



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

NEWSLETTER



Opal re accreditation

We are immensely proud to announce that we have been awarded the top recognition for the second time for our OPAL lunchtime provision!

We are now a double platinum school!!

This is a significant achievement, as although we do not have the actual data for this yet, we believe, from our own research that we are the second in Staffordshire to achieve this amazing recognition!

Well done to our pink ladies play team, to Miss Chilvers as our new Curriculum Opal lead and everyone who has helped contribute to making our play super special!

Long may it continue!

To celebrate we would like to invite parents to join with us in an OPAL session on Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm-3.20pm.

Please come prepared to build a den with the children! It's a hands on session for all to be involved!

Opal donations

Thank you for all your donations towards the OPAL play. Please can we remind parents that all donations must be checked by school staff before dropping off.

We have had a pile of long pieces of wood delivered in the school car park, that although is a kind thought, is not something that we need for OPAL. Before dropping anything off, please check with Mrs Rowe, Mrs Day, Miss Chilvers or the school office.

Thank you!

New pedestrian access- work commencing next week!

As of Monday 12th October, work will begin to create a new pedestrian access for parents and visitors during the school day, this is phase one of a two-part project, that has kindly been funded by the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust. There will be a road management system in place for approximately 4 weeks outside the school, opposite The Bell. During this time we ask you to please be patient with the contractors as they work as quickly as possible to improve the access to school for the health, safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Year 6 netball team- Dove Valley sports tournaments

Very well done to our Mosley netballers for being committed and putting their best efforts and determination into every single match played last night at Shobnall Leisure Complex. We could not be prouder of you! We drew two and lost two, so not bad for a first run out! Special thanks to Miss Chilvers for taking the children and coaching them through the tournament. We loved your enthusiasm and determination too! A great start all round!



Congratulations Annie!

Annie rode for her pony club yesterday (Meynell) in the Area 6 mini championships in Lincolnshire and she came 1st and champion in both the 50cm and 60cm showjumping. She rode against children from all of our area, aged up to 14 and some even on horses not ponies. The classes were huge, 28 in the 50cm, 30 in the 60cm. They rode their hearts out to beat the runner up by a staggering 6 seconds in the 60cm. We are so proud of Annie and Scooby (show name The Mystery Machine), we are so proud of you!

Lost property and donated items

We have huge amounts of uniform in school. We have just two requests - could a parent or two, please come and help us with sorting this into sizes ready to pop out for parents in the next week or so. Secondly, if anyone would like to collect some uniform, please do! We have a lot of school jumpers that are free to a good home!





Harvest Festival

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Harvest Festival celebrations, on **Thursday 22nd October.**

At 9am we will welcome KS2 parents and EYFS and KS1 parents at 2.45pm.

We will be donating non perishable foods and toiletries to the Hope charity. John Anderson from Burton Hope will be collecting the donations at the end of the day after the harvest celebrations. Space in the hall is limited, so it is often a bit of a squash and a squeeze in the hall to watch the children perform a little song or poem. We ask that only two parents or grandparent per child attends with younger siblings to sit on knees please!

Please send Harvest donations in the last week of term and will build up our lovely display of donations!

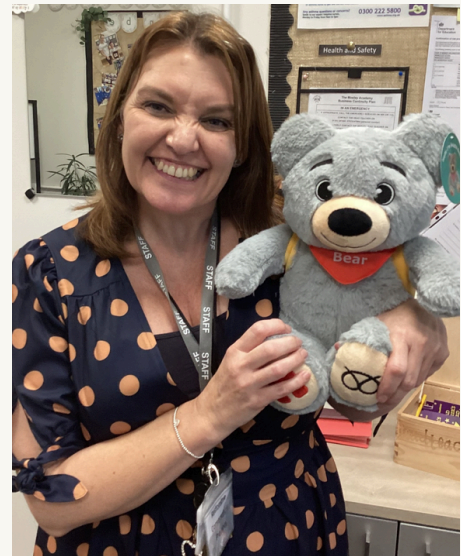


ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 97.7%
Year 1 - 95.7%
Year 2 - 100%
Year 3 - 98.7%
Year 4 - 97.9%
Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 99.4%



Overall -98.5%



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 2 & Year 5 both with 100% attendance!



This week's stars are:

Reception - Markel
Year 1 - Rex
Year 2 - Erel
Year 3 - Ada
Year 4 - Jude
Year 5 - Noah
Year 6 - Maisie

Well done to you all!



DATES

Tuesday 13th - 16th October

Year 6 Residential to
Laches Wood
Available to purchase
on MCAS under the
Clubs Tab

Thursday 15th October

Star Foundation Visit
More details to follow

Monday 19th October

Parent Consultations
Evening
More details to follow

Tuesday 20th October

Parent Consultations
Evening
More details to follow

Wednesday 21st October

EYFS Parent Lunch
11.30am
Available to purchase
on MCAS under Clubs

Thursday 22nd October

Harvest Festival
9am - KS2
2.45pm - EYFS & KS1
More details to follow

Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED TO
ALL STUDENTS

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Half term

Monday 2nd November

Back to School

Tuesday 3rd November

Year 5 Class Trip to
Burton Fire Station
More details to follow

Wednesday 4th November

Year 1 Parent Lunch
11.45am
More details to follow

Wednesday 4th November

School Disco
EYFS & KS1 - 3.30-
4.30pm
KS2 - 4.40-5.50pm

DATES

Thursday 5th November

Outdoor Classroom
Day & Parents OPAL
Stay & Play
2.30-3.20pm

Friday 13th November

Children In Need

Non Uniform Day, £1
minimum donation to
Children In Need

Wednesday 25th November

Year 2 Parent Lunch
12pm

More details to follow

Tuesday 1st December

Whole School Trip to
Lichfield Garrick
Pantomime
Will be a 5pm Return
to School

More details to follow

Thursday 3rd December

Events Team
Christmas Film Night

More details to follow

Wednesday 9th -11th December

Year 5 Trip to
Whitemoor Lakes

Available to purchase
on MCAS under Clubs
Tab

Wednesday 9th December

EYFS Nativity - 9.15am
& 2.30pm

More details to follow

Tuesday 15th December

JTMAT Christmas
Concert
Year 6 Group

More details to follow

Thursday 17th December

KS2 Christmas Carols
at 9am & 5pm

More details to follow

Friday 18th December

Christmas Party

More details to follow

Friday 18th December

Break up at 2.20pm,
2.25pm and 2.30pm

Monday 4th January

INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th January

Back To School

14th Sept
5th Oct

WEEK 1	MEAT FREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Pb	Tomato & roasted vegetable pasta	Beef burger with baked potato wedges	Roast turkey with mashed potato & gravy	All day breakfast	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Pb	Tomato & roasted vegetable pasta	Quorn™ burger with chips	Cheese & onion pie served with new potatoes	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Pb Vegan sausage & chunky chips
Accompaniments		Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
Desserts		Shortbread	Pb Fruit flapjack	Plain muffin	Pb Chocolate brownie	Ice-Cream & fresh fruit
Fresh fruit or yoghurt		Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
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21st Sept
12th Oct

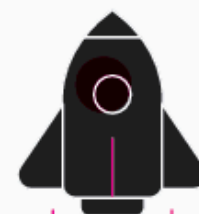
WEEK 2	MEAT FREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish		Cheese & bean wrap with potatoes of the day	Chicken curry & rice with naan bread	Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish		Cheese & bean wrap with potatoes of the day	Vegetarian korma & rice	Pb Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Pb Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
Accompaniments		Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
Desserts	5 & 10p	Chocolate & pear sponge with custard	Apple & cinnamon muffin	5 & 10p Pb Oaty biscuit with fresh fruit	Fruit meringue	5 & 10p Cheese & crackers with grapes
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7th Sept
28th Sept
19th Oct

WEEK 3	MEAT FREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish		Tuna and tomato pasta	Spanish chicken in a tomato sauce with 50/50 rice	Roast pork with creamy mash potato & gravy	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Hot dog served with chips
Vegetarian Main dish		Tomato pasta	Pb Quorn™ in a Spanish style tomato sauce with rice	Roast Quorn™ and mash	5 & 10p Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges
Accompaniments		Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
Desserts		Lemon shortbread	Blueberry & banana muffin	Strawberry whip	Chocolate crunch	Ice cream
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All of our music groups are **FREE** of charge for Staffordshire children

BLAST OFF!



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR BLAST OFF GROUP...

AT BURTON MUSIC CENTRE



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WELL DONE IN YOUR MUSIC LESSONS!

You are now invited to join our Blast Off Group at Burton Music Centre,
The de Ferrers Academy - 6th Form Campus, Waterloo St,
Burton-on-Trent, DE14 2NJ.

*Rehearsals are from 17:00 to 18:00 and are for all instrumentalists,
Beginner to Grade 1 standard. Please remember to bring your instrument to
the session, or contact us if you need help with equipment.*

Please contact Stephen.Partridge@entrust-ed.co.uk to find out more - or please visit the venue to see our groups in action.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP AND BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE.

The Riverway Centre, Riverway, Stafford, ST16 3TH Tel: 0333 300 1900 Email: musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk
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Burton Music Centre

Rehearsals and Concerts 2026/27

Centre manager: Stephen Partridge (stephen.partridge@entrust-ed.co.uk)



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What's on? Burton Music Centre

John Taylor Free School
Branston Rd, Tatenhill,
Burton-on-Trent, DE13 9SA.

The de Ferrers Academy
6th Form Campus, Waterloo
Street, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 2NJ.

Burton Stringsters

Time: 16:30-17:30 **Level:** Grade 1 to Grade 2
Tutor: Mr Fuller

Burton Training Wind Band

Time: 16:30-17:30 **Level:** Grade 1 to Grade 2
Tutor: Miss Williams

Burton Orchestra

Time: 16:45-17:45 **Level:** Grade 3 and above
Tutor: Mr Robinson

Vox Fortis Vocal Group

Time: 16:45-17:45 **Level:** All school ages
Tutor: Mr Partridge

Dates (Monday weekly rehearsals) – John Taylor Free School

September: 21, 28 **October:** 5, 12, 19 **November:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **December:** 7 (Concert only)
January: 11, 18, 25 **February:** 1, 8, 22 **March:** 1, 8, 15 **April:** 19, 26 **May:** 10, 17, 24
June: 7, 14, 21 (Concert only)

Burton Blast Off!

Time: 17:00-18:00 **Level:** Beginners to Grade 1 **Tutors:** Mr Partridge / Miss Painter

Dates (Wednesday weekly rehearsals) – The de Ferrers Academy

September: 23, 30 **October:** 7, 14, 21 **November:** 4, 11, 18, 25 **December:** 2, 7 (Concert only)
January: 20, 27 **February:** 3, 10, 24 **March:** 3, 10, 17 **April:** 21, 28 **May:** 5, 12, 19, 26
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