



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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18th September 2026

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Shobnall, with so much happening across the school and plenty to celebrate!

Our Year 2 children have begun their Forest School sessions, giving them a wonderful opportunity to take their learning outdoors, explore the natural environment and develop their confidence, curiosity and teamwork skills. It has been lovely to see them embracing the experience with such enthusiasm.



We also held a very productive PFA meeting this week, with lots of exciting ideas and plans discussed for the year ahead. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who gives their time to support the PFA and, in turn, helps us to provide even more opportunities and experiences for our children.

Our extra-curricular clubs are now in full swing too, and it is fantastic to see so many children getting involved in activities beyond the classroom. The sound coming from our choir rehearsals has been fabulous! Miss Allen is already putting our budding performers through their paces as preparations for *Young Voices* get underway, and they are sounding superb already. We cannot wait to hear how they progress over the coming months.

As always, there has also been some brilliant learning taking place throughout school. Make sure you read our *Shobnall Showcase* further on in the newsletter, where you can find out more about what the children have been learning and celebrate some of their fantastic achievements. Keep it up, children – you continue to make us very proud!

Whatever it is you are planning on doing this weekend, enjoy! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Good News for Miss Lord!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Lord has welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world! He decided to make his arrival a little earlier than expected, but we are very pleased to hear that both Mum and baby are doing well.

We send Miss Lord and her family our warmest congratulations and lots of love as they enjoy these precious first days together.

Congratulations, Miss Lord!



PFA News!

The first PFA meeting of the year was held on Tuesday! Many thanks to all our committee members and volunteers who came along. A series of fundraisers have been planned, and the dates to note are:

- **Halloween Disco – Friday 16 October 2026**
- **Christmas Market – Friday 4 December 2026**
- **Valentine's Disco – Friday 5 February 2027**
- **Easter Bingo – Friday 19 March 2027**
- **Summer Cinema Night – Tuesday 15 June 2027**

Get those spooky costumes ready first though because the **PFA Halloween Disco** is coming to Shobnall on **Friday 16 October**! We are looking forward to a *fang-tastic* evening of music, dancing and Halloween fun for the children. Disco timings are:

- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** 3.45pm – 5.00pm
- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6):** 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Tickets cost **£4.00 per child** and include entry to the disco, a drink and a bag of sweets. Additional drinks, sweets and crisps will be available to purchase during the disco, alongside some spooky extras including glow sticks and temporary tattoos. Tickets go on sale during the week commencing Monday 5 October and can initially be purchased via bank transfer. From Monday 12 October, tickets will also be available to purchase at the school gate, as well as by bank transfer.



As our first disco begins very shortly after the end of the school day, and because we couldn't possibly have a Halloween Disco without some suitably spooky outfits, **Friday 16 October** will also be a **non-uniform day**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their party clothes or spooky outfits, meaning those attending the first disco can head straight to the fun without needing to rush home to get changed. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and ready to dance. It's going to be spook-tacular!



It's never too early to start talking about Christmas either! The PFA Christmas Market will take place on Friday 4 December 2026! This is always a wonderful afternoon of fun for our children and families, but events like this simply would not be possible without the fantastic support of our parents, carers, families and wider Shobnall community.

We are currently looking for prizes for our Christmas raffle. Perhaps you work for a company that might be willing to donate a prize, know a local business that could help, or are able to offer something yourself. No donation is too big

or too small, and every contribution will help us to create a fantastic raffle and raise more money for the children. The PFA will also be approaching local businesses and organisations over the coming weeks, so if you have contacts within local businesses who you think may be willing to support us, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We are also offering the opportunity for parents, families, local businesses and independent sellers to have their own table/stall at the Christmas Markey for just £10. If you make crafts, gifts, cakes, Christmas items or have products that you would like to sell, this could be a great opportunity to join us and be part of the festivities.

If you would like to book a table for £10, please contact the school office to register your interest. Spaces will be limited, so please get in touch early if you would like one.

There will be lots more information to come over the next few weeks, including further opportunities to donate and volunteer. Our PFA does a tremendous amount for the children of Shobnall, but its success relies upon the support of our whole school community. Every donation, every volunteer and every family that comes along makes a difference. Many thanks, as always, for your support.



AUDITIONS FOR PERFORMANCE OF
Swan Lake
DERBY THEATRE

BIRMINGHAM AUDITIONS
SUNDAY, THE 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME
THORPE STREET

JUNIORS REGISTRATION **10:15 AM**
SENIORS REGISTRATION **11:10 AM**

BOOK NOW!
(07908) 605450

Harvest Assembly – Tuesday 29 September 2026

On **Tuesday 29 September**, the children will be celebrating harvest in our special Harvest Assembly. Reverend Simon is coming into school to lead the assembly so that we can come together as a school family to talk about harvest and say “Thank You” for the food and clothes that we have. Each year, we like to support a local charity with donations of either money or food to support those children, adults and families who are less fortunate than us. Therefore, please could I ask if you could make a small donation by sending your child in to school on Tuesday 29 September with a tin or packet of food (non-perishable items only). We will once again be supporting the YMCA charity who will come and collect the donations later during that day. Thank you!





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Shobnall Primary School PFA

HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

KS1 3:45-5pm

KS2 5:15-6:30pm

Tickets £4 each

(includes a drink & bag of sweets)

Pay Online

*Account name: Friends of
Shobnall school
Account number:
03558088
Sort Code: 30-91-47*

Pay Cash

*Tickets will be available
to purchase from Monday
12th October
before & after school at
the front gate*

**Additional drinks, sweets & crisps
will be available to buy at the disco**

***Also glow sticks, bracelets, party glasses,
& tattoo station***



Shobnall Primary & Nursery School



Do you have a child starting Reception in September 2022?

Come and discover what makes Shobnall so special – a warm, ambitious and inclusive school, proudly judged 'Outstanding' by Ofsted for over a decade."

Dave Adams – Headteacher



OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 12th November
from 4.30PM–6PM**

Come along to view our facilities and meet our dedicated staff team

Booking is not required



"Happy children, inspired learners"

Shobnall Primary and Nursery School, Shobnall Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 2BB.
<https://shobnallprimaryschool.co.uk/>





Main

Croque Monsieur (ham and cheese toasty)
Poulet Rotit with Frites (chicken tender and fries) (halal)
Croque Monsieur Provencal (cheese & tomato toasty)

Dessert

Pan au chocolat
Fruits Frais (Fresh Fruit)
Yaourt (Yoghurt)



While many allergies result in only mild symptoms, some can be far more dangerous, causing life-threatening episodes of anaphylaxis that require swift intervention. This week's guide helps break down the warning signs and outlines the immediate steps to take when every second counts. It also provides a useful overview of the most common food allergens, as well as common non-food triggers like insect venom, pollen, and medication. With clear guidance on recognising the symptoms of a serious reaction and the role of devices like auto-injectors, this resource can help adults feel more prepared and informed when supporting children with allergies.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.

two doses, 0.15 mg or 0.3 mg

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS:

(However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)

CELERY	FISH	CRUSTACEANS	EGGS	MILK
SOYA	LUPIN	CEREALS	TREE NUTS	SESAME
MUSTARD	MOLLUSCS	PEANUTS	SULPHITES	

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY

Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.

BREATHING

Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.

CIRCULATION

Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.

In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:

POLLEN	PET HAIR/DANDER	INSECT VENOM	MEDICATION/DRUGS
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LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more

	AllergyWise®		EpiPen		Jext		ADRENALINE AND AADs
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Meet Our Expert

Anaphylaxis UK is the only UK-wide charity operating solely for the growing numbers of people at risk of serious allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. While there's no treatment or cure for anaphylaxis, we believe that by providing information, training and support, there's a brighter future for people living with serious allergies.

@wake_up_weds /www.thenationalcollege @wake.up.wednesday @wake.up.weds

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Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for a September 2026 start at secondary or high school is now open. Parents can apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions. As in previous years, the local authority is no longer providing paper copies of the 'Information to Parents' booklet. Parents are able to access this booklet on their [website](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions). Deadline for applications is **31 October 2026**.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Shobnall Stars – After School Club Closure, Wednesday 7 October 2026 AND Wednesday 4 November 2026

It is with regret that **After School Club** will not be open on **Wednesday 7 October 2026 AND Wednesday 4 November 2026**. This is due to staff having to attend essential training that cannot be rescheduled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the rest of the sessions run as normal.

Please note that you now need to book places for your child/ren in advance for **Shobnall Stars Early Birds** or **Shobnall Stars Night Owls** via the MCAS (My Child At School) app.

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 7+...

Flyaway Boy

Written by Jane de Suza

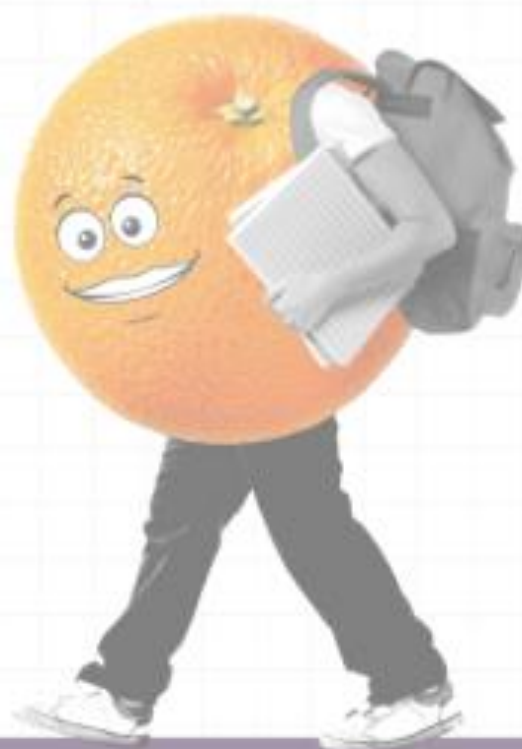
In a quiet hill town full of order and straight lines, Kabir struggles to fit in. At school, he's too different. At home, he's misunderstood. One day, he disappears, leaving his community in panic and confusion. As the search unfolds, so does a deeper story: one of a boy trying to be himself in a world that won't listen. Told with a lot of humour, heart, and empathy, *Flyaway Boy* is a powerful celebration of individuality and imagination. This uplifting novel highlights how important it is to truly see, hear and support the children in our lives instead of boxing them in with adult expectations.



CENSUS DAY

Dine with us...

01.10.26



Main

KFC Fake away

Chicken goujon

Quorn dipper

French fries' beans or sweetcorn

Dessert

Waffle station

Fresh fruit

Yoghurt selection

Hot Lunch Options 21.09.26 – 25.09.26

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Chicken Burger served with Herby Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy.	Chicken Tikka Masala 50/50 Rice	Fish cake served with chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Vegetable Burger served with Herby Potatoes	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Quorn Tikka Masala 50/50 Rice	Quorn Nuggets With Chips
Halal	As above	Halal Beefburger	* Roast chicken	Chicken tikka Masala	Choose Opt 1 or 2
Pasta Bar	Sauce of the Day	Sauce of the Day	Sauce of the Day	Sauce of the Day	Sauce of the Day
Accompaniments	Peas & broccoli Salad bar	Cauliflower & Baked Beans	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Green beans & sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Chefs Choice Homemade Cookie	Chocolate rice crispy cake	Jam & Coconut Cake	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 Wrap selection	Jacket Potato and Wrap Selection	Jacket potato and Wrap selection	Jacket potato and Wrap selection	Jacket potato and Wrap selection	Jacket potato and Wrap selection




Week 1

31/8, 21/9, 12/10, 9/11,
30/11, 4/1, 25/1, 22/2,
15/3, 19/4, 10/5, 7/6, 28/6,
19/7

CHEF'S CHOICE
PLANT-BASED / VEGAN

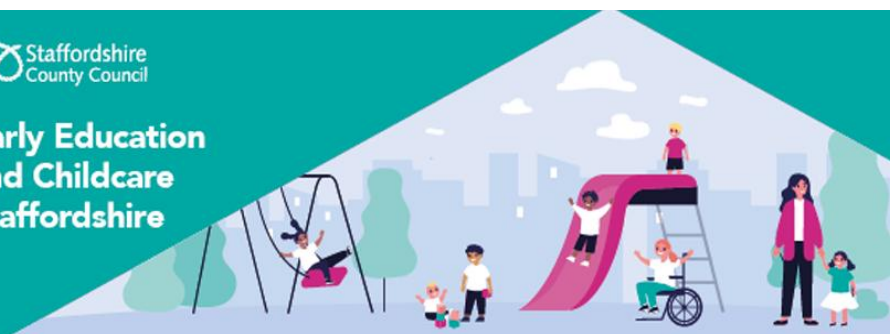
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Our meals are completely free from allergenic ingredients or traces of these.

PLEASE NOTE that due to our French-themed menu on Friday, Friday's menu will now be on Wednesday. NO roast option next week.



**Early Education
and Childcare
Staffordshire**



Have Your Say!

Are you the parent of a child under 5 or a parent to be?

Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire
Please complete our childcare survey for 2026 by visiting the link
below
or scan the QR code. Have your say now!

<https://tinyurl.com/ys4mdyju>

You could be
entitled to help
with childcare costs



Visit staffordshire.gov.uk/fundedchildcare



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 9.00am 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.



Nursery	95.5%	Target
Reception	94.4%	Whole School 97%
Year 1	95.0%	
Year 2	100%	
Year 3	95.8%	Overall (to date)
Year 4	98.5%	
Year 5	97.9%	97.3%
Year 6	93.5%	
Overall	96.5%	



Nursery	Zayan C	Jhamaica R
Reception	Adheera A	Aatikah F
Year 1	Dawda D	Thuyahvan S
Year 2	Joey T	Anaiah H
Year 3	Kadeem H	Millie G
Year 4	Daisy J	Shasta S
Year 5	Evie J	Angel M
Year 6	Aiza L	Yousuf H



Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 18.09.26)	69	32	35	32
Position	1 st 4 points	3 rd 2 points	2 nd 3 points	3 rd 2 points
Running Total	6	5	7	3

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE



Nursery

It has been a wonderful week in nursery as we have continued to join in with lots of exciting activities, practice different routines and learn more about each other.

We had fun learning about our facial features and identifying differences and similarities with each other. After some great stories and songs, we explored lots of different ways to create faces these included paints, pencils, loose parts, play dough and collage.

It was magnificent to see so many creative ways to make faces! We also completed self-portraits and looked in the mirrors very carefully to match colours for our eyes, hair and skin tones. Our artwork was beautiful and what made it even better was we all looked different!

Reception

What a wonderful week we have had in Reception! This week, we have been exploring the theme "*What makes our family special?*" The children have enjoyed talking about their families and sharing what makes them unique. They have looked at family photographs in our home corner, created beautiful family portraits using natural resources, and made portraits using jigsaw pieces to create different faces. We have also been busy mark-making patterns in glittery flour, apologies for any sparkly or messy uniforms! The children have created artwork inspired by the beautiful outdoors, which will soon be proudly displayed, and they have had lots of fun building Lego faces. In our small world area, we have been talking about our community and the different people and places that are important to us. The dolls' house has also been a firm favourite this week, with lots of wonderful imaginative play and storytelling taking place. It has been lovely to see the children sharing their experiences, expressing their ideas and celebrating what makes each of their families special.



Year 1

Year 1 have had another great week of learning! In English, we have continued exploring sentence structure using our Little Wandle sentences, helping us to build confidence in reading and writing complete sentences. In Maths, we have been working on finding one more and one less, as well as counting forwards and backwards within 10. We enjoyed getting creative by decorating our sketchbooks with a special page all about

ourselves. In Geography, we have continued our learning about aerial maps and used our knowledge to create our own maps of the classroom. It has been a wonderful week, and the children have worked hard in all areas of their learning.



Year 2

What a lovely week we have had in Year 2! The children have been working brilliantly and showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 100 and looking at different ways to partition them into tens and ones. In English, we have been focusing on handwriting and practising the correct formation of different letters. We have also continued with our Year 2 COOL Time sessions, where the children have enjoyed mark making, creating collages of living and non-living things, and developing their fine motor skills through cutting and gluing. We have started our

new DT project on mechanisms, learning about Ferris wheels and what makes them move. The children have enjoyed designing their own Ferris wheels and creating models using K'NEX. We also had our second Forest School session, which the children absolutely loved, although we think the hot chocolate and biscuits may have been the biggest attraction!

Year 3

What a jam-packed week of learning in Year 3! We have been getting to grips with sentence construction and understanding that all sentences must have a subject and a verb. We have used this knowledge to add conjunctions into sentences to make them more complex. We have been looking at repeated addition in Maths and creating equal groups. In history, the children have started to learn about the Stone Age and just how long ago that was. The children created a timeline with key events from the Stone Age. In RE, the children have been learning about Sikhism and the Amrit Ceremony. They have made posters including all the key features of the ceremony. Super work Year 3, keep it up!



Year 4

What a fantastic week in Year 4 this week! We have been loving delving into our class book, 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe', where we have been practising our out-loud reading! It has been all systems go with our Maths work this week, we have flown through and are already achieving greatly with our Place Value! We have learned about so many different ideas in English, including plurals, conjunctions and multi clause sentences! A highlight of our week this was practising our Ukelele skills, we

practised strumming, plucking and playing percussively. This week, we have also learned about all the different components of a circuit and have practised making circuits with bulbs and buzzers! I've been very proud of Year 4's progression and they are settling in beautifully. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5

Year 5 have continued to settle brilliantly into the new school year! In Maths, the children have completed Place Value within 100,000 and are now moving on to Place Value within 1,000,000. They will be building on their understanding of larger numbers and developing their confidence with reading, writing and representing numbers accurately. In English, we have continued our Back-to-Basics work, revisiting regular and irregular verbs, abstract nouns, main clauses and subordinating clauses.

In RE, we have begun learning about Hinduism. The children have been exploring Puja and have learned about the items found on a Puja tray, including what each item represents and how it is used during worship.



Year 6

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 6! In Maths, we have been looking at negative numbers and have started to add integers. The children have been working hard to develop their understanding and apply their knowledge to a range of challenges. In English, we have started our first exciting unit, where the children will be creating their very own shoe to sell! I cannot wait to hear all about the amazing and imaginative features that the children are adding to their shoes. In Science, we have been conducting an experiment to identify which materials reflect light the best and which reflect it the worst. The children have really enjoyed making predictions, carrying out their investigation and thinking scientifically about their results. In PE, we have continued our unit on hockey, and the children have been absolutely loving it! It has been fantastic to see their teamwork, communication and hockey skills developing. A great week, Year 6! Well done for all your hard work and enthusiasm!



Diary Dates 2026-2027

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 5 th November 2026, 9.00am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 19 th November 2026, 9.00am

Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25 th November to Friday 27 th November 2026
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Robin Hood, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3 rd December 2026, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 14 th January 2027
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 25 th January to Friday 29 th January 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 12 th February 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 th March 2027
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 25 th March 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 12 th April 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 13 th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 10 th May 2027 to Friday 14 th May 2027
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 27 th May 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28 th May 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 7 th June 2027
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 7 th June 2027 to Friday 11 th June 2027
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 14 th June 2027 to Friday 18 th June 2027
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 25 th June 2027
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 2 nd July 2027
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21 st July 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Thursday 2 nd September 2027
INSET Day	Friday 3 rd September 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 6 th September 2027

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Harvest	Tuesday 29 th September 2026
Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training	Wednesday 7 th October 2026
PFA Halloween Discos	Friday 16 th October 2026 • Reception, Y1, Y2 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Y3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5.15pm – 6.30pm
Parents' Evening	Monday 19 th October 2026 Wednesday 21 st October 2026
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training	Wednesday 4 th November 2026
Open Evening	Thursday 12 th November 2026, 4.30-6.00pm
Odd Socks Day	Monday 16 th November 2026
Children in Need	Friday 20 th November 2026
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25 th November 2026 to Friday 27 th November 2026 inclusive
Christingle	Tuesday 1 st December 2026
A Nursery Noel	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026, 9.15am
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3 rd December 2026, 10.00am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 4 th December 2026, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Reception / Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday 8 th December 2026, 9.15am AND 2.15pm

Year 2 / Year 3 Nativity	Thursday 10 th December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper / Christmas OPAL Day	Wednesday 16 th December 2026
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18 th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5 th January 2027

We Need YOUR HELP!

Help us source wood and natural resources for our Forest School! ♥

We are looking for donations of natural materials to support outdoor learning, creativity and play. Your contributions help our children connect, create and thrive in nature.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

WOOD SLICES (VARIOUS SIZES)  Great for crafts, painting, counting and loose parts play.	WOOD COOKIES (NATURAL DISCS)  Perfect for crafts, weaving, storytelling and natural art.	FIREWOOD (SEASONED)  For our outdoor fire area, cooking, and keeping warm on forest days.	BRANCHES & STICKS  Ideal for building, den making, crafts and creations.	NATURAL MATERIALS  Pinecones, bark, seed pods, leaves and more for crafts and nature exploration.
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EVERY PIECE OF NATURE INSPIRES A WORLD OF LEARNING! ♥

THANK YOU! ♥

If you can help, please speak to our Forest School leaders
Miss Alexander or Mrs Martin. ♥

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FOREST SCHOOL ♥

Parent Awareness Sessions - Autumn 2026

The Autism Inclusion Team is delighted to offer free, supportive sessions for parents and carers of children with an autism diagnosis who attend a Staffordshire school, including children and young people who have not yet been referred to our service.

Date	Time	Session	Location/Platform
Thursday 22.10.26	9:30 - 11:00	Understanding Autism	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
	11:00 - 12:30	Raising Self-esteem	
	1:30- 3:00	Emotional Regulation	
Tuesday 03.11.26	09:30 - 11:00	Autism and Masking	Stafford Children's Centre 
Tuesday 03.11.26	1:00- 2:30	Reducing Barriers to Education	Stafford Children's Centre 
Wednesday 18.11.26	10- 12:30	Autism in the Early Years	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
Tuesday 01.12.26	10:00- 11:30	Girls and Autism	Stafford Children's Centre 
Thursday 03.12.26	10- 11:30	Autism and Eating	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place

The Autism Inclusion Team is dedicated to driving cultural change that empowers educational settings and families to effectively support the teaching, learning and well-being of autistic students.

π MATHS BETWEEN THE PAGES

This year, the National Year of Reading 2026 is encouraging everyone to "Go All In" with reading by exploring the things we love most.

Books are full of adventures, facts, information and stories. But did you know they are also full of mathematics?



Become a Reading Detective & Maths Investigator!
Find numbers, shapes, measurements, patterns, data
and more hidden inside books about topics YOU love.
Choose a book, discover the maths, and share your
amazing findings!