 1 and year 2 sports day. Time TBC

**7th 8th July** Year 2 performances- Time and tickets TBC

**8th July** year 2 Disco

**16th July** Laches Wood Year 2





Please may I gently remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. These decisions are not made by the school directly, and any money collected from fines goes back to the County, not to us.

We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

## ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1 Day = 2 Sessions**

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

