



THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2026

# NEWSLETTER



## **Harvest Thanks!**

Well done to all of the children who performed in our wonderful harvest performances today!

Thanks so much for the generous donations of food and toiletries to the Hope Charity. Mr Anderson and Reverend Andy are very grateful for your support and community spirit!

Wonderful singing, poetry and prayers to finish the half term!

## **EYFS parent lunch**

Big thanks to all the EYFS parents who came for roast dinner on Wednesday.

It was great to see you all in school enjoying time with your children.

## **Glow Disco**

The Glow Party Disco is taking place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

EYFS & KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 - 4.40-5.50pm

Available to purchase on MCAS under the Clubs tab.

## **Parents evening thanks!**

Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening this week at school, these are important meetings with your child's class teacher to find out how they have settled in to their new classes and next steps on their learning.

Thanks from all the teaching team for such kind and positive feedback. Staff were buzzing with positivity about working with your children and our families so thank you! 😊



## Online safety reminder

As the nights draw in and the days shorten it is very likely that children want to spend less time outdoors and more time online.

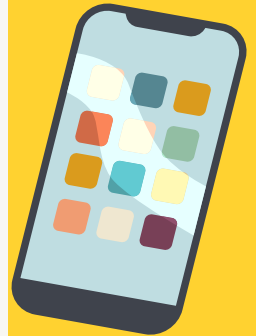
Please remain aware of what your child is accessing online and who they are communicating with.

Check you have the necessary security settings on your child's devices. If you would like to learn more about this please visit our school online safety page .

## Phones

Please can we remind our families that children must not bring a phone in to school unless necessary. If your child must bring a phone in school it must be turned off and handed in before entering the main entrance doors, direct to the school office. It must also be turned off until children have left the school premises.

Please can we also ask that your child does not wear a smart watch to school, that is or can be, connected to the internet. If your child is found with either a smart watch that is linked to the internet or a phone that has been kept in a locker, we will need to confiscate the device and a parent will need to collect this from the main office.



Have a wonderful half term!  
We would like to wish you all a happy half term holiday.  
Thanks for your support and generosity this half term!



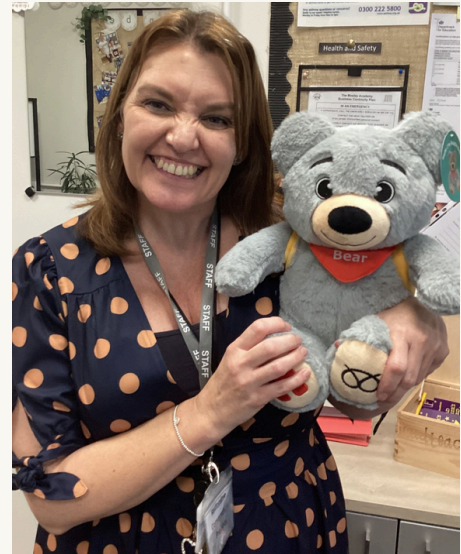


### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 96.7%  
Year 1 - 94.2%  
Year 2 - 97.9%  
Year 3 - 97.5%  
Year 4 - 95.7%  
Year 5 - 99.6%  
Year 6 - 97.6%



Overall -97.1%



### **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 5 with 100% attendance!**



This week's stars are:

Reception - George  
Year 1 - George  
Year 2 - Amelia  
Year 3 - Roman  
Year 4 - Thiaag  
Year 5 - All  
Year 6 - Thea  
Well done to you all!



# DATES

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| <b><u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Back to School                                                                             | <b><u>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Year 2 Bhangra Dance Workshop at JTHS<br><br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs Tab                        | <b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Year 5 Class Trip to Burton Fire Station<br><br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs Tab                    |
| <b><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Year 1 Parent Lunch 11.45am<br><br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs            | <b><u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><br>School Disco<br>EYFS & KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm<br>KS2 - 4.40-5.50pm<br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs Tab | <b><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Outdoor Classroom Day & Parents OPAL Stay & Play 2.30-3.20pm                                                    |
| <b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Children In Need "Run for Pudsey" £1 donation and all children come to school in PE Kit | <b><u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</u></b><br><br>Year 2 Parent Lunch 12pm<br><br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs                                     | <b><u>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</u></b><br><br>Whole School Trip to Lichfield Garrick Pantomime<br>Will be a 5pm Return to School<br><br>More details to follow |
| <b><u>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</u></b><br><br>Events Team Christmas Film Night<br><br>More details to follow                           | <b><u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><br>Year 5 Trip to Whitemoor Lakes<br><br>Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs               | <b><u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><br>EYFS Nativity - 9.15am & 2.30pm<br><br>More details to follow                                                  |

# DATES

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**

JTMAT Christmas  
Concert  
Year 6 Group

More details to follow

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**

KS2 Christmas Carols  
at 9am & 5pm

Mre details to follow

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** **December**

Christmas Party

More details to follow

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** **December**

Break up at 2.20pm,  
2.25pm and 2.30pm

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** **January**

INSET DAY

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** **January**

Back To School

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

| WEEK 1                               | MEAT FREE | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY                                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Main dish                            |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges | Chicken teriyaki served with noodles or rice | Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy |  Spanish chicken in a tomato sauce with 50/50 rice | Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips                                                                                |
| Vegetarian Main dish                 |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges | Cheesy pasta                                 | Roast Quorn™ and mash                        |  Quorn™ in a Spanish style tomato sauce with rice  |  Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips |
| Accompaniments                       |           | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar    | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar    | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                                                             | Peas & baked beans<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                                             |
| Desserts                             |           | Shortbread                                | Iced sponge cake                             | Oaty apple squares                           |  Chocolate brownie                                 | Strawberry whip                                                                                                      |
| Fresh fruit or yoghurt               |           | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                    | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                       | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                       | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                                                                                                                | Fresh fruit or Yoghurt                                                                                               |
| Jacket potato and sandwich selection |           | Jacket potato and sandwich selection      | Jacket potato and sandwich selection         | Jacket potato and sandwich selection         | Jacket potato and sandwich selection                                                                                                  | Jacket potato and sandwich selection                                                                                 |

9<sup>th</sup> Nov  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec

| WEEK 2                               | MEAT FREE | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY                                     | THURSDAY                                                                                                | FRIDAY                                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Main dish                            |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges | All day breakfast                         | Roast chicken with creamy mash potato & gravy | Meatball sub served with coleslaw and Roasted veg                                                       | Crispy battered fish & chunky chips         |
| Vegetarian Main dish                 |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges | Vegetarian all day breakfast              | Roast Quorn™ and mash                         | Veggie meatball sub with coleslaw and roasted veg                                                       | Breaded vegetable fingers served with chips |
| Accompaniments                       |           | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar     | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                               | Peas & baked beans<br>.....<br>Salad bar    |
| Desserts                             |           | Lemon muffin                              | Ginger Biscuit                            | Fruit Flapjack and Custard                    |  Chocolate brownie | Jelly & 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                      |
| Jacket potato and sandwich selection |           | Jacket potato and sandwich selection      | Jacket potato and sandwich selection      | Jacket potato and sandwich selection          | Jacket potato and sandwich selection                                                                    | Jacket potato and sandwich selection        |

16<sup>th</sup> Nov  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec

| WEEK 3                               | MEAT FREE | MONDAY                                                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                 | THURSDAY                                            | FRIDAY                                                                                                                 |
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| Main dish                            |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges                                                             | Spaghetti Bolognese                                                                                                                                                                          | Roast turkey with new potatoes            | Marinated Chicken Wrap Served with Diced Potatoes   | Crispy battered fish & chunky chips                                                                                    |
| Vegetarian Main dish                 |           | Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges                                                             |   Vegetarian bolognese | Crispy battered fish & chunky chips       | Marinated vegetable Wrap Served with Diced potatoes |  Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips |
| Accompaniments                       |           | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                             | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                                                                                                                    | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar | Seasonal vegetables<br>.....<br>Salad bar           | Peas & baked beans<br>.....<br>Salad bar                                                                               |
| Desserts                             |           |  Chocolate brownie | Oaty Biscuit and Custard                                                                                                                                                                     | Lemon Cake                                | Rice pudding with Fruit Compote                     | Fruit Jelly                                                                                                            |
| 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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# HAF fun this half term

**Holiday Activities and Food** funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals.  
Paid places also available.

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# John Taylor MAT

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



Dear Parents/ Carers and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that nominations are now open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Awards (Autumn 2026) for which all John Taylor MAT pupils are eligible to be nominated for.

The awards are an opportunity for young people to be recognised and celebrated for their achievements, and pupils may be nominated based on the following criteria:

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

**Please complete the online form via this link:**

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

The form will ask you to complete a short paragraph; as a guide, **please work to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 250 words** for the nomination to be fully considered. Please be as specific as possible and provide a good amount of information regarding the achievement.

Once you have made your nomination, please be advised that, if successful, you will be invited to attend an online presentation ceremony, where Mike Donoghue OBE, CEO, will speak about each of the incredibly talented recipients, who will then be presented with a very special gold pin-badge and certificate from their Headteacher in school; parents will be welcomed to attend via Teams.

Please be advised that the presentation is scheduled for **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2026 at 9:00-10:15am**; once you submit your nomination, please hold space in your diary to be available to attend.

Please be advised that we may request supporting evidence regarding your nomination, which you should provide to the student's headteacher.

Please be advised that, regretfully, we cannot accept nominations for students who have previously been successful in securing an award in a very similar activity/ discipline; we understand that you will be incredibly proud, and have every right to be, particularly where progress has been achieved in a given activity where the young person has already displayed a great talent, however, they will be ineligible to receive another award on this basis.

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 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2026** and we will be in contact with all who have made nominations shortly after that date to notify whether their nomination has been successful.

If you have any enquiries, please email [jtmata-subjectexcellence@jtmata.co.uk](mailto:jtmata-subjectexcellence@jtmata.co.uk)

Sent on behalf of Gill Martin and Lisa Farmer, Directors of School Improvement, John Taylor MAT.

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**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCT - CREWE**

Sir William Stanier School

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCT - WOLVES**

Our Lady & St Chad Academy Sports Centre - WV10 8BL

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCT - COALVILLE**

Castle Rock High School

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCT - BURTON**

Shobnall Leisure Complex

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCT - STAFFORD**

Stafford Manor High School

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCT - SOLIHULL**

North Solihull Sports Centre

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCT - BLOXWICH**

Bloxwich Active Living Centre

**WED 28<sup>th</sup> OCT - STOURBRIDGE**

Crystal Leisure Centre

**THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> OCT - CANNOCK**

Cannock Chase High School

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCT - WALSALL**

Oak Park Active Living Centre

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCT - BIDDULPH**

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