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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Biddulph Festival and Parade - Saturday 4th July 2026**

A big thank you goes out to all the Parents/Carers and children who joined us on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at the Biddulph Festival Parade. I am sure you will agree that our 'Mr Tickle's Travelling Troupe' put on a wonderful show all dressed all as Mr Men and Little Miss characters. Lots of fun was had!



**Old Hall - Educational Visit (Festival of Brilliant) - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 9:30-2:30pm**



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July learners in Draco classes will have the opportunity to enhance their learning with an educational visit to Biddulph Old Hall to take part in their "Festival of Brilliant". They will be travelling by coach and learners will need to arrive in school at 8:45am for a prompt 9:00am set off. We will return to school at approximately 2.45pm. The children will need to be wearing their Squirrel PE Kit due to the warm

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**weather** so they are easily identifiable, appropriate footwear and bring suitable hat and sun cream if necessary. **Every child will require a packed lunch that should be provided in a labelled carrier bag – not a lunch box. Any uneaten lunch will be thrown away.**

**Transition Week – Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July**



Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 will be our Transition Week, where all learners will move into their new classes in preparation for September 2026. On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, learners should attend their usual classes as normal; following morning registration (and dinner registers), they will then be guided to meet their new teachers and classes. **Learners will need to be collected on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July from their new class. Tuesday onwards, learners should be dropped off directly at their new classroom each morning and picked up from their new classroom.** Letters and emails have already been sent to confirm your child's new class— please ensure you refer to these for details.

**'Summer Virtual Sing-Along' on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**



This year Hydra and Draco classes will be participating in a 'Summer Virtual Sing-Along' on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity for our learners to join many other students from other schools in a 'Virtual' sing-along celebration. The event will be held via 'teams virtually'. Learners have been busy learning the following songs:

1. **Barbecue Blues** – light and playful Blues track
2. **Great Day** – traditional African American spiritual
3. **I'm Gonna Shine** – positive and feel-good song
4. **In Summer** – from Frozen
5. **Shine** – upbeat Pop song performed by Take That
6. **You Are My Sunshine** – classic folk song

As this event is being held 'virtually' the words to the songs will be shared via a PowerPoint. The session is not being recorded and none of our learners will be seen on camera as this will be switched off.

**Year 4 Leavers and Annual School Awards Assembly Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



We will be celebrating the achievements of your Year 4 leavers along with other learners on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at our 'Annual School Awards and Leavers Assembly'. In order to help us celebrate the wonderful achievements of our learning community you are invited to attend this celebration from 10.30am – 11.30am.



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**Year 4 leavers Lunch Celebration Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



This year we will once again be hosting our 'Year 4 learners Lunch Celebration'. Parents/Carers of our Year 4 leavers are invited to join their child/children in a celebration buffet lunch following the Leavers Assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

This is funded through the school's fund-raising group 'Friends of Squirrel Hayes'. Once the Leavers Assembly has finished you will be invited to join your child in their classroom for some light refreshments whilst the school hall is prepared for the Leavers Lunch Buffet. Once ready, **you will be invited to join your child/children in the school hall for a buffet lunch. Due to health & safety reasons we need to limit places to two adults/per family of the year 4 aged children.**

Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have confirmed their attendance.

**Important Diary Updates**



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Summer Term (2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July - 9:30-2:30pm	Old Hall - Educational Visit (Festival of Brilliant)	Draco Classes
Transition Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup> July All classes move to their new classes	Transition Week - Learners move to their new classes in readiness for September 2026	All classes (details sent via letter & email)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Sing-Along - 1:30pm	Hydra & Draco Classes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July - 10:30 - 11:30 and lunch	End of Year Leavers and Awards Assembly	All classes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 11:30 - 12:45pm	Year 4 Leavers Lunch	Year 4 Leavers and family guests ( 2 per child)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for the Summer Holiday	All classes



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School Closes for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

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