



FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

NEWSLETTER



Star Foundation

Thank you for your generous donations yesterday for the STAR FOUNDATION and to stock up on our OPAL play time loose parts. We enjoyed a free day of storytelling and drama workshops throughout the day! Photos on Instagram.

Please continue to pop your unwanted goods in to the STAR FOUNDATION clothing bank just outside of school.

PE School Uniform

A gentle reminder that PE uniform is a school logo hoodie and plain tracksuit bottoms. No other logos please.

We expect children to continue to look smart on PE days. Earrings must be taken out either before the session by the child, or before they come to school.

We remind parents to please wait to get your child's earrings pierced until the start of the 6 week holidays to prevent them missing PE lessons which is a core part of our curriculum.



External visitors to school

This week we welcomed Lisa Farmer, the school improvement director for John Taylor MAT. Mrs Farmer conducted learning walks, staff and pupil interviews. We are really pleased with the outcome of this visit.

Thank you to staff and pupils for your ongoing hard work and drive to Be the Best You Can Be!

We also received a visit from Helen Mulligan, school improvement advisor for Relational and Restorative Practice at The Virtual School, accompanied by Lisa Wood, The Head of The Virtual School. Lisa wanted to visit our school to celebrate the impressive work that we have been doing over the past few years. A great week to reflect on our ongoing progress and continuous drive to be at our best for every child in our school

Coffee Morning - All Welcome

Please see the email sent earlier in the week inviting all parents to a coffee morning next Friday 6th February.

We are fortunate to invite Ben Howard from Autism Inclusion Team at Staffordshire to come and talk about inclusion and wider support for families.

It will also be a great opportunity to meet other parents and to speak with Mrs Kirkman, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Day over cake and a coffee.



Pencil Cases

Just a reminder - children in Year 6 only can bring a pencil case to school. This is to help with transition and to enable the Year 6 to enjoy a little more responsibility before going to Secondary School.

We are also seeing children bring in lip glosses and other items that are not needed in school. Please can you check your child's bag each day to ensure that only reading books, coats and water bottles are in bags.

Any medication, must be handed in to the school office- this includes cough sweets and lip salve

Lost Property

Lost Property is still building up in the main children's entrance- please check uniform has your child's name in it to prevent the never ending pile of lost and spare uniform!

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February the children can come to school dressed as a number, they can make a £1 donation that will go to the NSPCC



Friendship Disco!
Thursday 12th February

EYFS & KS1 - 3:30-4:30

KS2 - 4:40-5:50

Tickets can be purchased on
MCAS - £3.50 a ticket

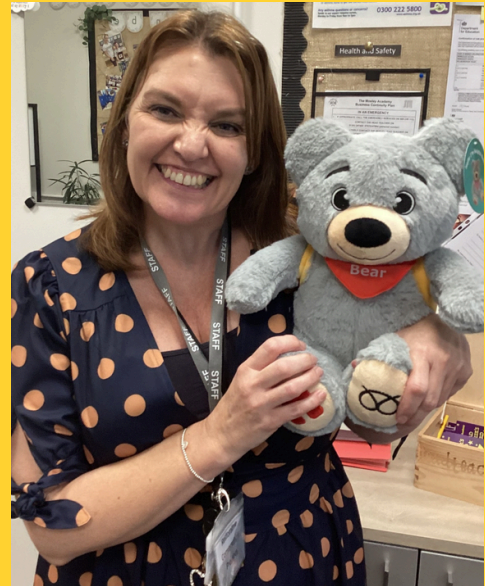
Children can bring money for
drinks, sweets & goodies!

Can you spare some time that evening?
Please let your year group champion know to help
with refreshments, tattoos or the selling of goodies!
Thank you



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception 98%
 Year 1 -97.3%
 Year 2 -99.3%
 Year 3 -96%
 Year 4- 100%
 Year 5 -94.4%
 Year 6 -97.2%



Attendance Awards

Every week, we celebrate the winning class for the highest attendance. You can see the results each week on the newsletter. The winning class is announced in class by Mrs Taylor each week on a Friday and get to enjoy 5 minutes extra playtime.

We also now have a lovely Helpful bear kindly donated by the Staffordshire Little Heroes campaign. Helpful bear will also stay with the winning class each week and enjoy a week of learning in the class with the highest attendance!

Congratulations to Year 4 with 100% attendance!

This week's stars are:



Reception - Arthur
 Year 1 - Sebastian
 Year 2 - Frannie
 Year 3 - Milo
 Year 4 - Tom Bks
 Year 5 - Gian
 Year 6 - Phillippa



Well done to you all!

DATES

<p><u>Tuesday 3rd February</u></p> <p>UK Parliament Assembly for KS2</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 4th February</u></p> <p>Stay and Play for Parents in EYFS at 2pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 6th February</u></p> <p>NSPCC Number Day Come to school as a number with a donation of £1 for the NSPCC</p>
<p><u>Friday 6th February</u></p> <p>Coffee Morning for parents with the Autism Inclusion Team More details to follow</p>	<p><u>Thursday 12th February</u></p> <p>Friendship Disco EYFS & KS1 - 3.30- 4.30pm KS2 - 4.40-5.50pm £3.50 available to book on MCAS under Clubs</p>	<p><u>Friday 13th February</u></p> <p>Break up for half term at normal times 3.20pm, 3.25pm and 3.30pm</p>
<p><u>Monday 23rd February</u></p> <p>Back to school</p>	<p><u>Friday 27th February</u></p> <p>Re-scheduled date for Young Voices</p>	<p><u>Thursday 5th March</u></p> <p>World Book Day More details to follow</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 17th March & Wednesday 18th March</u></p> <p>Parents Evening More details to follow</p>		

John Taylor MAT

CEO: Mike Donoghue OBE MA (Hons), MBA, NPQH, NLE



Dear Parents/ Carers & Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that nominations are now open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award, which all John Taylor Multi Academy Trust pupils are eligible to be nominated for.

The award, which is open to all year groups in all JT MAT schools, is an opportunity for children to gain recognition for their achievements. Pupils may be nominated for the Exceptional Achievement Award at any point in the academic year, based on the following criteria:

Primary Aged Pupils (Early Years, KS1 & KS2)	Secondary Aged Pupils (KS3, KS4 & KS5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County, National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months• Grade 1 or above at KS1, or Grade 3 or above in music or singing at KS2• Performing in televised programme/ film or National stage production• Fundraising for a charity over £2000• Success in overcoming adversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months• Grade 8 or above/ Diploma in music or singing• Performing in televised programme/ film.• Fundraising for a charity over £5000• Success in overcoming adversity

Parents, carers, staff, or peers can make a nomination using the above criteria.

Please complete the online form via this link:

[John Taylor MAT- Exceptional Achievement Award Nomination Form \(Spring & Summer 2026\) – Fill in form](#)

The form will ask you to complete a short paragraph (please work to a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 250 words) in order for the nomination to be fully considered.

Once you have made your nomination, please be advised that we will be in contact with you in the weeks leading up to the ceremony to request supporting evidence, which you should provide to the student's headteacher. Please be advised that you will be notified shortly after this process has taken place to let you know whether your nomination has been successful.

Please provide as many specific details about the achievement as possible, ensuring that you provide full details of which sport/ instrument for example, the achievement involves.

If successful, students will be invited to meet with their headteacher for a ceremony which will take place on **Friday 10th July 2026 at 9:00am**, via a Teams call with Mike Donoghue OBE, CEO of John Taylor MAT, in which they will receive their very special gold pin badge award and certificate of exceptional achievement.

We very much look forward to seeing our school community embrace this opportunity and celebrate those who achieve the award. The deadline for nominations is **4pm on Friday 19th June 2026** and winners will be announced shortly after that date.

If you have any enquiries, please email jtmat-subjectexcellence@itmat.co.uk

With Kind Regards,

Mrs G Martin
Director of School Improvement (secondary)

Mrs L Farmer
Director of School Improvement (primary)



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17th 18th 19th

Admission
£25 a day or book all 3
days for a discount!

Activities

- ✓ Crafts
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Drawing & painting
- ✓ Treasure hunts
- ✓ And many more!

Hosted at the Mosley Academy

Main Rd, Burton upon
Trent, Anslow, Burton-
on-Trent
DE13 9QD

Registration Link

Inclusive-Kids-Clubs.classforkids.io

8:30 - 15:30

Late pick up options
are available!

More Information www.inclusivekidsclubs.co.uk



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
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WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

ANSLOW PARISH COUNCIL'S

Village Clean Up

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

10AM

Meet at
The Bell In, Anslow

Bring your own tools, brooms and gloves if you are able

Jobs include:

*Cleaning Signs, Collecting litter, tidying, weeding
and general maintenance*

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

