



Squirrel Hayes First School
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Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Party - Wednesday 29th April 2026



On Wednesday the 29th of April some of our learners will be participating in a 'Reading Party/Afternoon Tea as part of our reading reward system. Learners will soon be receiving their invites.

Parking and Drop-Off Reminder



Please can we kindly remind parents and carers not to park or drop off children directly in front of the main large blue automatic gates at the front of the school. This area must be kept clear at all times to ensure the safety of our learners and to allow access for emergency vehicles and authorised staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep everyone safe during drop-off and pick-up times.

Peak Wildlife Educational Visit- Tuesday 28th April



On Tuesday the 28th April, learners who attend our in-house 'Alternative Provision' in the afternoons, will be going on their Educational Visit to Peak Wildlife. This will take part during the school day and letters have already been sent out with the full details of the visit.

Bank Holiday Closure - Monday 4th May



A reminder to all parents and carers that **Monday 4th May** is a **bank holiday**. The school will be **closed to all learners and staff** on this day. We look forward to welcoming learners back to school as normal on **Tuesday 5th May**. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy the long weekend.

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Nursery Admissions – September 2026



We are pleased to let parents and carers know that we currently have spaces available in our Nursery for September 2026. Nursery sessions run from 8:45am until 12:00pm, and we have places available for children accessing their 15 hours of funded early education. If your child is 3 years old and you are looking for a nursery place, please visit the school office to collect a Nursery admission form. Once your application has been accepted, we will arrange a home visit to help ensure your child feels settled and ready for their start in September. If you require afternoon provision, we work in partnership with Space Cadets/Little Rockets who can provide the afternoon provision and collect your child from Squirrel Hayes at lunchtime and take them down to their provision for the afternoon.

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.

Apply for Free School Meals

Did you know your child may be entitled to Free School Meals? The check is quick and easy, taking just two minutes, with an instant decision. Applying will not affect your credit rating or involve any credit checks. If you are eligible, it can also provide extra support on top of access to paid for school meals. Your child can have access to additional support within school through pupil premium funding and during the school holidays, you have access to vouchers and access to Holiday Activities and Food programmes. Applying is simple – just click the link below to see if you qualify and ensure your child doesn't miss out on this valuable support.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals>

Wonder Wednesdays



We are pleased to let Parents and Carers know that 'Wonder Wednesdays' will be continuing throughout the Summer Term. These special days give children the opportunity to take part in exciting, creative learning experiences 'outdoors' that enrich and enhance our curriculum.



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Wonder Wednesdays will take place on the following dates. We look forward to another wonderful term of learning and exploration and thank you for your continued support.

Draco Class	Ladon Class	Hydra Class	Nursery & Reception
15/04/2026	15/04/2026	22/04/2026	Every Wednesday
29/04/2026	29/04/2026	06/05/2026	
13/05/2026	13/05/2026	20/05/2026	
10/06/2026	10/06/2026	03/06/2026	
24/06/2026	24/06/2026	17/06/2026	
08/07/2026	08/07/2026	01/07/2026	

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:

Tuesday 28 th April	Peak Wildlife Educational Visit	Alternative/Enhanced Provision
Wednesday 29 th April - pm	Reading Party - Afternoon Tea	Reward for children in different classes linked to reading
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	All Classes
Tuesday 5 th May	(None statutory) SATS Week	Year 2
Week beg 11 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	All classes
Tuesday 19 th May (6:00pm - 7:30pm)	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Thursday 21 st May (2:30pm)	Attendance Prizes/Achievement Assembly	All Classes & Parents
Friday 22 nd May	BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM (1 WEEK)	All Classes
Monday 1 st June	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	All Classes
Tuesday 2 nd June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	All Classes & Staff
Wednesday 3 rd June	Biddulph Grange Educational Visit	Hydra & Draco Classes

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

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