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Wednesday 10th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

SPORTS DAY and Picnic Lunch/ Summer Fundraising - Tuesday 16th June 2026

Reserve date if weather not safe to go ahead will be Tuesday 23rd June 2026



You are warmly invited to attend our **Sports Day and Picnic Lunch/Summer Fundraising event on Tuesday 16th June 2026**. Fingers crossed, the sun will be shining as this year we have once again decided to combine our Sports Day activities with some summer fair fundraising and a Picnic Lunch.

We have tried to organize the day so that it is easier for Parents/ Carers if you have children in different classes or stages of learning so that you do not have to come and go and return again later making multiple journeys. Letters have previously been sent out on 08.06.2026 with full information on timetables. Texts have also been sent out to all learners with their sports day colour.

As part of our fundraising burgers, hot dogs, chips, ice pops and drinks will be available to buy from the kitchen (cash only) and can be taken outside to enjoy as part of your picnic. Food can be pre-ordered to ensure availability through Parentpay with a deadline of Friday 12th June:

Burgers £1:50

Hotdogs £1:00

Cone of Chips £1:00

Ice-pops 50p

Sun Smart (Sun Cream & Sun Hats)



Just a reminder about our sun protection procedures to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming weeks. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, you can help by:

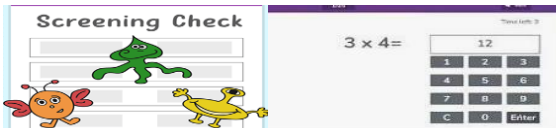
- Making sure that your child has sunscreen applied before school
- Providing in date sunscreen labelled clearly with your child's name for school. (If you have more than one child, please provide each child with their own bottle of sun cream)
- Talking to your child/children about the importance of sun protection at home
- Sending your child to school with a wide brimmed hat or cap to protect their head and face.



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Staff are happy to support younger children in applying their sun cream but we encourage the children to apply it themselves, supervised by an adult in school. If you have any objections to staff helping your child with their sun cream then please contact the school office.

Week beginning the 8th June 2026 Phonics Screener and MTC Checks



This week learners in **Year 1** are undertaking their 'Phonics Screener Check'. Learners in **Year 2** who did not pass their Phonics Screener in **Year 1** are also re-sitting their Phonics Screener.

Learners in **Year 4** who are due to be transitioning to the **Middle School** have been undertaking their **MTC (Multiplication Tables Check)** this week. They had already been accessing the practice sessions before the test and have been well prepared for the check.

Free School Meals Eligibility - Important Update for Parents and Carers

If you think that you might be eligible for FSM funding for your child, we are encouraging you as a Parent/Carer to apply as soon as possible. FSM entitlement does not just enable your child to receive a Free School Meal but also unlocks further additional funding which is used to support your child in school.

We have a Pupil Premium Plan on our school website which shows how this additional funding is used to support your child/children. This funding enables us to provide additional interventions, extra resources and much more. Once again, this year we are offering a £35.00 voucher towards school uniform (which can be used with our School Uniform Provider SMART) for those children who are registered as FSM.

The Department for Education is in the process of bringing in new changes and rules for any applications made after **September 2026**. This will mean that anyone applying in the new academic year will no longer have the benefits of the 'Ever 6 FSM' entitlement which meant that once a child qualified for FSM, they would retain their entitlement even if the household circumstances changed.

It is therefore advised to apply before the end of this Summer Term to get your application in before the new rules come into place.

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

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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.

Important Diary Updates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Summer 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. Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:

Mon 8 th June Tuesday 9 th June	MTC - Multiplication Times table check (National Assessment)	Draco classes
Wednesday 10 th June 12:30pm - 3:15pm	Transition Games Year 4 (hosted at Woodhouse Academy)	Draco Year 4 leavers
Thursday 11 th June - all day	Additional Transition Day to James Bateman Junior High - (Individual learners)	Year 4 leavers - individual learners
Tuesday 16 th June - all day	Sports Day Activities and Summer Celebrations Fundraiser	All classes (additional info to be sent out)
Thursday 18 th June - all day	Year 4 Transition Day to Middle School	Year 4 leavers
Friday 19 th June - 8:15am - 12:30pm	Victoria Hall Music Concert	Draco classes & Hydra Year 2 learners
Tuesday 23 rd June - all day	Reserve Sports Day	All classes
Thursday 25 th June - 2:30pm - 4:00pm	SMART Uniform - Pop up shop in school	All classes
Friday 26 th June - all day	Draco classes - Educational Visit to Tatton Hall	Draco Classes
Tuesday 30 th June - am	Author Visit - Draco Classes	Draco Classes
Saturday 4 th July - am	Biddulph Parade - Individual learners	All classes individual learners
Tuesday 7 th July 6:00-8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Thursday 9 th July -all day	Party Day with film & disco	All classes
Friday 10 th July - 9:30-2:30pm	Old Hall - Educational Visit (Festival of Brilliant)	Draco Classes
Transition Week beg 13 th July All classes move to their new classes	Transition Week - Learners move to their new classes in readiness for September 2026	All classes (details to be shared)
Thursday 16 th July	Summer Sing-Along - 1:30pm	Hydra & Draco Classes



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Friday 17 th July - 10:30 - 11:30 and lunch	End of Year Leavers and Awards Assembly	All classes
Friday 17 th July 11:30 - 12:45pm	Year 4 Leavers Lunch	Year 4 Leavers and family guests (2 per child)
Friday 17 th July School Closes for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm	School Closes for the Summer Holiday	All classes
Thursday 3 rd September School Opens for new Academic Year 2026 - 2027 8:45am	School Opens to Pupils	All classes

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

New To The Family Hub

Caudwell Children SEND Support Caudwell are next at The Family Hub 10th and 24th June 9:30 - 12:30. Youth Clubs Need a little Support, Advice or someone to talk things through? Pop along to our Family Advice Drop-In. A friendly, welcoming space where you can get guidance on parenting, routines, behaviour, wellbeing, local services and everyday family challenges. No appointment needed - just drop in for a chat and see how we can help.



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