

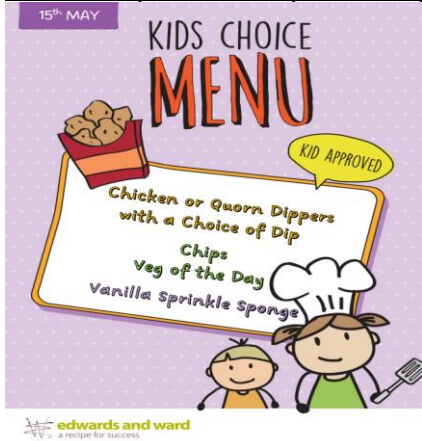


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Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Census Day – Thursday 15th May School Lunch Menu



Wake up Wednesday – 10 Top Tips: Fostering a Sense of Belonging

Every child deserves to feel seen, heard, and valued

Our FREE guide shares 10 simple ways to build belonging at school and at home - from celebrating individuality to tackling bullying. Please see the below link to download the guidance.

Download >> <https://ow.ly/oW4h50VNUx>



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Year 4 Leavers Hoodies



We are thrilled to announce that the Year 4 leavers' hoodies have arrived at school! These special hoodies will be handed out this week.

We hope these hoodies will be a cherished keepsake for our Year 4 students as they celebrate their time at our school.

Year 4 learners are welcome to wear their Leavers hoodies to school after the May Half Term break when they return to school for the last half of the Summer Term on the 3rd June 2025. Please ensure that your child does not wear their Hoodie to school before this date.

Parent Pay Debts



As you may know, the cost of school dinners has risen to **£3.20**. We understand with the current climate surrounding the cost of living that things will be a bit tight but **would ask that you check that you can pay for your child/children's dinner before ordering one each day.**

When a child has a school lunch and they do not qualify for Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (e.g. in Reception or Year 1 or Year 2) it automatically becomes a debt on your parent pay account. This will need **to be paid daily** to keep the debt off your parent pay account. You can top up your child/children's parent pay account each week so that you do not have pay daily if this helps.

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!

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Gardening Club – Commencing Tuesday 13th May 2025



School will be hosting a Gardening Club starting on Tuesday 13th May from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. There will only be 15 spaces available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Separate letters have been sent out with details and permission slips.

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 and how to order tickets if you want to go and watch the performance.**

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.

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Important Diary Updates



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
Wednesday 14 th May	NSPCC - Workshop for Year 2	Year 2
Monday 19 th May	School Nursing Team - Height & Weight checks	Reception Class
Tuesday 20 th May 6:30pm - 7:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for staff and pupils at 3:45pm for the May Half Term Holiday.	All classes
Monday 2 nd June	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils	All classes
Tuesday 3 rd June	School re-opens to staff and pupils at 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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