



FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026

NEWSLETTER

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL

Welcome back to the Summer Term

We hope that you all had a fabulous Easter.

We emailed out a link with a parent questionnaire to complete for all parents and carers.

We would be really grateful if all parents could complete this.

There is a £25 voucher up for grabs too!

We're part of the



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD
Schools Network

We have joined up with Smartphone Free Childhood to support a growing campaign to change the culture around smartphone use in childhood.

Please sign up to the charter via the letter sent out on MCAS at the beginning of this term.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 enjoyed their first swimming session at The Meadowside this week - they were brilliant!

We forgot to say that PE kit is ideal on a swimming day as it helps with a quicker changing routine.

However, please don't worry if you prefer to send your child in regular school uniform. PE kits are also part of our uniform as long as a school PE hoodie or t shirt is worn.

Thank you.

Free Flow Lunches

This term we have launched free flow lunches for all of the KS2 children. Packed lunches can still be eaten on the benches on the playground and in order to give the rest of the children a little more independence and responsibility, KS2 children can choose when they come in to the hall to have their hot dinner - anytime between 12.05 and approx 12.30.

It has worked an absolute dream! Well done to the dinner staff and children for making this change so seamless!

If anyone can help us replenish our OPAL loose parts we would be very grateful.

We need -

Tyres

Cable wheels

Tarpaulins

Traffic cones

Road barriers

Plastic piping

Foam piping

Pool noodles

Plastic bread/ fruit crates

Old office or garden chairs for the playground

Dressing up clothes - including old shirts, hats, dresses

Suitcases

Push chairs

In fact, anything that you can give to the children to help them build and create amazing play spaces!

Thank You!

May Day Celebrations

Our annual May pole dancing and crowning of the May Queen and King will be held on Friday May 1st at 9am (weather permitting)

Children will need to wear school uniform please.

Children are invited to make a maypole or bring a May Day posy for the parade!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for a small donation during the morning.

Please bring a chair or something to sit on to enjoy the celebration.



MCAS Debts

Please can you make sure that you have no outstanding debts on MCAS, thank you!

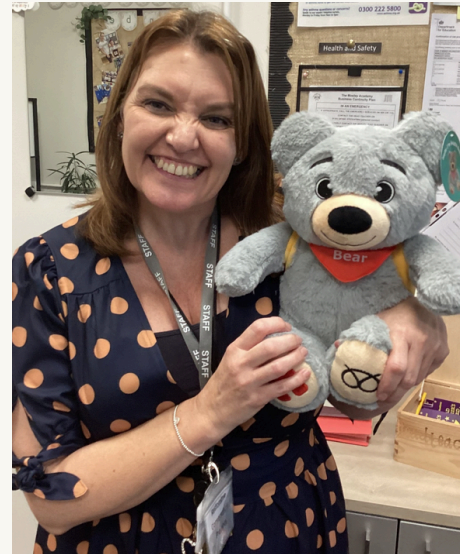


ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception 97%
 Year 1 -95.2%
 Year 2 -92.9%
 Year 3 -98%
 Year 4- 98.1%
 Year 5 -98.1%
 Year 6 -98.3%
 Overall -96.8%



**Awaiting Picture
 will revise on Monday.
 Apologies.**



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 6 with 98.3% attendance!

This week's stars are:



Reception - Rory
 Year 1 - Noah
 Year 2 - Aditya
 Year 3 - Max R
 Year 4 - Eliyas
 Year 5 - Georgia
 Year 6 - Theia



Well done to you all!

Parent Online Safety Questionnaire

This week in school the children have been completing Online Safety questionnaires to check their understanding and knowledge around keeping safe online.

The children have lessons on Online Safety every Wednesday in school and this is also incorporated into their Computing and PSHE lessons.

We would really appreciate if you would also complete our Parent Online Safety Questionnaire.

Thank you, Miss Twells and Miss Luce

Online/Safeguarding Parent Quiz April 2026



DATES

Thursday 23rd April

Events Committee meeting at The Bell at 6.30pm
All Welcome!

Friday 1st May

May Day Celebrations at 9am on the playground
Weather Permitting.

Monday 11th May

Reception Class Trip to Ash End Farm
Available to purchase on MCAS under the Clubs tab.

Friday 22nd May

OPAL Stay and Play afternoon at 2.30pm
All welcome to come and play!

Friday 19th June

Fathers Day Lunches KS2
Coming soon to book on MCAS

Monday 22nd June

Fathers Day Lunches EYFS & KS1
Coming soon to book on MCAS

Friday 26th June

WCET Celebration Concert for Y3 & Y4
Available to purchase on MCAS under the Clubs Tab.

Friday 3rd July

INSET DAY
School closed to pupils

Friday 10th July

Sports Day at 1.15pm
More details to follow

Tuesday 14th July

Seaside Day KS2
More details to follow

Wednesday 15th July

Seaside Day EYFS & KS1
More details to follow

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 Leavers Lunch with parents.
More details to follow

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9am Year 6 Leavers
Assembly for Year 6
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2.20/2.25/2.30pm

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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@jtmat.co.uk

With Kind Regards,

Mrs G Martin
Director of School Improvement (secondary)

Mrs L Farmer
Director of School Improvement (primary)



THE GARDEN PATCH STAY & PLAY

Every Wednesday
10:00am - 12:00pm

FREE
Drop in sessions will be at Hill Street Health and Wellbeing Centre DE15 9LD

A warm welcoming group for Mum's, Dad's, Grandparents and your little ones to connect with nature and learn how to grow and look after your own fruit and veg. Exploring through indoor and outdoor nature activities



Please Contact East Staffs Family Hub
Tel: 01283 233400
Email: eaststaffsfamilyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk



New! Free Play

Join our new welcoming free play session for parents/carers with 0-4 year olds. Drop in for as little or long as you like, ask our Family Hub Coaches questions and get advice and support with your child's development and wellbeing while they socialise with other children.



When and where?

Monday's 9.30am-12.30pm
East Staffs Family Hub
Waterloo Street
DE14 2NJ



Family Hub Best Start Launch

Family Event for Ages 0-19

A fun day for children, young people and families to explore, play and connect with the community

- Games, Crafts & Entertainers
- Early Years - Youth Provision
- Information & community partners attending
- Food & Refreshments Available



East Staffordshire Family Hub

Thursday 28th May 11am-3pm
East Staffordshire Family Hub
Waterloo Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2NJ

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PACKED LUNCH



Skip the morning rush - Bring in your child's empty lunch box and we will fill it!

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1 Bring in your child's lunch box.
- 2 We'll fill it with a fresh, tasty and nutritious lunch!
- £ Entitled to Free School Meals? It's FREE!



SIGN UP TODAY!

Speak to your Catering Manager / School Reception to sign up!

SCAN ME!

or visit: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals for more info about Free School Meals!