



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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17th April 2026

"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken."



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very warm welcome back to everyone, after what has been a very busy week in school (more about this later on in the 'Shobnall Showcase' at the end of the newsletter)! It appears everyone has had a really good Easter break (with some good weather in parts) and it has been great to have seen children, parents and staff looking so well, refreshed, and revitalised.

As the warmer weather now approaches, please don't forget to send your child to school with suncream on and sunhats when we are due to have a particularly hot day. It is also essential that they have their water bottles too so that they can keep hydrated and cool. Many thanks for your support with this.



Whatever it is that you are doing this weekend, we hope that you have a great and relaxing one and look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

Introducing BROMCOM & New Parent App – My Child At School (MCAS)

My Child At School (MCAS) is our new parent app linked to the BromCom system. It gives you quick, secure access to important information about your child, all in one place. You can log in through the app once you've set up your account using the invitation email we send.

Benefits of MCAS include:

- Everything in one place – view attendance, data, and key updates. Instant communication – receive messages and notifications directly from school.
- Easy access – use the app whenever you need.
- Secure and personalised – your login is safely linked to your child.
- More features coming soon – additional tools (including payments, booking onto Shobnall Stars) will be added as we complete the setup.



We will send you an email during week commencing **27 April 2026**. Please look out for it! It will have a link to set up your account along with some instructions.

Trial School Menu Launch!



You will all have received a letter this week about a trial of our school meal offer for the summer term at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, starting from **20 April 2026**.

We know that cost and meal choice are key factors when families decide whether to use school lunches. We also want as many children as possible to access a healthy, balanced meal that supports their wellbeing and learning. As a result, we will be trialling a reduced price for paid school meals, alongside menu updates shaped directly by parent and pupil feedback.

The price of a paid school meal will be reduced to **£2.00 per meal** for the summer term trial. A revised menu has been introduced, developed in response to survey feedback. Meal quality and standards will remain the same.

The updated menus also include a number of improvements made by Mellors, our catering provider, including:

- A daily pasta bar and a pizza bar to increase choice
- Greater variety of desserts, with fruit and yoghurt available daily
- More variety across the week, including themed options such as tacos and fish choices
- Clear identification of halal options alongside existing choices
- Enhancements to salad bars and bread options
- Adjustments to recipes, including curries, based on pupil preferences.

This is a time-limited trial for the summer term. The reduced price is only sustainable if meal uptake increases significantly. The trial will be monitored closely, and if uptake does not reach the required levels, the price may revert. If you would like this trial to continue, we need families to support it by choosing school meals more regularly. Thank you for your continued support.

East Staffordshire Family Hub

Please click on the East Staffordshire Family Hub Padlet below for details of the new Family Hub Best Start Launch on **Thursday 28 May 2026** and for information about new groups starting over the forthcoming weeks.

<https://padlet.com/eaststafffamilyhub/east-staffordshire-family-hub-vkbh71z5ymb4vl79>



Family Hub Best Start Launch

Family Event for Ages 0-19

A fun day for children, young people and families to explore, play and connect with the community

Games, Crafts & Entertainers

Early Years - Youth Provision

Information & community partners attending

Food & Refreshments Available

East Staffordshire Family Hub

Thursday 28th May 11am-3pm
East Staffordshire Family Hub
Waterloo Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2NJ

Good News for Miss Lord!

We are delighted to share the lovely news that Miss Lord is expecting her first child in October. We are all very pleased for her and her family and know that the children and staff will join us in congratulating her on this exciting news.

Plans for Miss Lord's maternity leave are currently underway, and we are currently recruiting for a class teacher to join our team in September 2026!



If you or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity, we would love to hear from you! For more details and to apply, please click [here](#), or feel free to enquire via the school office for further information.

In the meantime, we wish Miss Lord all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new arrival.



Year 4 Class Assembly

Please note the change of date for Year 4's forthcoming class assembly.

This will now be on **Thursday 18 June 2026**, NOT Thursday 25 June 2026 as originally planned.

This has been altered on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

JTMAT Geography Subject Excellence Project

The next JTMAT Subject Excellence Project has been launched. It is centred on geography, and the name of the project is **My Town, My Place**.

Pupils are invited to create a mental map of a 'place' with significance to them. They could choose a journey or an area which is important to them.

Within their map they should aim to include what they can see, smell, hear and how the place makes them feel. They should also aim to include why this place is important to them

Children should use their knowledge of their local area and map making, include a wide range of senses and experiences and use creative multimedia approaches to create a visual representation of their sense of place (drawing, collage, painting, digital, photography, video or mixed media).

The project is open to all year groups and the deadline for entries is **8 May 2026**. Good luck, everyone!

JTMAT PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY SUBJECT EXCELLENCE PROJECT

MY TOWN, MY PLACE

TASK: USE CREATIVE MULTIMEDIA (DRAWING, COLLAGE, PAINT, DIGITAL, VIDEO, MIXED MEDIA) TO CREATE A MENTAL MAP OF A 'PLACE' WITH SIGNIFICANCE TO YOU. AIM TO INCLUDE WHAT YOU CAN SEE, SMELL, HEAR AND HOW THE PLACE MAKES YOU FEEL AND WHY THIS PLACE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

Certificates,
badges and
PRIZES to be won!



Submit your entry by 8th May to your teacher!

National Superhero Day

To celebrate **National Superhero Day** on **Tuesday 28 April**, we've attached some superhero-themed activities to the end of the newsletter for you to print and enjoy with your children.

You are also invited you to take part in our 'Who is your hero?' activity. Children can draw or write (depending on age) about their hero and forward to their teacher. This could be a family member, a friend, a pet, a celebrity or anyone they admire. We look forward to seeing their efforts!



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.

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.



Safety Tip!

With millions of apps available and children accessing them from an increasingly young age, app stores can present a range of risks. From malware and copycat apps to inappropriate content and persuasive in-app purchases, this guide highlights how easily young users can encounter issues – even when using official platforms.

It also offers clear, practical advice to help parents and educators manage these risks. From setting up parental controls and checking app credibility to having open conversations about safe usage, the guide supports adults in building children's awareness, encouraging safer choices and promoting more balanced, responsible app use.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDELoaded BANNED APPS

'Sideloaded' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert


Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, Techradar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



#WakeUpWednesday SALE

The National College

NEW Trial Hot Lunch Options 20.04.26 – 24.04.26

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Chicken Burger served with Herby Potatoes	Roast beef, with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes & gravy	New recipe Chicken Tikka Masala 50/50 Rice	Fish cake served with chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Samosa Pie served with Bombay Potatoes	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn Nuggets With Chips
Halal	As above	As Above	Roast chicken	Chicken tikka	As above
Pasta Bar	Selection of toppings	Selection of toppings	Selection of toppings	Selection of toppings	Selection of toppings
Accompaniments	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Chefs Choice Homemade Cookie	Chocolate rice crispy cake	Golden syrup sponge & custard	Strawberry whip	Ice-Cream & fresh fruit
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



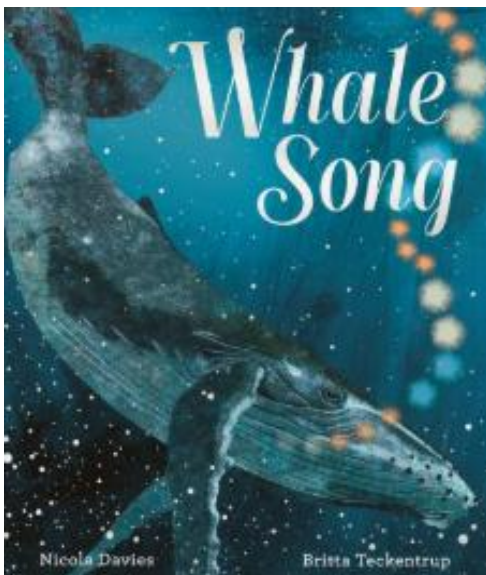
KEY

- 1 OF YOUR 5 A DAY
- MEAT FREE MONDAY
- CHEF'S CHOICE
- PLANT-BASED (VEGAN)

Allergens and intolerances:
All of our food is lovingly hand crafted and prepared on site daily. We have an allergen procedure in place, so please ensure you make our catering team aware of your allergens/ your child's allergens prior to using the restaurant. Our kitchens are used for multi-purpose production so we cannot guarantee the above dishes are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 3+...



Whale Song

Written by Nicola Davies

Listen! Listen! Somewhere in the deep, deep blue, a humpback whale is singing.

In this poignant non-fiction picture book, bestselling children's author Nicola Davies celebrates the beauty and power of the humpback whale's song. Humpback whales listen and learn songs from each other - copying the distinctive patterns and sounds. This extraordinary book follows the story of one whale's song as it spreads across the world's oceans.

With spectacular artwork by award-winning illustrator Britta Teckentrup, this is a celebration of the beauty and mystery of the natural world.

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.

Children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. 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 **Year 4!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Nursery	92.3%	Target
Reception	92.1%	
Year 1	96.7%	Whole School – 97%
Year 2	97.1%	
Year 3	95.5%	
Year 4	98.4%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	96.5%	95.8%
Year 6	95.4%	
Overall	96.6%	

Head Teacher's Awards

Nursery	Mila W	Hana S
Reception	Olive F	Rory P
Year 1	Freddie B	Anaiah H
Year 2	Adam J	Rayyan S
Year 3	Mia L	Daisy J
Year 4	Umi H	Saifullah M
Year 5	Isaac P	Nancy M
Year 6	Charlie W	Finlay B

OPAL Play Awards

Nursery	
Reception	Tommy D
Year 1	Zaynab A
Year 2	Olivia W
Year 3	Umair Q
Year 4	Ava O-R
Year 5	Harry K
Year 6	Aleena A

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 17.04.26)	53	38	137	67
Position	3 rd – 2 points	4 th – 1 point	1 st – 4 points	2 nd – 3 points
Running Total	2	1	4	3

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

We have had a fantastic start to the new term as we arrived back to school with big smiles ready to share our half term adventures.

We had fun beginning our new topic, 'Creature Carnival,' which started with a focus on farm animals. It has been interesting to discover all the different homes they have on the farm and the different ways they help us.

"Sheep have lots of wool and they can make woolly jumpers." (Adheera)

"Pigs go into the sty to play." (Lara)

"Some cows are all white and not with black spots and brown cows too." (Zeenat)

"The coop is where chickens go to sleep and lay lots of eggs." (Ailya)

We played some fun memory and guessing games and acted out the rhyme, 'Old McDonald had a Farm.' We also used various construction materials to create some imaginative animal homes. A wonderful start to the new term!



Reception

Reception have had a busy and exciting week as they began exploring their new topic, "A Bug's Life." The children have been learning all about different minibeasts and their characteristics, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm. They have particularly enjoyed exploring their new role-play area, the Bug Lab, where they have been investigating and discovering through imaginative play. As part of their learning, the children have looked closely at X-rays of insects and used these as inspiration to

create their own detailed artwork and sketches. They have also been exploring the properties of clay in preparation for making their own minibeast models in the coming weeks. In literacy, the children have been writing labels for pictures of minibeasts, and in their creative play, they have been pressing insects into playdough to make their own minibeast fossils. It has been a fantastic start to the topic!

Year 1

The children have returned to school feeling re-energised and eager to learn. In Maths, we have been exploring weight and capacity, where the children showed fantastic resilience and really enjoyed using a variety of scales. In English, we have been learning all about adjectives and have been using them to describe Jack and the giant's house. In Science, the children have been learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, as well as understanding



the difference between pets and wild animals. What a great week it has been! Keep up the fantastic hard work Year 1!

Year 2

This week we have had a lovely start back in Year 2 after the half-term break, and the children have settled back into school life brilliantly. In English, we have started our new topic on postcard writing and enjoyed looking at postcards sent by Mrs Sangster from her travels on different cruises, which really inspired the children and got them thinking about what they might write on their own. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, focusing on halves, and the children have really enjoyed using practical resources to explore this. In RE, we have been thinking about where we belong and why we feel that way, and the children especially loved the visit from Sofia the owl and the circle time discussions we shared. We have also had some fun in Art, where we went on a texture hunt to find natural objects and then used a range of materials such as foil, cotton buds, sponges and forks to recreate the different textures through painting. In Science, we have also started looking at different habitats and the types of animals that live in them. It has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning.



Year 3

What a brilliant first week back after an egg-cellent Easter break! Year 3 have hit the ground running with so much learning taking place. In History, we've started our new unit on the Iron Age. The children designed their own Iron Age settlements and thought carefully about where each part of the settlement should go. Their teamwork was terrific to see. In English, we have been learning all about persuasive reports. The children will eventually write a report encouraging parents to enrol their children at Shobnall. To help with this, we pretended to be prospective parents and conducted a tour of the school, taking in all the fantastic parts of our environment. We have also begun reading our new class text, *Charlotte's Web*, which the children already seem to love. Keep it up, Year 3!



Year 4

What a great first week back. We started the week publishing our balanced arguments on whether graffiti is art or vandalism. In maths we continued looking at decimals where we learnt about hundredths as a fraction and a decimal. As well as recognising where hundredths fit on a place value grid. In Science we began our new unit on living things and their habitats where we looked at what animals are in habitats such as the desert, arctic and rainforest. In computing we began our new unit on photo editing where we learnt how to crop and rotate an image. In PE we began our new unit on tennis which we loved. We finished the week

launching our new topic on the Ancient Egyptians. I am so impressed with the projects that have been brought in so far. A great first week back.



Year 5

Year 5 have started the Summer Term in a really positive way, settling back into school life quickly. In Maths, the children have begun a new topic on graphs and tables. They have been learning how to read and interpret line graphs, carefully analysing the information presented. In English, the children have been editing and writing up their persuasive letters in neat. They have worked hard to improve their writing and presentation, and their final pieces are something to be very proud of.

The children have also enjoyed their first Forest School session of the term. They explored the area and noticed the changes since their last visit. They showed great creativity by making clay coins with Arabic numbers, clay pots, nature crowns, and journey sticks. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, imagination and enjoyment of the outdoor environment.

Year 6

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Easter break, and they have returned feeling refreshed and ready to learn, working incredibly hard throughout the week. In Maths, we have been exploring the circumference and diameter of a circle, while in English the children have been writing an information report about a human body part, developing their research and formal writing skills. We have also continued with our SATs preparation, and the children should be very proud of the focus, resilience and effort they are showing. In PE, we have started an exciting new topic of golf, and the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm as they begin to develop their skills. A great first week back in Year 6 – keep it up!



Diary Dates 2025-2026

Event	Date/Time
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
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 18 th June 2026, 9.00am
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

Summer Term Diary Dates

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INSET Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 1 st June 2026 – Friday 12 th June 2026
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 4 th June 2026, 5.00pm
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Monday 8 th June 2026 – Friday 12 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 15 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 16 th June 2026
Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Monday 15 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 17 th June 2026
Reserve Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Wednesday 17 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3	Thursday 18 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 4	Friday 19 th June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 22 nd June 2026
Father's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 23 rd June 2026
JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed	Friday 3 rd July 2026
Year 6 Leavers' Disco	Friday 10 th July 2026, 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Aladdin	Tuesday 14 th July 2026, 1.30pm and 6.00pm
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 15 th July 2026, 9.00am
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 16 th July 2026, 9.00am
School Closes for Summer	Friday 17 th July 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 20 th July 2026




New! Free Play

Join our new welcoming free play session for parents/carers with 0-4 year olds. Drop in for as little or long as you like, ask our Family Hub Coaches questions and get advice and support with your child's development and wellbeing while they socialise with other children.



When and where?

Monday's 9.30am-12.30pm
East Staffs Family Hub
Waterloo Street
DE14 2NJ

Shobnall Primary and Nursery School

Our debt collection procedure



Log onto your Parent pay account at the end of each week.
Please make sure that you have added enough funds, on each account, to ensure that there is enough credit to cover the week.

1

Office staff will check Parentpay balances on a Monday. If your account is in debt, then the office staff will send you a text reminder to pay by the end of the day.

2

If your account still remains in debt, on the Tuesday, then office staff will make a phone call. If no contact is made, then a voicemail will be left.

3

On Wednesday, if the debt still remains unpaid, then a reminder letter will be issued.

4

If the debt is still unpaid by Thursday morning, then the school can restrict access to chargeable services such as Shobnall Stars – before and after school club, break sales. The office will call/text you if your child has been affected by this.



East Staffordshire Family Hub

Timetable 2025

Activities listed as FPC are free for valid Free Pass Card holders.

Contact

East Staffordshire Family Hub
Waterloo Street
Burton on Trent
DE14 2NJ

01283 233400

eaststaffsfamilyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk
@EastStaffordshireFamilyHub

Hill Street Health & Wellbeing Centre
Hill Street, Stapenhill, DE15 9LD



Monday

Burton Twins and Multiples

Venue: Hill Street Health & Wellbeing centre.

Come along to our friendly parent led drop in group for a chat and to socialise with other parents and carers who have experience with twins and multiples whilst the children play.

Suitable from birth - 5yrs

£3.00 per session

Drop in session (no booking required)

10.00am - 12.00pm

Facebook- Burton Twins & Multiples



Everyone Health

Stop smoking in pregnancy.

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub
Every Monday 1.00-5.00p.m.

Fridays 1:00-4.30p.m.

Drop in. For more information visit:

Staffordshire.everyonehealth.co.uk

Email: eh.staffs@nhs.net

Tel: 03330050095

Parent/Carer Support Group for parents of Autistic Children

Venue: East Staffs Family Hub

A group for parents/carers of diagnosed and non-diagnosed children & young people.

Join the **Autism Inclusion Team** for coffee and conversation.

Monthly meet ups on the first Monday of the month during term time between

9.30am-12.00pm

Drop in no booking required



Monday con.

NEW! Free Play Starting Monday 20th April NO booking required 9.30-12.30

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Join our new welcoming free play session for parents/carers with 0-4 year olds. Drop on for as little or as long as you like, ask our Family Hub Coaches questions and get advice and support with your child's development and wellbeing while they socialise with other children.



Tuesday

NEW! Mini Melodies! Starting Tuesday.

14th April FREE No booking required

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Tuesdays 1.00-2.30

Join us for a music group suitable for babies, pre-school children and their parents/carers. We'll enjoy singing, rhymes and instruments together!

Breastmilk Mummies FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

A chance to seek advice and make new friends so come along to our friendly parent led group and meet other breastfeeding mums.

Drop in: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Email:

breastmilkmummies@hotmail.com

Wednesday

Connected in pregnancy. FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

For mums, dads and partners who are pregnant or expecting a baby, and with babies under 6 months old.

Wednesdays 10.00a.m.-11.15.a.m.

NEW! The Garden Patch Stay & Play.

Venue: Hill Street Health & Wellbeing centre. **FREE**

Starting on Wednesday 22nd April- The Garden Patch is coming to your little green fingers- free stay & play session. A chance to explore, create, grow get messy and be curious through fun activities.

10.00am-12.00pm (Hill Street Family Hub)

Thursday

Free SEND support!

You can visit your local SEND Support Team at community hubs across Staffordshire.

We're here to listen, answer your questions, and guide your family to the right support. Drop in sessions.

Open to parents and carers.

Facebook @Caudwellchildren

Email: Family.Support@caudwell.com

Phone: 0345 3001348

Venue: East Staffs Family Hub

Dates and Times: Thursdays 9.30-12.30

2nd April 2026

16th April 2026

7th May 2026

21st May 2026

4th June 2026

18th June 2026

2nd July 2026

16th July 2026

6th August 2026

20th August 2026



Thursday con.

Breakfast Club - Drop In FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Rise and Shine! 9:30-11:00 come along and fuel up! Stay & Play with engaging activities.

Natter & Nature - FREE 12:30-2:00p.m. Booking Required - 01283 233400

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub
A warm welcoming group for Asian mums and their children, to connect with nature through seasonal walks, indoor & outdoor activities.
Come rain or shine we will enjoy the beauty of every season together!



Natter & Nature



Chai and Learn (Burton Unity) FREE

1:00-2:00p.m (Term Time Only)

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Join us for weekly sessions!
Building confidence and self care.
Managing stress and emotional wellbeing.
Understanding children's behaviour.
Supporting children with SEND.
Positive parenting strategies.

Friday

Baby Sensory FPC

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub
Our baby development classes are jam packed with sensory activities to support your babies development enormously and are great fun

10.30am - 11.30am

Booking Required -£7 .50 per session

Tel: 07855570117

burton@babysensory.co.uk

Harvey Girls FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub
Harvey Girls offers parent & child focused activities and support covering a wide range of topics that will engage and inspire you. A lovely relaxed nurturing session.

Suitable for 0-5yrs

Booking Required 10:00am - 12.00pm

Tel: Harvey Girls 01283 533449



harvey girls

Dads & Dads

'Let's talk SEND' COMING SOON FREE

Venue: Hill Street Health & Wellbeing Centre

SEND Parents Support & Connect-

Join us for a cuppa and toast in a relaxed group where parents can come together to: share experiences, build supportive friendships, talk openly in a non-judgemental space. Drop in anytime- Starting on the 24th April, then fortnightly. 9.30-11.30.

Runs Daily

Health Visitors FREE

Venue: Hill Street Health & Wellbeing Centre

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Appointment Required

Tel: Health Visitors 08081780611



Physiotherapy

Community paediatrics physiotherapy run throughout the week.

Referral only: 01889 572021

paedphysiosouth@mpft.nhs.uk

Tiny Toes Nursery

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

THINK 2 and 30 hours funded

childcare places available

Booking Required

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:00pm

Tel: 01283 741343

Antenatal Clinic FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Booking Required

9:30am - 4:30pm

Tel: 01332 785796 Option 2

Post Natal Clinic FREE

Venue: East Staffordshire Family Hub

Booking Required

9:30am - 4:30pm

Tel: 01332 785796 Option 2



Runs Daily

SENSORY ROOM NOW OPEN!

East Staffs Family Hub

Two adults & Two children (plus 1 up to 12mths) MAX.

£2 (Cash only) for an Hour

Mon-Fri: 09:30-10:30 11:00-12:00a.m.

12:30-01:30 02:00-03:00p.m.

After school available please enquire

FPC Accepted

To book call: 01283 233400

Sensory Room
East Staffs Family Hub

Our sensory room offers a calming and soothing space to explore and interact through light touch and sound.

Sensory Room Benefits
Calmness
Improved Sleep
More Skills Development
Sensory Development
Improved Balance
Motivation

Two adults and two children (plus 1 up to 12 months) MAX.
£2 per 1 hour slot

Family Hub Staffordshire
Tel: 01283 233400
To Book please call Reception on 01283 233400

Free for FPC holders

Sign up to get our latest news

Right help.
Right time.
Right place.

Staffordshire County Council

Community

Active Antz FPC

Venue: Meadowside Leisure centre
Come along and have fun exploring the soft play world. Circle time with stories and singing. Craft and messy play delights.

Booking Required: £4.55 per session or £3.15 with a leisure pass
Birth-under 5yrs only
Wednesdays
9.30am – 11.30am
Tel: **01283 372960**

Shorties Baby Group

Every Thursday during term time.
10:30-12 noon

The Community Church, Main Street, Stapenhill
DE15 9AR

Tel: **01283 545301**

Email: **info@tcc.org.uk**

Little Blessings Toddler Group

Every Wednesday during term time.
10a.m. - 11.30a.m.

The Community Church, Main Street, Stapenhill
DE15 9AR

Tel: **01283 545301**

Email: **info@tcc.org.uk**

Meadowside Swimming (splash pool)

Full timetable available on the website
Booking Required: 1hr session
Children £3.50 Adult £5.70
Tel: 01283 372 960 or book online at
www.everyoneactive.com

Community

Meadowside Play World Soft Play FPC

Venue: Meadowside soft play centre A
great way for your children to let off steam. Lots of apparatus to help support your child's development from balance, coordination, problem solving and more!
Booking Required: 90 minute sessions
Monday - Friday, 20% off with your Everyone Active Card.

up to 12mths free entry
Under 3yrs £6.15, over 3yrs £7.90
Mon-Fri till 4p.m. term time £4.00
Tel: 01283 372960

Tots Time @ Branston FPC

Branston Village Hall
Come and along and enjoy our friendly group. We have a different theme each week and always finish off with singing.
Suitable from birth – 4yrs
Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am
Find us on Facebook Totstime@branston

Heath Tots Stay & Play

Venue: Uttoxeter Community Centre
Every Thursday 9.30a.m.-11.30a.m.
£3.00 for 1st Child (£1.00 for each additional sibling)
Refreshments Provided

Autism Pyramid Group

Stay & Play session one Sunday a month
see Facebook page for details .



Community

Health Visiting and School Nursing Team

The health visiting and school nursing website has lots of useful information to help parents, carers, and young people aged 0-19 be healthy. You can find helpful advice on a range of topics including pregnancy, infant feeding, teething and speech and language, safe sleeping and much more.
0808 178 0611 (option 1)
www.mpft.nhs.uk

Walk in Health Visitor Clinic

Queen Street Community Centre
DE14 3LW
Every Wednesday 9:30-11:30a.m

To speak to a health visitor or book a clinic appointment in East Staffordshire call the Health Visitor Hub on 0808 178 0611

Financial Support

COMING SOON! Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

More information to follow

Financial Support for Families

Building Firmer Foundations Workshops

The Household Support Fund 'Financial Wellbeing Workshops' are free 3-week courses designed to help families create a realistic and sustainable household budget, explore ways to decrease spending and discuss how to support mental health through financial stress. These are group sessions but 1-to-1 support is also available.
financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk

Healthy Start Vouchers

If you are pregnant or have a child under 4, you may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers which can be used to buy fresh food, milk and children's vitamins. Search NHS Healthy Start for to apply now.
healthystart.nhs.uk

Childcare Choices

For help paying for childcare visit Childcare Choices for clear information on your childcare entitlement options.
childcarechoices.gov.uk

Funded Childcare

Whether a working parent or receiving additional support, you could be entitled to funded childcare. For more information visit staffordshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare



Staffordshire Connects

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Staffordshire Connects provides information on a wealth of local services and support for you and your family, from financial advice and mental health services to activity listings in Staffordshire.



SEND Support in Staffordshire

Staffordshire Connects is the best place to find information about the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities local offer. The 'SEND Local Offer' lists support and services available for those caring for children and young people aged 0-25yrs with SEND. staffordshireconnects.info



Visit the new
Staffordshire SEND Local Offer
(Special Educational Needs and Disability)
www.staffordshireconnects.info

For children and young people aged 0-25 years

The best place to go to find information about SEND support in Staffordshire.

- Early years and childcare
- Education
- Social Care
- Health and Wellbeing
- Travel and transport
- Places to go, things to do
- Preparing for adulthood
- Money Matters
- Extra Help available to children, families and settings
- Information and support including support groups and organisations
- Policy information, referral mechanisms, forms and templates

Family Support

Hungry Little Minds

Free service for 0-2yrs. Sign up to receive 2 emails per month with age tailored activities to help you read, play and talk with your baby as they grow. staffordshire.gov.uk/hungry-little-minds



Early Help

The Early Help team are here to support with your family specific needs with targeted individual or whole family working to prevent problems from getting worse. To make a referral for Early Help support please call the Children's Advice Service on 0300 111 8007

Revive
PARENTING PEER-SUPPORT
SEN Parents Drop-In

Support for parents of children with additional needs. No formal diagnosis needed.

1st and 3rd Thursdays
9am to 11am
The Corner - DE14 3SU

Term time only	Free drinks and toast	No need to book	Little ones welcome
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www.burtonelim.com
office@burtonelim.com
01283 355323

Burton Eilm Church
Quintessence of the 16th Century

Part of the 'Project Connect' initiative, supported by Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Local Authorities

Volunteering Opportunities



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME



Lesson Lead
Lesson Support
Community Champion
Centre Volunteer
Admin Support
Maintenance Volunteer

Do you have a few hours spare each week? Would you like to come and support your local Family Hub? We have opportunities for volunteers to support across Staffordshire. To find out more about how you can support, scan the QR code, call Debbie Burgess on 07704 798133 or email debbie.burgess@staffordshire.gov.uk

Follow on Facebook

Follow us on Facebook for up to date timetables, information on new courses and activities, and helpful information and support for families.



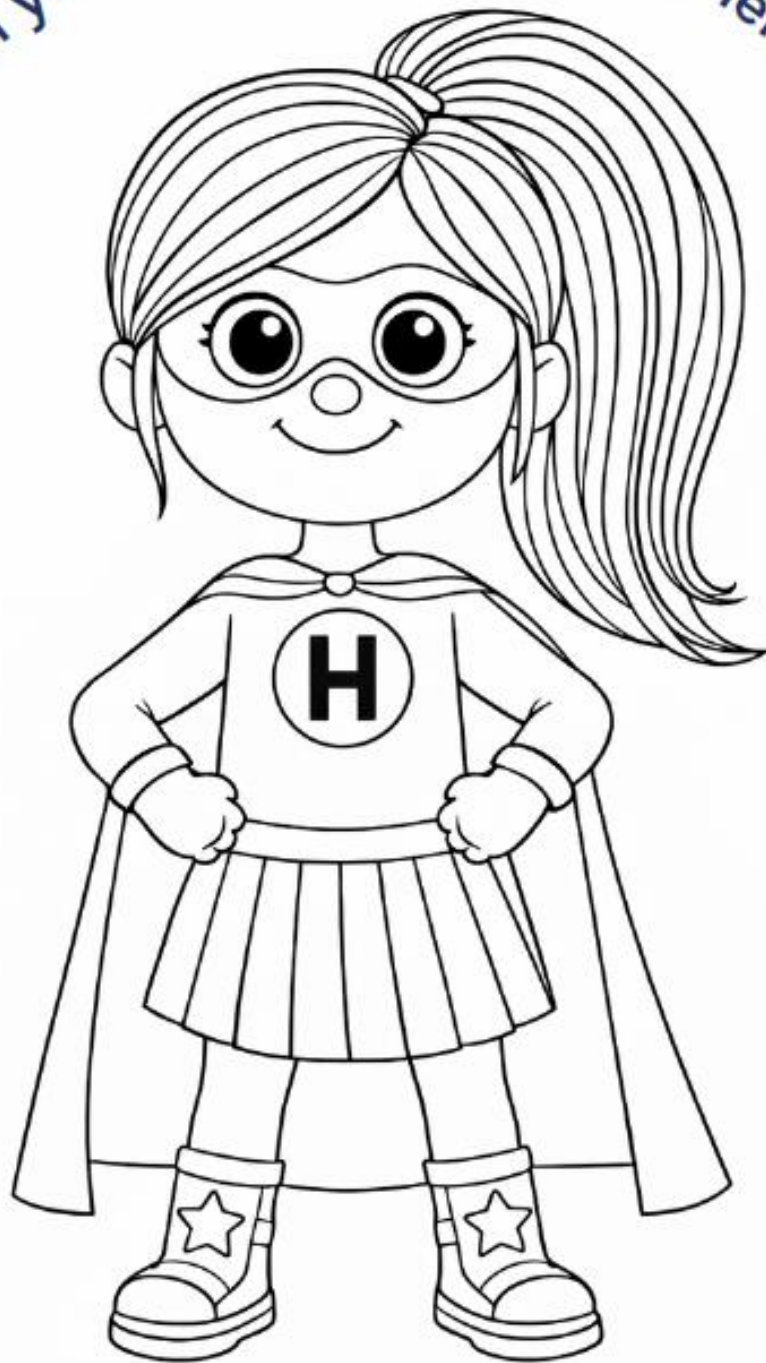
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Colour in your **Little Hero** and give him a name



Here Every day Ready On time

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John Taylor MAT

CEO: Mike Donoghue OBE MA (Hons), MBA, NPQH, NLE



Dear Parents/ Carers & Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that nominations are now open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award, which all John Taylor Multi Academy Trust pupils are eligible to be nominated for.

The award, which is open to all year groups in all JT MAT schools, is an opportunity for children to gain recognition for their achievements. Pupils may be nominated for the Exceptional Achievement Award at any point in the academic year, based on the following criteria:

Primary Aged Pupils (Early Years, KS1 & KS2)	Secondary Aged Pupils (KS3, KS4 & KS5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• County, National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months• Grade 1 or above at KS1, or Grade 3 or above in music or singing at KS2• Performing in televised programme/ film or National stage production• Fundraising for a charity over £2000• Success in overcoming adversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National or International status in any given activity in the last 18 months• Grade 8 or above/ Diploma in music or singing• Performing in televised programme/ film.• Fundraising for a charity over £5000• Success in overcoming adversity

Parents, carers, staff, or peers can make a nomination using the above criteria.

Please complete the online form via this link:

[John Taylor MAT- Exceptional Achievement Award Nomination Form \(Spring & Summer 2026\) – Fill in form](#)

The form will ask you to complete a short paragraph (please work to a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 250 words) in order for the nomination to be fully considered.

Once you have made your nomination, please be advised that we will be in contact with you in the weeks leading up to the ceremony to request supporting evidence, which you should provide to the student's headteacher. Please be advised that you will be notified shortly after this process has taken place to let you know whether your nomination has been successful.

Please provide as many specific details about the achievement as possible, ensuring that you provide full details of which sport/ instrument for example, the achievement involves.

If successful, students will be invited to meet with their headteacher for a ceremony which will take place on Friday 10th July 2026 at 9:00am, via a Teams call with Mike Donoghue OBE, CEO of John Taylor MAT, in which they will receive their very special gold pin badge award and certificate of exceptional achievement.

We very much look forward to seeing our school community embrace this opportunity and celebrate those who achieve the award. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Friday 19th June 2026 and winners will be announced shortly after that date.

If you have any enquiries, please email jtmat-subjectexcellence@jtmat.co.uk

With Kind Regards,

Mrs G Martin
Director of School Improvement (secondary)

Mrs L Farmer
Director of School Improvement (primary)



HUSSEIN'S BIRTHDAY FUN DAY

JOIN US ON THE 2ND MAY
2026

WASHLANDS SPORTS CLUB
MEADOW ROAD
BURTON ON TRENT
DE14 1TD

WE HAVE LOTS PLANNED FOR YOU TO ENJOY

- RODEO BULL
- DUEL AS SEEN ON GLADIATORS
- PENALTY SHOOT OUT
- INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
- NINE DART CHALLENGE
- RAFFLE
- TOMBOLA
- HOOK-A-DUCK
- AND MANY MORE INFLATABLES
- FOOD BY PIZZA LEVIO
- MUDDLES CAKES
- DOUBLE DECKERS

FROM 11AM ONWARDS
INFLATABLES LEAVE AT
4:30PM
RAFFLE DRAWN AT
5:30PM

