



Friday 11th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing Update - After Easter Holidays



As you will now be aware, Mrs. Percival is about to commence her maternity leave. We are all very excited for Mrs. Percival and look forward to being introduced to the new addition to her family and wish her all the best. Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Miller are now working together to teach Hydra class and are supported by Miss Moore and a new temporary member of our team Miss Futter.

When we return after the Easter break Mrs. Oakes will be supported in Teaching Draco by Mrs. Roche. Mrs. Roche has been working alongside Mrs. Percival and Mrs. Oakes and has already been introduced to the class. She is excited to become part of our hard-working team, whilst Mrs. Johnson-Allen is still off work. Supporting Mrs. Oakes and Mrs. Roche will be Miss Jones, Mrs. Byrne, Miss Bettany, Mrs. Landon and Mrs. Tanveer as a new temporary member of staff. We will also be welcoming back Miss Heath who is returning from her maternity leave and she will be working in Early Years and Draco class.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Howard whose last day with us will be Friday 11th April. Mrs. Howard has been a valued member of our team and her creativity and artistic flare will be greatly missed, amongst many other skills. I am sure you will join us all in wishing Mrs. Howard the very best.

In Columba Class we will also be welcoming two new temporary members of staff Miss Shahbaz and Miss Nixon. They will be working alongside Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Walklate and Miss. Gould.

Please join us in making all of our new team members welcome as we move into the Summer Term.

Easter Bonnet Parade & Assembly



Today all our learners took part in our end of term Easter Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade. It was wonderful to see so many faces at our Easter Celebration and your support is most appreciated.

I am pleased to announce the following winners of the Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene competition:

Columba 1st prize - Isla Grace

Columba 2nd prize - Amara-Leigh

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Hydra 1st prize - William
Hydra 2nd prize - Lilly
Draco 1st prize - Lottie-Lou
Draco 2nd prize - Arlo

As ever, it was really difficult to choose the winners as all of the contributions were so fantastic and creative. Thank you for helping your child/children to make our Easter Assembly such a success.

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:

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

Space Cadets - Holiday Club



We understand that working around the school day can sometimes pose a challenge with the increasing demands of work and home life. Space Cadets is based at Squirrel Hayes First School and runs a before and after school club for school aged children aged 4 to 11 years old. Breakfast club runs from 7.30am - 8:45am (Squirrel Hayes children can just turn up so long as they are registered with Space Cadets). After school club runs from 3.15pm-6.00pm (needs to be pre-booked). **Space Cadets also run a holiday club available from 7.30am to 6.00pm.** For further information please either speak to the office or call Krystle 07500803876.

Space Cadets Holiday
14th - 25th

Monday 14th - Messy Monday. A day filled with messy activities, water play, painting, crafts and more

Tuesday 15th - indoor and outdoor sports day fun

Wednesday 16th - Gardening and Baking Day

Thursday 17th - Bike and scooter day. Bring your own bike or scooter in to enjoy riding throughout the day.

Friday 18th - CLOSED

Monday 21st - CLOSED

Tuesday 22nd - Easter party Day. Dance away to party songs, play musical statues, and take part in lots of party games.

Wednesday 23rd - Easter Crafts Day

Thursday 24th - Bouncy castle Day

Friday 25th - Easter Funday! Enjoy taking part in Easter egg hunts, egg and spoon races, and some surprises!

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Tatton Park - Draco Class - May 6th 2025



Learners in Draco class 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 participating in the visit that they arrive at school for 8:15 am. 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.

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.

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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. **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
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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Please see below information regarding Easter Events from Jodie Hancock (Events & Partnership Officer)



Holiday Activities & Food Programme -HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) delivers inclusive activities and a hot meal over the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 years who are eligible for benefit-related school meals.

If your child is eligible, they can have up to four free places on our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and you will receive an email or letter with your child's unique 'HAF' code.

Staffordshire County Council has funded local organisations to develop a timetable of enriching activities where children will get the opportunity to try new things, work on arts and crafts, cookery and sport as well as receive a hot meal wherever possible.

Please use the website to find out what's on in your local area, apply online for Free School Meals to see if you are eligible, or visit our frequently asked questions.

Search: Staffordshire County Council Holiday Activities and Food to discover more.

You can come into the Town Hall, Biddulph Library or visit the Family Hub if you need help accessing this information.

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Food Options Biddulph

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis points for a number of different reasons.

In order to provide the most appropriate help for your situation we work with a variety of local agencies. In Biddulph, you can contact Biddulph Town Hall. If they feel you are struggling to put food on the table, they could issue you with a Foodbank voucher.

The local Foodbank can also provide long-term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for your crisis.

Our Foodbank work with several different agencies, such as Money Advice, Citizens Advice, Family Hub, and Health Visitors.

When you visit or call the Town Hall they will take some basic details from you to complete the voucher.

This will help them to identify the cause of your crisis and offer practical guidance. It also means we are able to prepare suitable emergency food for the right number of people.

BIDDULPH FOODBANKS

ST JOHNS

OPENING TIMES: CLOSED
 MONDAY: 11:00-13:00
 TUESDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED

TUNSTALL ROAD
 KNYPERSLEY
 ST8 7AA

ENGLISH MARTYRS RC CHURCH

THURSDAY: 18:00 - 20:00
 MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: CLOSED
 FRIDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED

ST JOHN'S ROAD
 BIDDULPH
 ST8 6JG

TUNSTALL METHODIST CHURCH

FRIDAY: 16:30-18:30
 MONDAY-THURSDAY: CLOSED
 SATURDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED

QUEEN'S AVENUE
 TUNSTALL
 ST6 6EE

BIDDULPH YOUTH & COMMUNITY ZONE

COMMUNITY CAFE

EVERY TUESDAY 9.30-11.15AM

UNLIMITED HOT DRINKS AND FREE
 HOT FOOD ITEMS

FAMILY-FRIENDLY & OPEN TO ALL

**THE GREEN TREE HOUSE
 HIGH STREET BIDDULPH**

Foodclub
 10 items for £5
 20 items for £10
 30 items for £15

Tuesday
 10:30-15.00
 Wednesday
 10.00-12.00
 Friday
 10.00-15.00
 Saturday
 10.00-15.00

BIDDULPH YOUTH & COMMUNITY ZONE

FRUIT & VEG BOX SCHEME

THURSDAY £3.50 AVAILABLE 11.30
 AM-4.15 PM

PRE ORDER TUESDAY ON 01782
 244288



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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free




<p>BURGER KING From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.</p> <p>BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.</p> <p>FARMHOUSE INNS 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>ZIZZI Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)</p> <p>CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025</p> <p>YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.</p> <p>TRAVELDGE & PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>PREZZO Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025</p> <p>PIZZA HUT Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p>MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend</p> <p>LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App</p> <p>TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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FREE FAMILY FILM

APRIL 15TH | 14:00 PM
 BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

JOIN US FOR A FREE FAMILY FILM THIS EASTER. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS AND JOIN US. SEE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FILM DETAILS OR CALL US ON 01782 498480

Affinity Talk - Remember You Can Get Here Direct on the No.95 Bus
 Super excited for our Super Smash Easter Event! 🐣
 Join us on the 15th & 16th April, meet your favourite gaming characters, take part in our workshops and try out on the VR experience 🎮
 Two fun filled action packed days!
 Why not take part in the Easter Trail from the 5th April until the 27th for a chance to WIN a Nintendo Switch Bundle 🎮🎮
 Full details coming soon on our Facebook Page & Local Press



Free Local Event

CHAIN REACTION

WHERE
 Saturday 12th April 2025
 Outside Biddulph Library
 (Next to Medical Centre Off
 Wharf Road Car Park)
 11am till 2pm

WHAT
 We are starting a new project called Chain Reaction. Over the next year, there will be lots of different events across Staffordshire Moorlands - all with a bike theme.

Bicycle Ballet
 Free bike checks
 Support with minor repairs
 Free security marking
 A chance to tell us what you think.
 All Welcome

We aim to:

- Find new homes for bikes that have been taken to the Recycling Centres.
- Help you to learn how to do repairs and look after your bikes.
- Encourage more residents to get on bikes and find amazing places to ride.
- Start lots of conversations about cycling in our area.

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 10AM-11.30AM
 BOOKING REQUIRED - CALL 01782 244288
 ONLY £5 PER CHILD
 PAYMENT SECURES YOUR BOOKING

BIDDULPH YOUTH & COMMUNITY ZONE
 CHURCH RD, BIDDULPH

Class Zone, Limited places, Disco

Age 12 and below
 Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult - bring your own small egg basket

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Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre



FREE 3 Day Pass



Easter Swim Classes

Monday 14th - Friday 18th April

Breaststroke and Stages 4 & 5 swim skills.

Ideal if your child needs help with their breaststroke swimming. So the frog leg kick, and/or timing of the arms and legs together and when to take a breath. The skills will include sculling, handstands, jumping in, etc as featured in Stages 4 & 5. £40 for the week.

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April

FREE Swimming Lesson Assessments.

Ideal if your child is a beginner swimmer age 4+ and/or if they have previously been in lessons and want to return.

Monday 21st - Friday 25th April

Frontcrawl and Butterfly and Stages 6 & 7 skills.

Ideal if your child needs to improve their frontcrawl and butterfly technique. So it could be the timing of the breathing, the leg kick etc. The skills will include push and glide, treading water, sculling, etc as featured in Stage 6 & 7. £40 for the week.

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd April

Deep Water Confidence

Ideal if your child is in Stage 3 or Stage 4 and nervous about going into deeper water. £10 per session. The time for all classes will be 09.00 - 09.45AM.

Certificate and Easter chocolate treat for all swimmers who attend.

Email sarah.smitherman@myactive.uk or sarah.gilman@myactive.uk to find out more and **book in**.

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Biddulph Grange

Saturday 12th April for Two Weeks

Follow the trail around the garden and take part in a variety of fun activities suitable for all ages.

Once you have completed the trail don't forget to collect your chocolate reward at Visitor Reception.

Normal admission prices apply. Admission tickets can be purchased at visitor reception before you buy your trail. Entry to garden is free for National Trust members.

Middleport Pottery

14TH, 16TH, 18TH, 21ST & 23RD APRIL

SAVE A DAISY KID'S WORKSHOP

Tickets: Children £5 per daisy (accompanying adult - free)

Join us for a unique & creative children's event delivered by Amelia Bedson, celebrating heritage conservation! Young artists will have the exciting opportunity to restore a cast of a delicate daisy from an 18th-century gilded English mirror frame. Using any colours they choose—including shimmering gold—they'll bring this historic detail back to life. Also Easter Bunny Trail £3.



Glebe Farm - Astbury

All day every day!

There's something for the whole family at Glebe Farm; coffee shop, farm shop, butcher's, fishmonger's and an interesting selection of independently owned shops and businesses, nestled in the farm's barns and outbuildings.

There's a children's play area and tractor rides at weekends and during the summer.

The stars!

And not forgetting the star attraction - the animals; Alpacas, Donkeys, Ponies, Goats and more, which are kept in the paddocks, fields and pens around the farm.

All with free entry and free parking.

We hope you enjoy your visit.



Teddy Trek - Activity Trail - Congleton Museum

Every day from Friday 29th March 2024

Calling all explorers! There are 12 teddy bears hiding in the main exhibition at Congleton Museum. Do you think you have what it takes to find them?

Collect a free Teddy Trek activity trail from the front desk and start exploring. There are 12 teddys to find, each with a different name and prop. Find the teddy and write down the missing word on each page to complete the Teddy Trek trail. Pencils are available.

Did you know that the Teddy Trek activity trail is also a story book? Don't forget to keep the booklet safe and read the finished story at home.

We also have some souvenir teddy bears for sale for £1.50 each

Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

The Toys Strike Back, is a unique exhibition which brings our childhood memories back to life through one of the UK's largest collections of vintage Star Wars toys and collectibles.

Stitched Tokens; Design and create a badge in collaboration with the Foundling Museum.

Egg-citing Easter - The farmers favorite time of year!

Clay Chickens - make an egg-stro special Easter chicken from clay take home.



Ozzy Owl's Easter Trail - What does Ozzy Owl love to eat at Easter. Find the letters and complete the trail.

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Twycross Zoo

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 (a mutual co-operative membership trust)



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 Mrs. Mary Jones

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MR. MEN LITTLE MISS
EASTER ADVENTURES
 Tatton Park
 5-21 APRIL 2025
 GARDENS ○ MANSION ○ FARM

Easter 2025 at Tatton Park, Cheshire

5 - 21 April 2025

Hop to Tatton Park this Easter!

Please note: National Trust members enjoy free garden and mansion entry. Farm and parkland entry apply.

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