



FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

NEWSLETTER

Baby
Boy

Congratulations to Mrs Kirkman!

We all wished Mrs Kirkman a wonderful maternity leave on Friday, thinking that she had a few weeks before her baby boy arrived! However, this was not the case, and baby had a different plan! Welcome to the world Luca George Kirkman. The Kirkman family are doing well - and we wish them all the love and luck over the next few weeks as they settle in to their 'new normal'

Sports day information- July 10th

We are looking forward to our annual Sports day event and fair on Friday July 10th. Races will aim to start for 1.15 pm on the school field. Gates will open at 1pm, access is via the main school car park.

Please bring a chair or something to sit on for the afternoon event. We ask parents to stay the opposite side of the track and children will be with their teachers under the gazebos.

Please ensure that children are dressed in their school PE kit, have a water bottle and sunhat. They will also need to have sun cream on prior to the event - ideally the 8 hour cream.

Fingers crossed for fair weather; however, we cannot order sunshine unfortunately! We aim to make a decision first thing in the morning if the field is too wet, or rain is forecast during the afternoon.

The Summer fair will follow promptly after the races beginning at approximately 3.30 pm.

Thank you to the Events committee for organising and helping at the fair - and to all of the staff who support the success and smooth running of the fair during the afternoon. Year 6 children will be running their own stalls during the afternoon too so please bring plenty of change to spend. All funds go toward the school fundraising pot. We are really keen to extend our outdoor provision, with the purchase of an Eco-hut on the school field.

We have chosen the Eco Hut that we would like to order - and we are not too far off being able to fund this, so any pennies and pounds that you can contribute would be greatly received!

Reminder about mobile phones in school

We have seen a slight increase in children bringing in mobile phones. We do not allow children's mobile phones in school, unless absolutely necessary and they **MUST** be handed in, turned off direct to the main school office.

If your child must bring a mobile phone in to school, please can you let the school office know via email. Children must bring their mobile phone directly to the school office via the main office entrance, prior to entering the school cloakrooms. Children have been asked to collect their phone after exiting classrooms and then collecting direct from the school office.

Thank you for your help with this.

Smart phone free school

Just a reminder that we are a smart phone free school. Please help us to support mental health and anxiety related illness in childhood by delaying when you buy your child a mobile phone.

While smartphones have their place, they were designed for adults – and there's now clear evidence they're not always good for children. From rising anxiety and sleep issues to online bullying and distraction, many families are questioning whether early smartphone use is really in children's best interests. We see these concerns within our own community and within friendships at school. Often impacting on children's behaviours when they are in school.

That's why we're supporting a simple but powerful idea: the Parent Pact, part of the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign. It's a growing national movement of families choosing to delay giving children smartphones until at least age 14, and social media until 16 – and doing it together, so no one feels like the only one holding out.

You can learn more and watch a short video, and if it feels right for your family, sign the Pact [here](#). It's already been signed by families at 50% of schools in the UK, and you can see live data for which schools have the most Pacts signed in our area. As a school community, we're lending our support to this movement – not because we believe there's one right way to do things, but because we think this is an important conversation for all of us

. We know that every family's situation is different, and many of you may already have devices in your household – for your child or their siblings. It's never too late to reset boundaries, build healthier screen habits, or take small steps toward a more balanced digital life.

If you're interested, we're also sharing some helpful tips from Dr Rangan Chatterjee on how families can navigate this together.

Children's commissioner survey.

Please scan the QR code to a survey for children to complete from the Children's commissioner.

Please encourage your child to respond to this important survey.



September 2026 – Key Stage 2 Places

We are pleased to see continued high levels of interest in places at our school and we are full in all year groups EYFS to Year 2.

As we look ahead to September, we would like to make families aware that there is now limited availability in some of our Key Stage 2 classes.

If you are aware of any families considering a move to the area or looking for a school place, we would encourage them to get in touch with the school office as soon as possible to discuss availability and arrange a visit.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in promoting our wonderful school within the community.

Opal

We would like to pop a 'build' afternoon in either at a weekend or one early evening after school.

If anyone is able to share their 'handy' creative skills with us, please speak to Mrs Rowe or Mrs Day.

We are looking for a variety of new areas and structures to be created, eg pallet dens, an additional mud kitchen area and a stage area on the field.

Thank you in advance!

Lost property reminder

Please don't forget to label all uniform
- we have piles of uniform again!

Free to a good home where there is no name on the clothing.

MCAS Payments Up To Date

Please ensure your MCAS accounts are up to date, we still have a number of accounts with outstanding dinners and wrap around amounts.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

NO...

- **SQUASH IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE**
- **WEARING CLOTHES BACK TO FRONT**
- **HAIR CHALK**
- **NAIL VARNISH**
- **UNHEALTHY SNACKS AT PLAYTIME**
- **TEMPORARY TATTOOS**
- **BRIGHT SOCKS OR TIGHTS**
- **FUN HAIR ACCESSORIES**
- **SUPERHERO CAPES**
- **CRAZY HAIR STYLES**

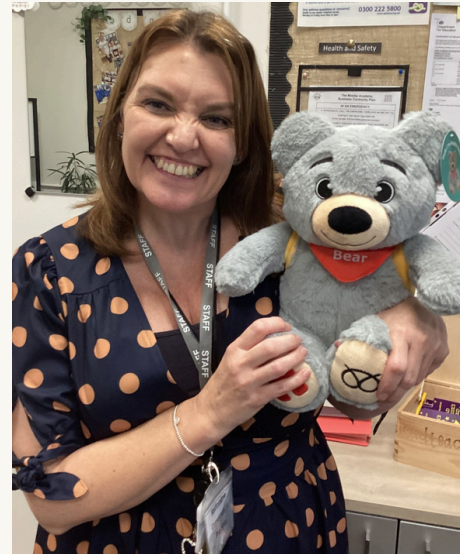
TO BREAK THE RULES BRING IN A DONATION OF A BOTTLE OF WINE AND/OR TOMBOLA PRIZE!





ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 91.3 %
 Year 1 - 99.7%
 Year 2 - 97.7%
 Year 3 - 98.3%
 Year 4 - 97.1%
 Year 5 - 97.2 %
 Year 6 - 99.3%
 Overall - 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 1 again with 99.7% attendance!

This week's stars are:



Reception - Elayah
 Year 1 - Reuben
 Year 2 - Oscar
 Year 3 - Henry
 Year 4 - Sam
 Year 5 - James
 Year 6 - Maddie
 Well done to you all!



DATES

Friday 19th June

Fathers Day Lunches
KS2
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs tab

Monday 22nd June

Fathers Day Lunches
EYFS & KS1
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs tab

Thursday 25th June

Year 1 Class Trip to
Peak Wildlife Park.
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs Tab

Friday 26th June

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

Thursday 2nd July

Break The Rules Day!
Bring
Bring a donation of
wine and/or a tombola
prize for Summer Fayre

Friday 3rd July

INSET DAY
School closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th July

Class 2 Class Trip to
Tamworth Castle.
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs Tab

Tuesday 7th July

Year 6 Trip to
Whitemoor Lakes.
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs Tab

Wednesday 8th July

3.30-4pm
Parents welcome to
Meet their new teacher
for next year.

Friday 10th July

Sports Day at 1.15pm
and Summer Fayre at
3.30pm
Details on this
newsletter

Tuesday 14th July

Seaside Day KS2
Details on last weeks
newsletter

Wednesday 15th July

Seaside Day EYFS & KS1
Details on last weeks
newsletter

DATES

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 Leavers Lunch
with parents.
12.20pm
Coming soon to book
on MCAS

Friday 17th July

9am Year 6 Leavers
Assembly for Year 6
parents.

Friday 17th July

Break up for Summer
2.20/2.25/2.30pm

Thursday 3rd September

Back to School.

INSET DAYS FOR 26/27

SEPTEMBER 1ST AND 2ND

OCTOBER 23RD

JANUARY 4TH

JULY 2ND (JTMAT)

Train to Teach in Local Schools

Primary (3-7)

Primary (5-11)

Primary (5-11) SEND

Secondary (11-16)

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Full or
Part-Time
Routes

Placements in
local schools
across the East
and West
Midlands

QTS &
PGCE
only routes



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