FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER



Children In Need

The children had a fantastic day on Thursday, taking part in the BBC Radio Derby's "Run for Pudsey" All the year groups took part in Pudsey circuits, The Mosley Mile and Dance for Pudsey!
Thank you so much for all your donations, we have raised an incredible £256.55!!!
Amazing!
Thank you!

Football match vs Richard Crosse

What a fantastic match yesterday. We are so proud of the team. We played a very close match and finished with a 1-1 draw.
Special thanks to Mr Carvell for managing our team so well!
We are hoping to be able to build on our sports offer this year to enable more and more children to get involved in school sport and exercise!
Thank you to all of the supporters who cheered the children on last night!!

We have added another date for a parent tour, Monday 30th November at 1.45pm. Please share these with friends and family and encourage them to book on to see our school in action and meet the children and out team! Contact the school office.



Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. We have a breadth of activities for children to join in with next week to think about being kind, being respectful and how to promote friendship and positivity.
On Monday 16th November , it is Odd Socks Day, please encourage your child to wear odd socks to school, School uniform but with odd socks!





Year 1 Multi Skills Festival

Mrs Peach, Mrs Insley and Miss Fern took Year 1 to Henhurst Ridge Primary School on Thursday this week for a fun packed Multi Skills Festival.
The children had so much fun, learning different skills and thouroughly enjoyed the morning.

Phunky Foods

Our Year 5 Phunky Foods ambassadors met yesterday to plan a new healthy eating project for this year! Watch this space with more details to follow.

Lichfield Garrick Robin Hood

Reminder that the whole school will be returning at 5pm on Tuesday 1st December after the panto!

Christmas Film Night

We would like to invite all of the children to a fundraising evening on Thursday 3rd December, to watch a choice of Christmas themed films, enjoy a hot chocolate and a Christmas treat.

Mobile phone free

Please can we remind our pupils and families that no child is allowed to have their mobile phone in their bag or their locker during the school day. Phones must be handed in to the main office, before entering the main doors and then collected at the end of the day after dismissal by returning back to the office from the playground and directly to the office.
Phones must be turned of f when handed in to the school office.

Please can we also remind parents that phones must not be used during parent lunches or parent visits. We continue to allow parents to take photos as our school performance events, but remind you that these must not be posted on social media channels of children other than your own.
Thank you in helping to keep our children safe.

Preparation for winter illnesses

We know how difficult it can be to decide whether to keep your child home when they are feeling under the weather. We want to work in partnership with you to keep attendance high, support your child's learning, and ensure they are safe, comfortable, and well cared for.

Minor Illnesses vs. When to Keep Them Home
Many minor conditions–such as a mild cold, runny nose, slight cough, headache, or tiredness–do not mean a child needs to stay home.
If you are ever unsure, we encourage you to send your child in; our staff will always keep a close eye on them and contact you straight away if they become too unwell to remain in school.

For clear, practical advice on whether specific symptoms require an absence, please refer to the official NHS guidance: Is my child too ill for school?

When Your Child Must Stay Home
Please keep your child at home if they have:
A high temperature / fever (and wait until it passes before returning).
Vomiting and/or diarrhoea (guidance typically recommends waiting 48 hours after the last episode).
A contagious illness that requires isolation under health guidelines.

How to Report an Absence
If your child is genuinely too ill to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible on the first morning of absence by:
Calling the school office on 01283 247465 or
Emailing office@mos.jtmat.co.uk
Please be specific about your child's symptoms so we can update our records accurately.

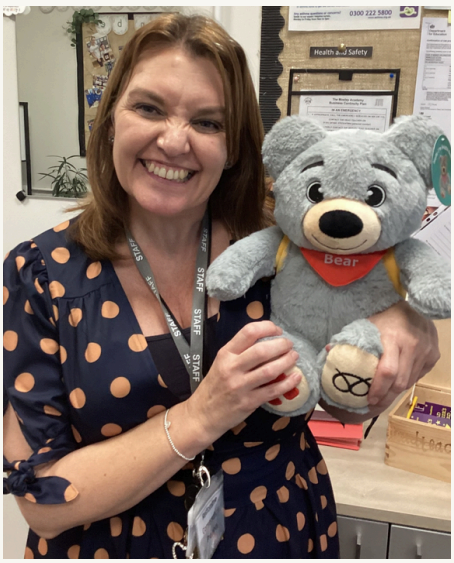
Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child get the most out of their education.
If your child is experiencing anxiety, long-term health challenges, or if you are ever unsure how to handle an attendance concern, please reach out to us so we can support you.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 98%
Year 1 - 98.3%
Year 2 - 95%
Year 3 -100%
Year 4 - 99%
Year 5 - 99.4%
Year 6 -95.6%

Overall -97.9%





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 3 with 100% attendance!

This week's stars are:

Reception - Oscar
Year 1 - Delilah
Year 2 - Mae
Year 3 - Edward
Year 4 - Jack PB
Year 5 -Tom Bks & Noah
Year 6 - Annabelle N
Well done to you all!

DATES

Monday 23rd November Y5 & Y6 Trip to Lichfield Cathedral Charge on selected childrens accounts on MCAS	**Wednesday 25th November** Year 2 Parent Lunch 12pm Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs Tab	**Tuesday 1st December** Whole School Trip to Lichfield Garrick Pantomime Will be a 5pm Return to School Available to purchase on MCAS under Clubs Tab
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 & KS1 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

2nd Nov
23rd Nov

WEEK 1	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 / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Peas & baked beans / 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
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9th Nov
7th Dec

WEEK 2	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 / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Peas & baked beans / Salad bar
Desserts	Lemon muffin	Ginger Biscuit	Fruit Flapjack and Custard	Chocolate brownie	Jelly & fresh fruit
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16th Nov
14th Dec

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables / Salad bar	Peas & baked beans / Salad bar
Desserts	Chocolate brownie	Oaty Biscuit and Custard	Lemon Cake	Rice pudding with Fruit Compote	Fruit Jelly
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Supporting Emotional Wellbeing

Free Online workshop for parents

Join us for a free, friendly workshop with practical tips to support your child's emotional wellbeing and your own

What we'll cover:

- Child and adolescent anxiety
- Emotional regulation
- Low mood and confidence
- Stress within the family
- Parent mental wellbeing



Date: Monday 27th[th] November 2026
Time: 13:00PM - 14:00PM
Location: Mircosoft Teams
Spaces are limited so booking is essential
Follow the QR code or visit
sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support

Links will be sent out sepperaty upon booking via our QR code.

We look forward to seeing you there

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Parenting And Managing Behaviour

Free Online workshop for parents

Join us for a free, friendly workshop with practical tips to support your child's emotional wellbeing and your own

What we'll cover:

- Challenging behaviour
- Setting boundaries
- Positive parenting strategies
- Improving communication
- Strengthening family relationship



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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)
▪ 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	▪ 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

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 11th 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 18th 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 jtmat-subjectexcellence@jtmat.co.uk

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