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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors, Staff and Pupils to thank you for your continued support over this first half of the Spring Term.

School closes today for the 'Half Term Spring Break' and will re-open to the Pupils on Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 08:45am.

Monday the 23rd is an INSET day and staff will be in school undertaking training whilst the school is closed to the pupils.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026



This Year we will be joining many schools in celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026. As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite our learners to come to school dressed as one of their most loved story characters. You do not have to buy any fancy costumes as we also love to see your own 'creations'. To help families prepare for our upcoming World Book Day celebrations, we are supporting a **World Book Day Costume Donation and Swap**. If you have any preloved costumes, you no longer need, donations can be dropped off at Biddulph Library from **Saturday 7th February**. Families will then be able to browse and swap costumes from **16th February to 5th March**. This is a great way to recycle, save money, and support our school community. Even if children aren't dressing up this year, we would still appreciate any costume donations.



Red nose day (Friday 20 March)





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There is just 42 days to go until **Red Nose Day 2026** on Friday 20 March!
 Just giving page for Squirrel Hayes First School - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-squirrel-hayes-first-school>

Leavers Hoodies 2026



We're excited to announce that **Smart School Uniform** will once again be supplying this year's **Leavers Hoodies for the Class of 2026!**

These hoodies are a fantastic way to celebrate your time at school and create a lasting memory with your classmates.

Price: £18.50 + optional £3.50 if name on front of hoodie

How to Order: Visit the Smart School Uniform website using the link below.

Please find below the link to your Leavers Hoodie page.

<https://smartuniform.co.uk/product/squirrel-hayes-leavers-hoodies/>

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:

SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAY	All classes
Mon 23 rd Feb	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	All classes
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day	All classes
Weds 11 th March 1:30pm - 6:30pm	Parent Consultations	All classes
Week beg 16 th March	INSPIRE Dance - rehearsal and show	Dancers involved
Tuesday 17 th March 1:00pm	Visiting James Bateman Junior High School to watch their School Performance	Year 4 learners
Thurs 19 th March	Easter Bonnet & Easter Fund Day - Times & details to follow	All classes
Tues 24 th March 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governing Body
Thurs 26 th March	Educational Visit to Bernard's Farm	Reception Class & Hydra

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

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.