



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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"If you get tired, learn to rest, not to quit."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at half-term! It's been a long one, so I think we are all definitely ready for a break! It has been great to have seen so many of you in school this week for parent consultations and we've loved hearing so much positive feedback from you – thank you! The teaching staff are so pleased with how well the children have settled into their classes and routines, how well they understand the expectations and with how enthusiastic they are with their learning. They have enjoyed sharing this with you. Please read the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter to find out more about what the children have been learning during this final week of term. I have seen lots of wonderful work happening in preparation for our 'Once Upon an Open Evening' displays at **Open Evening on Thursday 6 November 2025, 4.30pm – 6.00pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!



The PFA would like to express a HUGE "thank you" to everyone who was able to support the first disco of the year last week! A total profit of **£539.00** was raised, which is AMAZING! The PFA are currently fundraising to help the school build more outdoor learning space for the children, and this amount gets their effort off to a great start! Thank you to all of the PFA volunteers for helping out on the night and to our parents and carer as this would not have been possible without your support! The team are already working hard on the planning of the next event – the Christmas Market!

Thank you once again for your continued commitment to ensuring your children are here, ready, and on time every day. The whole school community continue to embrace our Little Heroes campaign – **HERE, EVERYDAY, READY, ON TIME.**

We hope that you have a great half term break and look forward to seeing all of our pupils and families again on **Monday 3 November 2025**. Enjoy, and thank you once again for a great first half term!

Staffordshire County Council

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble

Find out more → SCAN ME

visit staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes

Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 5 December 2025, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Christmas is creeping up on us and the PFA are already busy behind the scenes, sorting out the organisation of this year's Christmas Market. A separate letter will be issued in due course outlining the plans and requests in more detail but in the interim, the PFA wish to outline a few requests for help in preparation for the event.



- 🎄 If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e., toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to accept these donations in school from now.
- 🎄 On the day itself, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in non-uniform! Christmas jumpers are permitted! The charge for this is for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to bring in a chocolate item (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle!
- 🎄 Santa has confirmed his attendance! Tickets will be available prior to the event (further details to follow), priced at £4.00. Included with the price this year is a selection box and you will be more than welcome to take your own photos of your child/ren with Santa.
- 🎄 If anyone would, or knows of anyone who would, like to hire a table at a charge of £10 for their own stall, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the PFA.
- 🎄 If anyone is able to or has any links with local businesses who may be able to donate a raffle prize, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the PFA.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 10 November 2025 to Friday 14 November 2025



Anti-Bullying Week 2025 is taking place from Monday 10 – Friday 14 November and has the theme 'Power for Good.' It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Our school will be promoting this message through our curriculum, and the children will be involved in a series of reflective and essential activities. On Monday (10 November) of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be holding an **Odd Socks Day**. Therefore, we would like all the children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks on that day in support of the event! On Friday (14 November), there will be a **Parent Coffee Morning** in the school hall from 9 – 10am, led by our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, to inform parents how they use their 'Power for Good' to stand up to bullying. All parents are welcome to attend.

Children in Need – Friday 14 November 2025

Please be aware that it is Children in Need on Friday 14 November. We are aware that we are asking for other donations but, as a school, we feel it would be wrong to ignore such an initiative. So, we will be keeping things simple and having a 'spotty' non-uniform day! Donations are voluntary but we recommend a minimum of 50p, which will go towards Children in Need. Should you wish to donate more, you will be very welcome to do so! Thank you for your support!



Outstanding Repairs to Shobnall Road

In last week's newsletter, we provided you with some advance warning that outstanding repairs to Shobnall Road are set to be carried out next month.

During earlier works to install a new shared footpath and cycleway, crews uncovered hidden defects beneath the road surface that required more complex repairs than originally planned.

At the time, it wasn't possible to extend the existing road closure due to the number of other schemes taking place across Burton and the need to keep traffic moving.

The outstanding repairs are now planned to begin on **Sunday 16 November 2025**, lasting three days. This will involve a full road closure for one day, followed by two days of temporary two-way traffic lights in operation between 9.30am and 2.30pm. The timing of the works has been carefully chosen to avoid clashing with other local schemes and to reduce disruption during Screamfest at the nearby Adventure Farm. Further details will be shared with residents closer to the start of the works.



Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for a September 2026 start at secondary or high school is only open for a short while longer!

Parents can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Deadline for applications is **31 October 2025**.

Reception Application Process

The application process for a reception place for September 2026 will open on **1 November 2025**. The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on Staffordshire County Council Website. The closing date is 15 January 2026.

The school office has a letter informing parents about the process, which we are happy to distribute to prospective families. If you would like a copy of this, please contact us.



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy Children, Inspired Learners

PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER
4.30pm – 6.00pm

Please join us as we showcase our school, our vision, our values, our philosophy and our approaches. You will meet our staff and our children and get to see first-hand our incredible work. We look forward to seeing you there!

Open Evening – Thursday 6 November 2025, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

Don't forget about our forthcoming **Open Evening** on **Thursday 6 November, 4.30pm to 6.00pm.**

The admissions window opens for places in our Reception and Nursery classes in November, so as well as welcoming potential new parents to look round our school, this is also a great opportunity for our existing parents to visit too and see some of the wonderful things that are happening!

So, please join us as we showcase our school, our vision, our values, our philosophy and our approaches. Our theme this year is 'Once Upon an Open Evening' and much of the work on display will be based around the joy of reading! You will meet our staff and our children and get to see first-hand our work on the curriculum. We look forward to seeing you there!

Halloween Safety

Halloween is a time for fun and spooky excitement, but safety should always come first. The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) has put together a practical guide to help families enjoy Halloween while avoiding common hazards. From fire risks linked to costumes and candles, to visibility tips for trick-or-treating after dark, their 12 top safety tips are essential reading for parents and carers. Explore the full advice and downloadable resources here: [Halloween Safety Tips – CAPT](#).

Staffordshire Police have also produced a '[No trick or treaters' poster](#). If you don't want trick or treaters, please print and display the poster in your window. If you see someone displaying a no trick or treat poster, please be considerate and do not call at those homes. If you see anti-social behaviour please [report it](#) to the police.



Bonfire Night Celebrations!

Whether you are celebrating at home or at a larger event, remember to wrap up warm, stay safe and, most of all, enjoy the rustling of the leaves beneath your feet as the fireworks sound from above, in the smoky cold autumn air. If extravagance isn't your thing, then a simple sparkler wouldn't go a miss!

Please click on the link below, which will take you to the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's website for more information on how to stay safe at any Bonfire Night celebrations you may be holding or attending:

<https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-at-home/bonfire-night-safety/>

Remember, remember the fifth of November...but not a lot else about bonfire night? These 10 facts will make sure your knowledge is up to scratch, so that in between the whizzes, pops and bangs you can impress (or annoy) all your friends.

- The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was meant to kill the Protestant King, James I and replace him with a Catholic Queen.
- It was actually Warwickshire-born Robert Catesby who led the Gunpowder Plot, not Guy Fawkes. There were also 13 other people involved.
- The job Guy Fawkes had in the Gunpowder Plot was to guard the 36 barrels of gunpowder that had been placed in a basement underneath the House of Lords.
- The alarm was raised after an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteaagle, warning him to stay away from the House of Lords.
- Explosives expert Fawkes, who had been left in a cellar to set off the fuse, was subsequently caught when a group of guards discovered him at the last moment on the 5th November. He was then taken to the Tower of London.
- As he awaited his grisly punishment on the gallows, Fawkes leapt to his death to avoid the horrors of torture that awaited him. He died from a broken neck.
- King James I announced that the 5th November should be the day that people always celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot didn't happen.
- The cellar that Fawkes and the gunpowder plotters used was damaged in 1834 by fire. When the Palace of Westminster was rebuilt in the 19th century, the infamous cellar was destroyed.
- St. Peter's school in York is the only place in England that does not celebrate bonfire night as a show of respect for their former pupil, Guy Fawkes.
- The Houses of Parliament are still searched by the Yeoman of the Guards before the state opening (where the reigning Monarch visits parliament each year) held in November. It is ceremonial rather than serious and is performed with lanterns.

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE OPEN OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic

Burton and Uttoxeter
01283 504487

Cannock & Seisdon
01283 352113

Stafford
01283 352113

Tamworth & Kichfield
01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

If you are a parent, and would like to learn ways to help support your child with anxiety and low mood, please access the QR codes below where you can view a pre recorded workshop

ANXIETY



LOW MOOD



@SouthStaffsMHST

Shobnall Stars Booking Forms

Please don't forget to book your places a week in advance for **Shobnall Stars Early Birds**, or **Shobnall Stars Night Owls** which is our after-school club.

You will need to complete one form per child, on a weekly basis. Forms will need to be submitted by 12noon the Friday before you wish to book. Please also select your breakfast options in advance to assist with catering, specifying dietary requirements if necessary. You can book your place by accessing the information booklets [here](#) or by scanning the QR codes below.

Shobnall Stars - 'Early Birds'
Breakfast Club



Shobnall Stars - 'Night Owls' After
School Club



Spooky Season

Rangers at Staffordshire County Council's countryside parks have seen an increasing trend of people leaving carved pumpkins to decompose naturally, intending to feed wildlife. However, this practice is harmful. Pumpkins are not a natural food source for woodland and heathland animals and can make them ill.

Additionally, decorations and tealights left inside the pumpkins pose dangers if ingested by wildlife. Unconsumed pumpkins also rot on paths, creating slippery and hazardous conditions. Why not use your pumpkin to make some delicious recipes? Or you can also turn your pumpkins into compost.



Safety Tip!

Fortnite's latest season is packed with eye-catching features – but that can mean longer screen time, pressure to spend, and the lure of party chat with strangers.

This week's guide shines a spotlight on what parents and educators need to know to help young players stay safe.

From comical dance emotes to realistic weapons and big-name collaborations, Fortnite is a cultural heavyweight.

But even with its PEGI 12 rating, many younger children are joining the action. This new guide explores the risks – and offers useful, clear advice for trusted adult.

FREE Uniform!

We continue to accept donations of old uniform via the box situated outside the school office for any parents who wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box outside the school office. If you need any uniform, you will need to pop down to the **Family Hub** on Waterloo Street, DE14 2NJ. The Family Hub do not have the capacity to reply to emails but do have uniform on site all year round and are open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.00pm



Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

Santa & Son

Written by David Walliams

This hilarious seasonal adventure from king of comedy David Walliams is the perfect Christmas gift for kids of all ages and a fun, funny and heartwarming story for the whole family. It's the night of Christmas Eve. In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies. Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs!

Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not. We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Please note, we can only accept and administer **prescribed medicines** that are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include instructions for administration and dosage.

If your child arrives late, it is the responsibility of the adult to report to the school office and sign the “Late Book”, giving a reason for lateness. This is important so that the school office knows your child is in school and can mark your child in in the class register. The class registers in the classrooms close at 8.55am when lessons start.

When reporting an absence, please could we ask that parents contact the school office before 9.30am and state clearly reasons for absence.



Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be! Remember, **every pupil, every day!** Thank you for your support. This week's Attendance Champions are **Nursery!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Nursery	100%	Target
Reception	97.7%	Whole School – 97%
Year 1	87.2%	
Year 2	97.8%	
Year 3	90.4%	
Year 4	90.6%	
Year 5	98.4%	
Year 6	93.3%	Overall (to date)
Overall	94.0%	97.1%

Head Teacher's Awards

Nursery		
Reception	EVERYONE!	
Year 1	Darcey C	Ethan B
Year 2	Harper O	Sada C
Year 3	Teigan W	Jack P
Year 4	Safia A	Fynn M
Year 5	Mariam A	Layla N
Year 6	Reece A	Eisa L

OPAL Play Awards

Nursery	Luna C
Reception	Thushan R
Year 1	Kethana R
Year 2	Amelia M
Year 3	Aadam A
Year 4	Zain C
Year 5	Aiza L
Year 6	Aminah A








Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 24.10.25)	37	54	48	44
Position	4 th – 1 point	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points	3 rd – 2 points
Running Total	22	19	18	16

Team Point Champions

Congratulations to **Claymills** who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something **red**) on **Friday 7 November 2025**.

Hot Lunch Options 03.11.25 – 07.11.25

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Chicken tikka masala served with rice	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	Pork sausage with creamy mash potato & gravy	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Roasted vegetable pizza	  Vegetable tikka masala with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 Vegan sausage & mash potato with gravy	 Vegetarian burger with chunky chips
Accompaniments	Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & carrots Salad bar	Green beans & cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Jam & coconut sponge	 Flapjack	Chocolate sponge	Shortbread	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

We have had such a wonderful week in Nursery to finish off our first half term!

We had our first Forest School session where we discovered the wonderful story of Stickman by Julia Donaldson. We continued this theme by taking part in lots of fun activities including making our own Stick people, creating beautiful leaf prints by using hapa zome and having exciting pumpkin races!



Later in the week, we celebrated Diwali and learnt about the story of Rama and Sita. It was great re-telling the story in our imagination island and creating beautiful rangoli patterns using a variety of media.

The highlight of the week was our amazing Pumpkin Party, which was full of fun and excitement. We loved exploring slime, decorating tasty pumpkin biscuits and joining in with a pumpkin pooch hunt around the KS1 playground. There was plenty of dancing and singing, and we used pumpkins in lots of different ways – from pumpkin painting to pumpkin bowling!

A fantastic end to a fantastic half term – Nursery you are amazing!

Reception

This week in Reception has been full of exciting celebrations and learning experiences! The children have been busy preparing for our Harvest Festival, learning about where our food comes from and taking part in songs and activities to show gratitude for the harvest. We also explored the festival of Diwali, creating beautiful diya lamps, rangoli patterns and learning about the story of Rama and Sita. To finish the week, the children enjoyed a range of Halloween-themed activities, including pumpkin exploration, spooky crafts and imaginative play. It has been a wonderful week of cultural celebration, creativity and fun in Reception!



Year 1

Year 1 have had an awesome first half term!

In English this week, we have been learning all about adjectives and used them to describe autumnal items. In Maths, we have continued learning about the part-whole model and used this to help us answer addition number sentences.

In DT, we have finished making our windmills and tested them both inside and outside the classroom to see how they move in the wind and when powered by our hands.

In RE, we have been discussing how people should care for and look after the world.

Well done, Year 1 – what a fantastic start to the year! Have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all next half term.

Year 2

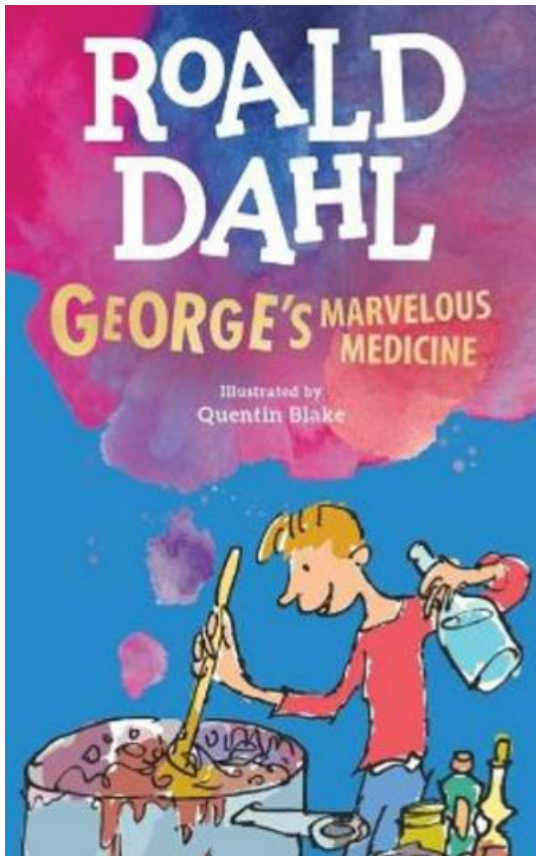
What a lovely week we've had in Year 2!

We've been busy finishing our "Diary of London" writing, and the children have done brilliantly with their very first full write-up – we're so proud of how hard they've worked and the wonderful detail they've included.

In maths, we've started exploring adding and subtracting tens, and the children are quickly growing in confidence with their place value knowledge.

We also had our final Forest School session, which was a real highlight! The children had great fun using flint and steels, creating leaf ghosts, and even doing some beautiful tree drawings. It was the perfect way to end our outdoor learning sessions.





Towards the end of the week, we had an amazing Design and Technology lesson. First, we worked together as a class to design and build a chair – we rolled up lots of card, taped it all together, and then, of course, we had to test it out! Mrs Sadya and Miss Walton were very brave and even gave it a go themselves... (we're pleased to report that the chair survived – just about!).

After that, the children designed and made their very own “Baby Bear’s Chairs”, which they then tested out using their own teddy bears. The creativity and teamwork were fantastic to see!

We've shared some lovely photos from the week on Instagram, so please do have a look — the smiles say it all!

Year 3

What a brilliant week to end a marvellous half term! The children have worked incredibly hard and truly deserve a well-earned rest. We completed our D&T project this week, where the children evaluated their fantastic electrical posters – they were so proud of their creations! In maths, everyone has been working diligently on adding and subtracting three-digit numbers and remembering when to exchange. Great perseverance all round. We also wrote some excellent poems inspired by George’s Marvellous Medicine; the children’s creativity really shone through in their writing. Well done, Year 3!

Year 4

This week, the children have been very busy across all areas of learning! In maths, we have been using inverse operations to check our answers and applying our addition and subtraction methods to solve one- and two-step problems. In English, we have continued working on our information reports all about teeth. I have been so impressed with the quality of the children’s writing and how focused they have been during the editing stages, using CUPS and ARMS to make thoughtful improvements. In science, we carried out an investigation into electrical switches, exploring what makes a complete and incomplete circuit. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and scientific thinking. During the afternoons, we have been busy creating artwork for our open evening display, inspired by our class novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children painted stunning snowy backdrops of Narnia, added glitter for a magical touch, and wrote beautiful setting and character descriptions to accompany their work. It’s been a fantastic week—and a wonderful half term! Well done to everyone in Year 4 for their hard work and enthusiasm.



Year 5

It’s been another fantastic week of learning in Year 5!

In Maths, the children have been exploring how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. They have been working hard to understand how the digits move and how place value changes with each operation. In English, we have started an exciting new unit called “A Chilli Day.” The children have enjoyed delving into the story and exploring new key vocabulary.

In Science, we have been investigating how mixtures can be separated using a range of methods, including sieving, filtering, evaporating, and using magnets. The children loved the practical experiments and worked brilliantly to carry out the investigation. It was wonderful to see their scientific thinking and teamwork in action!



Year 6

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard this half term and should be very proud of their achievements. In Mathematics, the children have been learning to add and subtract mixed numbers – a challenging concept that they have shown great perseverance with, making remarkable progress in just a few days. In English, pupils have been writing diary entries from the perspective of Hana Brady as part of our Hana's Suitcase project, demonstrating empathy and maturity in their work. They have also produced impressive artwork to accompany their writing for our open evening display. Well done, Year 6, on an excellent first eight weeks – enjoy a well-deserved half term break!

Diary Dates 2025-2026

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 24 th October 2025, 3.30pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 13 th November 2025, 9.00am
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 26 th November to Friday 28 th November 2025
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th November 2025, 9.00am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 5 th December 2025
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Tuesday 9 th December 2025, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 th December 2025, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th January 2026
Young Voices 2026	Thursday 15 th January 2026
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 22 nd January 2026, 9.00am
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 26 th January to Friday 30 th January 2026
PFA Valentine's Disco	Friday 6 th February 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 13 th February 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 26 th February 2026, 9.00am
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 20 th March 2026
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 26 th March 2026, 9.00am
Year 5 Hampton Court Palace	Thursday 26 th March 2026
School Closes for Easter	Friday 27 th March 2026, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 4 th May 2026
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 11 th May 2026 to Friday 15 th May 2026
PFA Midsummer Cinema Night	Tuesday 19 th May 2026
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 22 nd May 2026
INSET Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026 to Friday 5 th June 2026
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 8 th June 2026 to Friday 12 th June 2026
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 3 rd July 2026
School Closes for Summer	Friday 17 th July 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July 2026

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Parents' Evening	Monday 20 th October 2025 Wednesday 22 nd October 2025
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 24 th October 2025
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Open Evening	Thursday 6 th November 2025, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 10 th November 2025
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 13 th November 2025, 9.00am
Parent Coffee Morning	Friday 14 th November 2025, 9.00am – 10.00am
Children in Need	Friday 21 st November 2025
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 26 th November 2025 to Friday 28 th November 2025 inclusive
Christingle	Tuesday 2 nd December 2025
A Nursery Noel	Thursday 4 th December 2025, 9.15am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 5 th December 2025
Reception / Year 1 Nativity	Monday 8 th December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Tuesday 9 th December 2025, 10.00am
Year 2 / Year 3 Nativity	Thursday 11 th December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 th December 2025
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 th December 2025, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 th January 2026

Train to Teach
in Local Schools

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The John Taylor SCITT
jtscitt.co.uk

Could you design a Christmas card to be printed and used by the Trust?

ENTER JTMAT'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

WHAT YOU COULD WIN!

Win a printed copy of your Christmas card, a certificate and a voucher to spend on art supplies. One winner from a JTMAT primary school, and one winner from a JTMAT secondary school.



COMPETITION RULES

1. This competition is open to all children attending any JTMAT school.
2. The design should be based on your own imagination/idea.
3. Your design should be completed on one side of a white piece of A4 paper or card.
4. Please ensure the design is flat and text free. ie. with no writing, no cotton wool or 3D objects as this can cause issues with scanning designs for printing.
5. Posters must be submitted to your Headteacher by Monday 10th November. Late entries unfortunately cannot be accepted.

*"We believe in the power of education to improve lives -
and the world."*

