



Squirrel Hayes First School  
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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**School Uniform and PE Reminders**



As you will be aware on PE days and on 'Fitness Friday' your child will need to come to school in their school PE Kit. The following tables are a reminder of what uniform is required and on what day for each class.

PE Kit	
Pale blue polo shirt	Purchased form a store of your choice
Black Shorts/leggings/joggers	Purchased form a store of your choice
Indoor pumps and outdoor trainers	Purchased form a store of your choice
Plain Black Hoodie or Tracksuit Top (For outdoor wear when weather is cooler)	Purchased form a store of your choice

Please see below for the designated PE days for the different classes when your child needs to come to school wearing their PE kit.

Class PE Days	
Columba (Nursery)	Friday
ColumbaR (Reception)	Wednesday & Friday
Hydra (Year 1 / 2)	Wednesday & Friday
Draco & Draco Ladon (Year 3 /4)	Tuesday & Friday

**Academy Photography**



Academy Photography will be in school on Thursday 23rd October 2025 to photograph individuals and siblings. Please ensure your child is wearing their normal full school uniform on this day.

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**Illness/Lateness**



Please can we remind everyone that if your child is poorly/absent from school or late you must contact school to provide a reason for their absence/lateness. There are many ways to contact the school office: Phone: 01782 973820 or reply to the text message that is sent each morning. Or email [office@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk). If no reason is provided or approved then the absence will be marked as unauthorized. Please be mindful that the official start to the school day is 8.45am therefore any arrival after this time will be classed as late and anything after 9.10am will be classed as unauthorized as this is when the registers officially close.

**Parking and School Safety**



Please can I remind all Parents/Carers about parking safely when dropping off and picking up your children both before and after school. Please do not park on the zig-zags or pull up in the school drive area as this is not a suitable or safe area to park. Please can you also avoid blocking driveways of the residents who live on the roads near the school. I appreciate that this is a very busy and hectic time of the day for many Parents and Carers but the safety of our community remains a priority. Your support in keeping our community safe is much appreciated.

**New School Lunch Menu**

With the start of the academic year, Edwards & Ward our catering provider has provided a new lunch menu, (please see below). Please can we remind all parents that if your child/children would like a school meal then please inform your teacher at the start of the school day. If any learners have any food intolerances, please visit [www.edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/](http://www.edwardsandward.co.uk/special-diets/) To register your child/children with any dietary needs.



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	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <b>or</b> Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <b>or</b> Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) <b>or</b> Rainbow Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice <b>or</b> Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Apple Cake (V)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake <b>or</b> Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve) Veg of the Day Jaffa Cake Sponge (V)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy <b>or</b> Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <b>or</b> Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <b>or</b> Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy <b>or</b> Butternut Squash Hot Pot with Roasties (Ve) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy <b>or</b> Plantastic Balls with Mash & Gravy (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Cottage Pie <b>or</b> Golden Topped Cottage Pie (Ve) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Penne with Beef Bolognese <b>or</b> Sweet Potato Korma with Rice (Ve) Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>or</b> Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banoffee Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>or</b> Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips <b>or</b> Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) Veg of the Day Banana Cake (V)
	1/9/25, 22/9/25, 13/10/25, 3/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25, 5/1/26, 26/1/26	8/9/25, 29/9/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 1/12/25, 22/12/25, 12/1/26, 2/2/26	15/9/25, 6/10/25, 27/10/25, 17/11/25, 8/12/25, 29/12/25, 19/1/26, 9/2/26
<p><b>Classic Tomato Pasta (Ve), Filled Jacket Potatoes and Sandwiches (including V/Ve options)</b> are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.</p>			

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan

**Dance Club (After school extended learning opportunity)**



On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be starting a **Dance Club** for **Year 1 to Year 4** from **3.15pm to 4.15pm**. This club will run **every Monday** for this half term. There are limited spaces available so it will be filled on a first come first served basis.

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- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)

### **🍏 Universal Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 automatically receive free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, this ends when your child enters Year 3. If your child is moving into Year 3 or Year 4 and is not eligible for Free School Meals, you will need to pay £3.20 per meal, which can be done via ParentPay.

Why apply?

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, applying for Free School Meals now can help your school receive additional funding through the Pupil Premium, which supports learning and resources.

### **Caudwell FREE coffee morning**

Caudwell Children will be at Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub ST8 6DT on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 10am - 12noon. parents/carers who may be interested in attending this information session. To book a place please call 01782 297970. Please see poster below for more information.

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We've teamed up with Caudwell Children and are offering a **FREE Coffee Morning** for parents and carers.

Would you like to know about the services they offer?

Autism Services    Equipment    Family Support    Sensory Packs  
Shaping Futures    Short Breaks    Therapy    Treatment

**When: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
10am - 12noon**

**\*Booking Essential\***

**Please call 01782 297970 to book your place**

**Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street,  
Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 6DT**

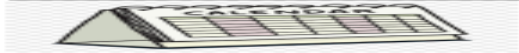
Caudwell Children exists to make life fair for disabled and autistic children.

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**Important Diary Updates**



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn 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:*

**Autumn Term 1<sup>st</sup>half 2025**

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Street Dance club - led by Miss Bennett commences	Year 1, 2 ,3 & 4
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm	Harvest Assembly (Parents/Carers invited)	Rec, Year 1, 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 1:00pm	City 7 Assembly (Stoke Football)	All classes
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Florence Nightingale Workshop in school	Reception & Hydra
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 6:00pm - 7:30pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 3:15pm - 4:30pm	Spooky Disco	All classes invited
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Academy Photography	All classes

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

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