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Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Biddulph Parade - Thank you!

A huge THANK YOU to all the amazing learners who joined us in the Biddulph Parade on Saturday morning! You did a fantastic job representing our school with pride, energy, and big smiles—we hope you enjoyed every moment! A special thank you as well to the wonderful staff and supportive parents who walked alongside us. Your time, enthusiasm, and community spirit made the day even more special. We're so proud to be part of such a vibrant and supportive community.



Transition Week beg 14th July - 18th July 2025



Next week Monday the 14th July is the start of our 'Transition Week' where our learners move to their new classes. Please can Parents/Carers take your child/children to their current class on Monday morning. All learners will then be taken to their new classes by the current teacher to get them settled in. You will then be required to pick your child/children up from their new class at the end of the school day.

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HAF - (Holiday Activities & Food) - Summer 2025



If your child is aged 5-16 and eligible for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, check your inbox or letterbox for your HAF code!

☑ Activities run 22 July - 29 August 2025

📄 Use your HAF code to book a funded place on our website

Not eligible? No worries - paid places are available with many providers! Book now via the link below

[Holiday Activities and Food timetables - Staffordshire County Council](#)



Year 4 Leavers and Annual School Awards Assembly Friday 18th July 2025



In order to help us celebrate our 'Year 4 Leavers' and our 'End of Year Awards' you are invited to attend our Annual 'Leavers and Awards Assembly' on Friday 18th July 2024 at 10.30am - 11.30am. This event will be followed by a special buffet lunch for our Year 4 leavers and their Parent/Carer guests. Further details have been sent out for our Year 4 learners who are leaving.

Free School Meals/ Universal Free School Meals



Please can we remind parents that when your child moves up to year 3 / 4 their universal free school meals end. Universal free school meals are for Reception age up to year 2 age. Unfortunately, if your child wants a School meal and your child will be going into years 3 or 4 then you will have to pay via Parent Pay. Currently the price for a school meal if you are not in receipt of free school meals is £3.20 If you need parent pay login details please contact admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk to receive your login details.

If you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals then please apply online by going to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx> and completing the form.

Bike Right - FREE Cycle Sessions



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Bike right are providing FREE cycle sessions in the School Summer holidays in your area - all funded by your council.

We are expecting these courses to be very popular - please can we ask you as a school to communicate this information to parents/careers on any news letters or text message as often as possible until the end of term.

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=staffordshire&course=child-group>

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events?area=stokeontrent>

Summer Holidays



- School closes on Friday 18th July 2025 at 3:15pm for pupils and staff for the start of the Summer Holidays. Fingers crossed the sun will remain and everyone can enjoy a well-earned break.
- School will re-open to all pupils on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 08:45am and we look forward to your safe return for the start of the new academic year!

School Uniform



The Pre-loved Uniform Scheme is an initiative by smart school uniform to assist local families that need help providing school uniform for their children. In the current financial climate of rising living costs, smart school uniform understands this situation and has created this FREE service to help the local community.

This scheme is completely free of charge and requires individuals to simply contact smart school uniform and state their clothing requirements. When the items become available, the parent or carer will be contacted with a suitable collection time. **Please email your requirements to - shop@smartuniform.co.uk**

Please state

- School Name
- Items required and quantity
- Currently we hold a large stock of
- Plain Shirts and trousers for both boys and girls
- Logoed items too.

Important Diary Updates



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Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Summer 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 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Week beginning the 14 th July - 18 th July	Transition Week - All learners move to their new classes in readiness for September 2025	All classes
Friday 18 th July 10:30am	Leavers Assembly and End of Year Awards Celebrations	All classes
Friday 18 th July 11:30am - 12:30pm	Year 4 leavers Lunch with guests	Year 4
Friday 18 th July 3.15pm	School breaks up for Summer Holidays	All classes

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

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