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Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

October Half Term 2025

We would like to remind you that Squirrel Hayes First School will close on Friday 24th October at 3.15pm for the October half term break. School will reopen to all staff and learners on Monday 3rd November 2025, with the usual start time of 8:45am. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and safe half term holiday. Thank you for your continued support!

Inspire Dance



Next year we will once again be working in partnership with Biddulph High School in order to participate in the 'Inspire Dance' performance, held at Biddulph High School. This will take place in the New Year on Wednesday 25th March 2026.

The Inspire Dance show:

- Will take place in The Lecture Theatre at Biddulph High School over several dates with different schools performing on different dates.
- Parents form the audience and students would be based in classrooms when not performing where the show will be live-streamed.

Rehearsals are due to commence on Monday 10th November in school from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. The 'Inspire Dance Club' will be run by Dance Leaders from the High school but will also be supervised by a member of our school staff. The club is open to learners from Years 1 to Year 4 however; places will be limited to for Health & Safety reasons. There is still time to sign up if your child has not done so already.

Breakfast & Mindful Mornings - Parents & Child Activity Morning in school



We're excited to invite Parents and Carers to our upcoming 'Breakfast & Mindful Morning Activity session's'. These sessions were originally going to be led by members of our Mental Health Support Team but will now be delivered by our own school staff due to unforeseen changes to Mental Health Support team's schedule. We will be focusing upon the 5 ways to well-being through engaging activities for you to get



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involved in with your child. You are invited to join us for a relaxed morning where you can enjoy breakfast with your child at 8:30am followed by a number of fun activities. Activities will be based around a Christmas theme and will involve some Christmas craft too.

The first session will be held on **Tuesday 11th November** for families in **Hydra classes**, and the second on **Tuesday 18th November** for families in **Draco classes**. Further details will be sent out soon.

Remembrance 11th November 2025



We will be selling Poppies and Remembrance items in school when we return to school after the half term holiday. On Sunday 9th November representatives from our Year 4 class will be joining Mrs Johnson-Allen in attending the Remembrance Parade in Biddulph.

Anti-Bullying Week - 10th to the 14th November 2025



During the week beginning the 10th of November we will be joining schools across the country in supporting 'Anti-Bullying week'. This year's theme is the 'Power for Good'.



We will start the week on Monday 10th of November inviting our staff and learners to come to school wearing 'odd socks', this is to celebrate what makes us unique. Throughout the week the learners will be looking at different aspects of 'Anti-Bullying'.

You are invited into school on Thursday 13th November to join us for our **Anti-Bullying Assembly** at 2:40pm. In this Assembly our classes will be sharing what they have been thinking about and will be promoting key messages about stamping out bullying and celebrating the 'Power of Good'.

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Children in Need 2025



This year's theme for Children in Need is "Challenge Yourself". During the week beginning the 10th of November we will be taking part in a 'Strictly 25 step dance challenge'. Each day the children will learn 5 minutes of a dance routine which they will then perform on Friday 14th November (Children in Need Day).

We will be inviting our learners to come to school wearing something bright and/or sparkly on Friday 14th November and to give a donation of their choice to 'Children in Need'.

Important Diary Updates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn term 2nd half. 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.

Autumn Term 2nd half 2025 - Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Friday 24 th October	3:15pm School Closes for October half Term Break	All classes
Monday 3 rd November 2025	8:45am School opens for the second Half of the Autumn Term 2025	All classes
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Parade Biddulph - am	Y4 Reps
Monday 10 th November 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Inspire Dance Rehearsals	Inspire Dancers
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day - Come to school wearing odd socks.	All classes
Tuesday 8 th November 8:30am - 11:00am	Breakfast & Mindful Morning	Hydra & Parents/Carers invited
Wednesday 12 th November 9:00am - 9:30am & 5:00pm - 5:30pm	MTC Information Session for Parents/Carers & Children	Draco & Draco Ladon
Wednesday 12 th November pm	Draco class to James Bateman Junior High - Cooking	Draco & Draco Ladon
Thursday 13 th November 2:40pm	Anti-Bullying Assembly	All classes & Parents/Carers invited
Thursday 13 th November	Immunisation Team in School - am	Reception - Year 4
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need - Come to school wearing bright and/or sparkly clothing	All classes

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	"Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge"	
Tuesday 18 th November 8:30am - 11:00am	Breakfast & Mindful Morning	Draco & Draco Ladon & Parents/Carers invited
Thursday 20 th November	Draco class to James Bateman Junior High - Science	Draco & Draco Ladon
Wednesday 26 th November 1:00pm - 3:00pm & 3:30pm - 6:30pm	Parent Consultations	All classes
Tuesday 2 nd December Church - am Christmas food & fair on return to school following the carol concert in the afternoon	Carol Concert - St Lawrence's Church followed by Christmas celebrations 'Winter Lunch' and 'fair/Christmas activities fundraiser'	All class, Parents/Carers invited
Tuesday 2 nd December 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Ful Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Monday 8 th December During the school day	Biddulph Grange Santa Visit	Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 10 th December Afternoon -2:00pm - 2:45pm Evening- 6:00pm - 6:45pm	Christmas Performance 'The Mouse in Santa's House'	Reception - Year 4 Parents/Carers invited
Monday 15 th December 3:15pm - 4:30pm	Christmas Disco	All classes
Tuesday 16 th December 11:30am onwards	Christmas Lunch	All classes, Parents, Carers invited
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day - Learners invited to wear their party clothes	All classes
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 19 th December 3:15pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	All classes
Monday 5 th January 2026	School opens for the new Spring Term 2026 08:45am	All children & staff

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

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