



Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Academy Photography - Monday 7th April 2025



Academy Photograph will be visiting our school on **Monday 7th April 2025**. They will capture memorable moments of our learners, including class group photos, Year 4 Leavers', and graduation photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform and look their smartest so that you can treasure these memories forever.

Congratulations - Hydra Class - Attendance



Congratulations to our Hydra Class. We are thrilled to announce that our Hydra class has won this week's attendance achievement with an impressive 100%! 🏆 Attendance is incredibly important for our learners' success, and we are so proud of each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment. A big congratulations to all the learners in Hydra class!

We hope you enjoy having Cyril the Squirrel with you this week.
Keep up the fantastic work!

Easter Bonnet Parade & Assembly



On Thursday 10th April 2025 at 9.30am, the learners at Squirrel Hayes First School will be taking part in our end of term Easter Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade. More details have been sent home in a separate letter.

Parents/Carers and family are invited to come along and join in our Easter celebrations. The Assembly and parade will commence at 9:30am and will take place in the school hall. Please report to reception on arrival. Funds raising from 'Friends of Squirrel Hayes' events will be used to buy prizes for the best Easter Bonnets and Egg Scenes in each class.

Stoke City - Ticket Offer



Just to draw your attention to a ticket offer for Stoke City's Good Friday fixture against Sheffield Wednesday on the Friday 18th of April. Adult tickets are available for £10 and concessions £5. Please click the link below:

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[Select Tickets for Stoke City v Sheffield Wednesday 24/25: Stoke City F.C. Ticketing](#)

Edwards and Ward Catering Firm Update



Just a reminder that unfortunately school meal prices have increased from 1st April 2025 from £2.95 to £3.20.

Tatton Park - Draco Class - May 6th 2025



This year your child will have the opportunity to enhance their learning with an educational visit to **Tatton Hall to take part in their Tudor experience**. This will take place on **Tuesday 6th May 2025**. In order to support the school's budget for learning outside of the classroom, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£10.00 which payment can be made on parent pay**.

On this visit, school children usually wear a simple Tudor style outfit to get the most out of the day. Please can you ensure that your child is in school for 8:15 a.m. so that we are able to leave in good time.

Packed Lunches - Recycling



In our effort to encourage responsible recycling and reduce waste, all non-recyclable and recyclable waste from packed lunches will now be sent home with the children. This initiative supports our goal to foster eco-friendly habits both at school and at home.

We kindly ask parents to ensure that their child's packed lunch includes reusable or recyclable containers wherever possible. Together, we can make a positive impact on our environment, one lunch at a time!

WCET Celebration Concert 2025



As you will already be aware, as part of your child's curriculum they have been learning to play a musical instrument. Hydra have been learning to play the Recorder whilst Draco have been learning to play the Ukulele. Letters have been sent home regarding the learner's participation in a Music performance at the Symphony Hall Birmingham on the 16th June 2025. Further details will follow nearer to the time of the visit.

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Reception - Height & Weight Checks



We are pleased to inform you that, as in previous years, the Families' Health and Wellbeing (0-19) Service has once again been commissioned by Staffordshire County Council to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme. They will be visiting our school on **Monday 19th May 2025** to carry out this important programme.

Letters with further details have already been sent out to parents and carers. If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Changes to contact details



Please can we remind parents that if any circumstances change i.e. phone numbers, emails or address details please could you let the school office know so we can update the system and have the correct details on file. We always need two contact numbers in case of an emergency.

Easter Holidays



- School will close at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday 11th April 2025 for the start of the two-week Easter Holiday.
- School will re-open to both staff and learners on Monday 28th April at 08:45am.

5-19 Drop in Schedule for Staffordshire Schools

Families Health and Wellbeing Service

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP IN CLINIC

Hosted by School Nurses this is open to parents/carers and young people of Staffordshire. Takes place every Thursday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, even during the school holidays.

The School Nurse is here to help children and young people, aged 5-19, feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and get the best from their education.

- Scan the QR code, or type in the link <https://mpft.live/schoolnurse>
- Enter your contact details
- Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
- Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room where your conversation can begin

If you need to speak to a School Nurse outside of these times please call the freephone number: 0808 178 0611 & press option 1

Health Nurses are here to support children/ young people with any health or wellbeing concerns they may have. In addition to the virtual School Nurse Drop-in sessions there are a number of communities Drop in sessions

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you can access too, see details in the link below <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. *Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:*

SUMMER TERM 1st Half 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Monday 7 th April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 th April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY -	School Closed
Tuesday 6 th May 8:15am - 3:15pm	Educational Visit - Tatton Park - Tudor experience	Draco Class (Y 3 / 4)
Wednesday 7 th May	NSPCC - Speak Out Stay safe - Assemblies	Whole School
Wednesday 14 th May	NSPCC - Workshop for Year 2	Year 2
Monday 19 th May	School Nursing Team - Height & Weight checks	Reception Class

Yours sincerely,
 Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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