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Thursday 18th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

SPORTS DAY and Fundraiser Thank-You



We would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you for your support and patience during our Sports day and Fundraiser on Tuesday this week. We had lots of positive feedback and due to your generosity, we managed to raise £468.43 towards our fundraising for some new outdoor play equipment.

School Site Safety



Starting this week, we will be having contractors on school site who are completing a number of important jobs on the school roof and kitchen. As part of this on-going work, we are having scaffolding erected around the school building and have reduced parking capacity on the school car park due to contractors' equipment. All building work has been risk assessed and planned for and safety measures put into place regarding access around the car park and main school building.

Please ensure that you carefully supervise your child/children when bringing them to school in the mornings and collecting them at the end of the school day to ensure they remain safe at all times. Your child/children are your responsibility at this time and will not be supervised by school staff until they enter the school building in the morning or before hand over at the end of the school day.

We have noticed a few children running ahead of their Parents/Carers when arriving and leaving school as well as running across the school car park. Please ensure that your child/children remain with you and supervised, as it is very tempting for children to explore new things!

If you have given consent for your child to walk to and from school on their own, please speak to your child about the need to stay safe and walk carefully around the school site.

Music Concert - Victoria hall Friday 19th June





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On Friday 19th June 2026 children in Year 2, 3 and 4 will be going to the Victoria Hall in Hanley to participate in this year's concert.

If your child is involved in this educational visit, please note the following reminders: -

- **Your child will need to be in school for 8:15am** as we will be travelling by Coach both to and from the concert venue.
- **Your child will need to be wearing the correct school uniform**, please note that this is different from a usual Friday in school.
- It would be helpful if you can **provide your child with a snack to have mid-morning**, as it can be a long time between eating breakfast and then returning back to school for lunch. Please can this be **sent into school in a carrier bag with your child's name clearly marked on it**. Drinks will not be required as school will be taking your child's water bottle.
- Your child will be back in school for their usual lunch arrangements.

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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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:

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
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
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

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.