SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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23rd October 2026

"Doing your best with what you can brings you inevitable success."



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we have made it to the end of what has certainly been a long, busy and incredibly rewarding first half term! There has been so much to celebrate at Shobnall over the past few weeks, and I am immensely proud of everything our children have achieved. From their enthusiasm for learning to the many wonderful experiences, events and successes we have enjoyed together, it really has been a fantastic start to the academic year. I would also like to thank our brilliant staff for their continued hard work and dedication, and all of our families for your ongoing support.

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 'A School Full of Stories' displays at **Open Evening** on **Thursday 12 November 2026**, **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 **£362.15** was raised, which is AMAZING! The PFA are currently fundraising to help the school regenerate and refresh our school library, 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! There is more information about this further on in the newsletter!

During assembly this week, I spoke to the children about the importance of staying safe over the half-term break, particularly with Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations approaching. We discussed making sensible choices, staying safe around fireworks and bonfires, and being mindful of others when enjoying

Halloween activities. If you are taking part in any celebrations, please do take care and enjoy yourselves safely!

After such a busy few weeks, I think everyone is ready for a well-deserved rest! I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break, enjoy some special time together as families and find an opportunity to recharge those batteries.



Have a fantastic half term, everyone, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 2 November**, ready for another exciting half term at Shobnall!



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.

Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 4 December 2026, 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! The PFA would like 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 / sweets (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle! **Please could bottles be unopened!**
- Santa has confirmed his attendance! Tickets will available prior to the event (further details to follow), priced at £4.00. Included with the price this year is a gift 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.



School Diary Dates



Our school diary is now on MCAS! Please note that the red boxes indicate a school event.

Please keep checking the diary as dates are subject to change.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16 November 2026 to Friday 20 November 2025



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 is taking place from Monday 16 – Friday 20 November and has the theme 'Break the Silence.' 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 (16 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!

Children in Need – Friday 13 November 2026

Please be aware that it is Children in Need on Friday 13 November. The date has been altered in the school diary. 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!

Reception Application Process



The application process for a reception place for September 2026 will open on **1 November 2026**. 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 2027**.

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

Do you have a child starting Reception in September 2027?

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/

Deepfakes use AI to create convincing fake images, videos and audio recordings, making it appear that someone has said or done something they haven't. As this technology becomes increasingly accessible, young people face growing risks from online bullying, fabricated explicit images and sophisticated impersonation scams. This guide [Free Online Safety Guide | Deepfakes] explores the risks and offers practical advice on spotting deepfakes, protecting personal information and encouraging responsible AI use.





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. Deadline for applications is **31 October 2026**.



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

It is with regret that **After School Club** will not be open on **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 9+…

The Dog Who Saved Christmas
Written by Annie Booker

Bring Christmas home with a little help from your four-legged friends…

Alfie's beloved dog Bear is his best friend in the whole world. When Bear is kidnapped on Christmas Eve by the sinister Baron, who is intent on ruining Christmas for children everywhere, Alfie finds himself on a daring rescue mission. Sneaking into the Baron's castle, he discovers that Bear isn't the only dog to have vanished from the village.

With the help of an unexpected new friend, can Alfie and Bear save Christmas before it's too late?





Hot Lunch Options 02.11.26 – 06.11.26

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Minced Beef taco With 50/50 rice	Roast chicken with mash potato & gravy	All day breakfast	Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Pizza bar Selection of toppings	Quorn Taco With 50/50 Rice	Quorn Fillet with Creamy Mash	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Cheese panini
Halal	As above	Choose Opt 1 or 2	Roast chicken	Halal chicken sausage breakfast	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	Sweetcorn & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & Green Beans	Carrots & cauliflower Salad bar	Broccoli & green beans Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Pancakes with forest berries	PB Chocolate brownie	Fruit Sponge	PB Oaty jam squares	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



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	91.7%	**Target**
Reception	94.1%	*Whole School* **97%**
Year 1	98.4%	
Year 2	97.8%	
Year 3	96.9%	
Year 4	97.0%	**Overall (to date)**
Year 5	98.4%	**97.2%**
Year 6	95.7%	
Overall	**96.7%**	



Nursery	EVERYONE!	
Reception	Ella T	Myles T
Year 1	Nate S-S	Barnaby C
Year 2	Ali Q	Maya P
Year 3	Ava C	Thomas G
Year 4	Paisley H	Astrid R
Year 5	Saifullah M	Inaaya A
Year 6	Alina P	Milli M-B



Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (*Week Ending 23.10.26*)	**72**	**74**	**78**	**40**
Position	**3rd** *2 points*	**2nd** *3 points*	**1st** *4 points*	**4th** *1 point*
Running Total	**19**	**16**	**23**	**13**

Congratulations to **Sinai** who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something **yellow**) on **Friday 6 November 2026**.

SHOBNALL SHOWCASE



Nursery

We have had a wonderful end to our first half term in nursery.

We began the week with our amazing Pumpkin Party, which was full of fun and excitement. A variety of characters joined us including a dinosaur, a skeleton, some fancy witches and lots of pumptastic pumpkins!

We loved exploring slime, decorating tasty pumpkin biscuits and joining in with our famous pumpkin pooch hunt. There was plenty of laughter, dancing and singing. We used pumpkins in lots of different ways including painting, making potions and creating patterns by hammering.

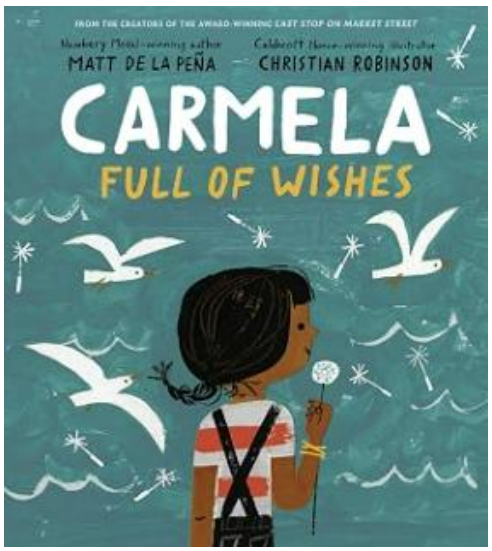
The rest of the week was filled with spooktacular fun as we got stuck in with exploring worm spaghetti and eyeball meatballs, made exciting train tracks with pumpkin tunnels and lots took part in lots of trick or treating in our role play home.

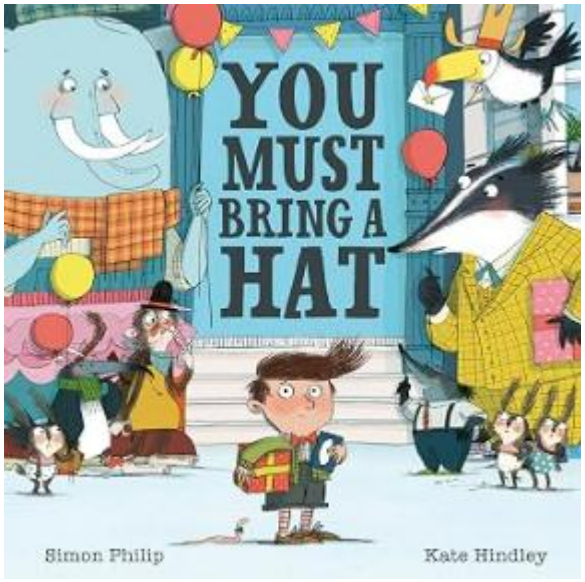
One of the highlights was sharing the story, 'Pumpkin Jack,' by Will Hubbell which inspired us to carry out our own pumpkin investigation. We carved our pumpkin and placed it in a glass jar on a bed of soil, we are so excited to see the changes and even more excited to see if new pumpkins begin to sprout ready for next Autumn.

A brilliant end to a brilliant half term Nursery, you are amazing!

Reception

This week, Reception have been exploring the story *Carmela Full of Wishes*. Inspired by the story, the children have been creating beautiful dandelion paintings using a variety of tools and techniques, including different sponges, paintbrushes, their fingers and even glitter! They also used chalk to create delicate dandelion pictures on black card. We have enjoyed talking about our own wishes and dreams, sharing our ideas about what we might wish for and what we hope to do in the future. Alongside our creative activities, we have been developing our fine motor skills in preparation for writing after half term. The children have been using playdough to strengthen their hand muscles, practising making and manipulating different shapes. We are so proud of their creativity, imagination and enthusiasm for learning!



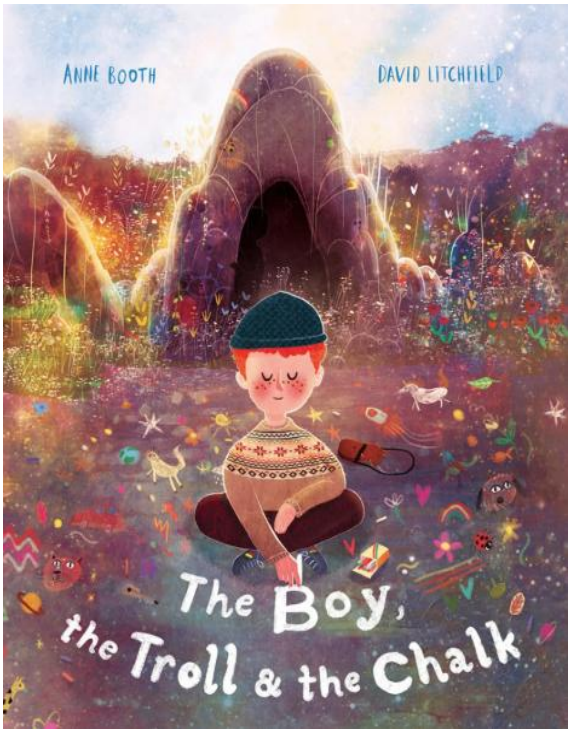


Year 1

In Maths, the children have been learning to add using number bonds to 10 and have shown great confidence in recalling these key facts. In English, we have been using Colourful Semantics based on the story You Must Bring a Hat. The children have worked hard to build sentences using orange (subject), yellow (verb), green (object) and blue (where) cards. We have been particularly impressed with their transcription skills and the care they are taking with their writing. In Music, the children have enjoyed creating their own nautical-inspired compositions based on Aquariums, using a range of sounds to represent the sea. In Science, we have been exploring the difference between natural and man-made materials, while in Art we have been developing our understanding of shape by completing and creating pictures using different shapes. We also enjoyed our planting afternoon, where the children enthusiastically planted bulbs and learned about how plants grow. In PE, the children had great fun learning French skipping and showed fantastic teamwork and determination. It has been a wonderful first half term full of learning, creativity and fun. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break!

Year 2

We have had a lovely week in Year 2, filled with lots of exciting learning and wonderful experiences! In English, we have started writing about our class book, *The Boy, the Troll and the Chalk*, which the children are really enjoying. We have been using the story as inspiration for our writing, developing our ideas and thinking carefully about the characters and events. In Maths, we have started our second unit on addition and subtraction, exploring different strategies to help us add tens and ones. The children have grasped these new techniques really well and are becoming increasingly confident in their calculations. In PE, we completed our final lesson on fundamental movement skills, and the children have made fantastic progress in developing their coordination, balance and control throughout the unit. To finish off our week, we had a fantastic time celebrating Planting Day! The children thoroughly enjoyed getting outdoors and helping with the planting, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. It was wonderful to see them so engaged in this hands-on experience, and we had an amazing time outdoors. Well done, Year 2!





Year 3

Well, we have made it to the end of a monster half term and Year 3 have filled it with learning and fun. In maths, the children have been working hard and using their number bonds knowledge when adding and subtracting. They have worked incredibly hard and pushed themselves in ever lesson. In English, the children have been publishing their explanation texts about the life cycle of a sunflower. The children have worked incredibly hard with their writing and the presentation of their work. Mr Adams was

very impressed with the children's handwriting. In science, the children have been learning about the different food groups and what makes up a balanced diet. The children learned about the five different groups and what they each do and why they are important to humans. In geography, the children have learned about our Earth and how it is made up of 4 layers. The children engaged brilliantly with the learning and could all identify the layers and what they are made up of. Well done Year 3, enjoy your well-deserved week off!

Year 4

What a fantastic, action-packed, and immensely productive week it has been for Year 4! In DT, the classroom transformed into a bustling workshop as the children took on the role of engineers. They eagerly designed, measured, and constructed their very own toy cars, carefully assembling chassis, wheels, and axles while learning the physics of movement to see whose vehicle could roll the furthest. The creativity continued to flow into our English lessons, where everyone worked hard creating beautiful, texture-rich collages to visually bring their descriptive writing and story settings to life. To top off an already wonderful week, the children showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and enthusiasm during PE, braving the fresh air to master their stick-handling skills, dribbling, and passing in a series of fast-paced hockey matches. Everyone put in their absolute best effort, making it a week to be truly proud of!



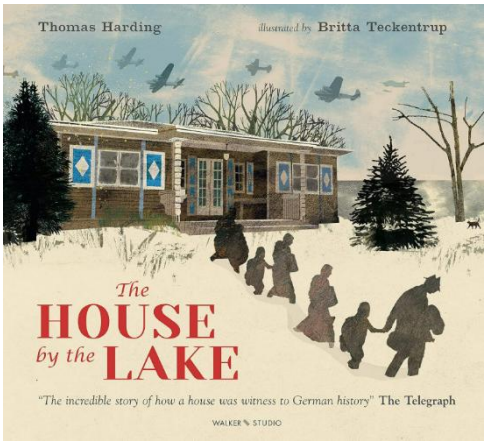
Year 5

This week has brought a mixture of challenging learning and creative fun for Year 5. In Maths, the children have continued their Multiplication and Division unit, exploring common factors and prime numbers. In English, the children have been busy finishing their alien narratives. They have been bringing their ideas together to create imaginative stories, using the skills they have developed throughout the unit.

In Computing, the children have put their knowledge of search engines to the test by designing their own websites. They then awarded points to their designs based on how highly they thought each website would rank in a search engine, considering the algorithms used to organise search results. Alongside their learning, the children have also been enjoying some arts and crafts activities in preparation for our open evening display next term. It has been lovely to see their creativity and enthusiasm as they work on something special to share with others.

It has been lovely to see how much the children have achieved this half term. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term break and return feeling refreshed and ready for more learning!

Year 6



What a fantastic week in Year 6! In Maths, we have moved on to fractions, exploring equivalent fractions and developing our skills in ordering and comparing fractions. In English, we have completed our information texts about our chosen animals and started preparing our Open Evening display, inspired by the picture book *House by the Lake*. Alongside this, we have been busy creating some fantastic artwork, including experimenting with silhouettes, representing the house across the four seasons and using newspaper collages to create our own versions of the house. We can't wait to share our finished work with you! To round off the week, we supported our OPAL project by helping with some planting, contributing to our school

environment. Well done, Year 6, for all your hard work and enthusiasm this week! Have a wonderful half-term break! You deserve it!

Diary Dates 2026-2027

Event	Date/Time
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2nd November 2026
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 5th November 2026, 9.00am
Year 2 Class Assembly	Thursday 19th November 2026, 9.00am
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25th November to Friday 27th November 2026
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Robin Hood, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3rd December 2026, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Year 5 Class Assembly	Thursday 14th January 2027
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 25th January to Friday 29th January 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 12th February 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 22nd February 2027
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 25th March 2027
School Closes for Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 12th April 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 13th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 3rd May 2027
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 10th May 2027 to Friday 14th May 2027
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 27th May 2027
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 28th May 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 7th June 2027
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 7th June 2027 to Friday 11th June 2027
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	Monday 14th June 2027 to Friday 18th June 2027
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 25th June 2027
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 2nd July 2027
School Closes for Summer	Wednesday 21st July 2027, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Thursday 2nd September 2027
INSET Day	Friday 3rd September 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 6th September 2027

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 2nd November 2026
Shobnall Stars Night Owls (After School Club) CLOSED for staff training	Wednesday 4th November 2026
Open Evening	Thursday 12th November 2026, 4.30-6.00pm
Children in Need	Friday 13th November 2026
Odd Socks Day	Monday 16th November 2026
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 25th November 2026 to Friday 27th November 2026 inclusive
Christingle	Tuesday 1st December 2026
A Nursery Noel	Wednesday 2nd December 2026, 9.15am
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Cinderella, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 3rd December 2026, 10.00am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 4th December 2026, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Reception / Year 1 Nativity	Tuesday 8th December 2026, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Year 2 / Year 3 Nativity	Thursday 10th December 2025, 9.15am AND 2.15pm

Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper / Christmas OPAL Day	Wednesday 16th December 2026
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 4th January 2027
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 5th January 2027



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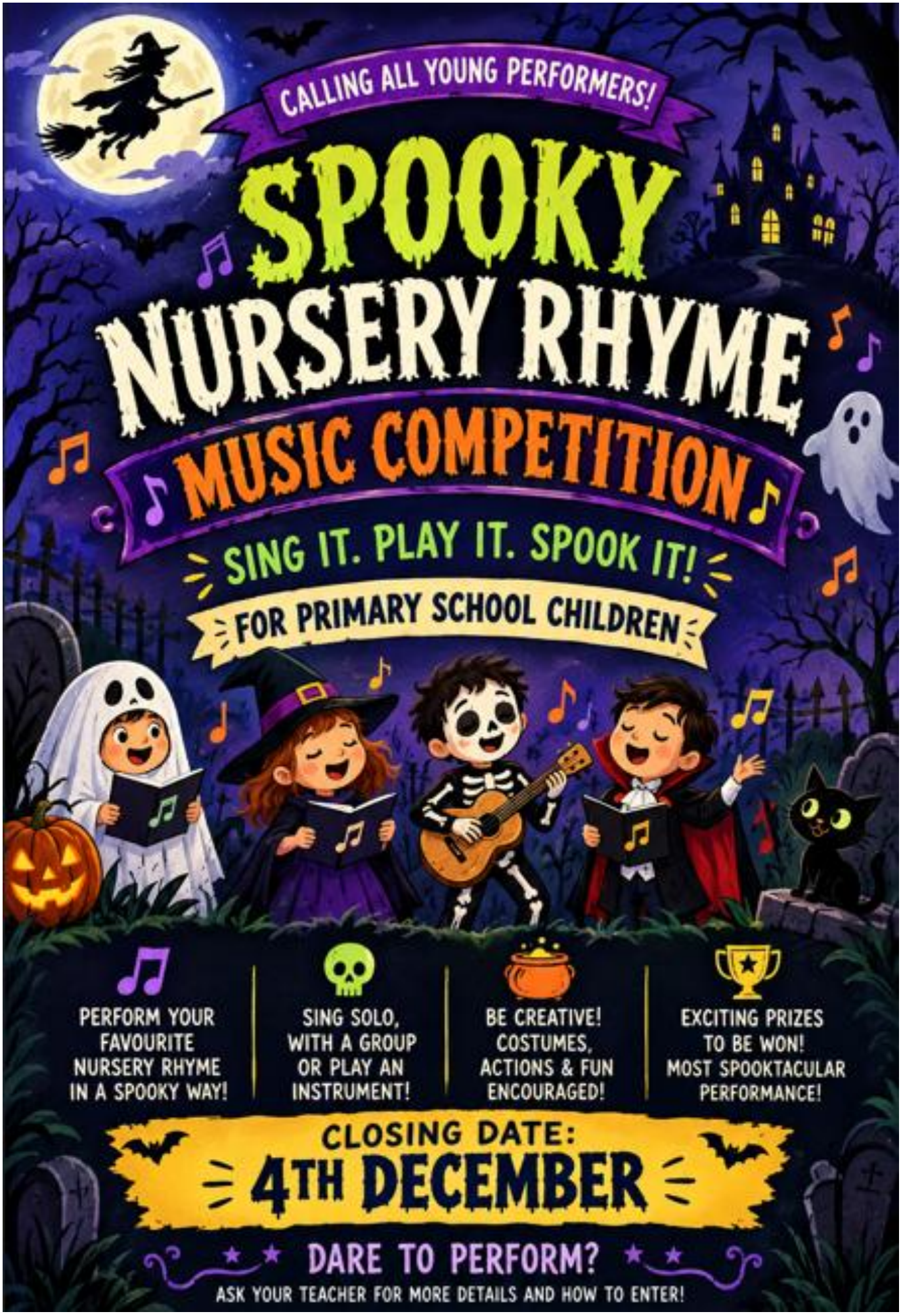
Parent Awareness Sessions – Autumn 2026

Autism Inclusion Team

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 Barries 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.


CALLING ALL YOUNG PERFORMERS!
SPOOKY
NURSERY RHYME
MUSIC COMPETITION
SING IT. PLAY IT. SPOOK IT!
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN
PERFORM YOUR FAVOURITE NURSERY RHYME IN A SPOOKY WAY!
SING SOLO, WITH A GROUP OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT!
BE CREATIVE! COSTUMES, ACTIONS & FUN ENCOURAGED!
EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON! MOST SPOOKTACULAR PERFORMANCE!
CLOSING DATE:
4TH DECEMBER
DARE TO PERFORM?
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO ENTER!

John Taylor MAT

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

Dear Parents/ Carers and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that nominations are now open for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Awards (Autumn 2026) for which all John Taylor MAT pupils are eligible to be nominated for.

The awards are an opportunity for young people to be recognised and celebrated for their achievements, and pupils may be nominated based on the following criteria:

Primary Aged Pupils (Early Years, KS1 & KS2)	Secondary Aged Pupils (KS3, KS4 & KS5)
▪ 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	▪ 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

Please complete the online form via this link:
John Taylor MAT- Exceptional Achievement Award Nomination Form (Autumn 2026) – Fill in form

The form will ask you to complete a short paragraph; as a guide, **please work to a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 250 words** for the nomination to be fully considered. Please be as specific as possible and provide a good amount of information regarding the achievement.

Once you have made your nomination, please be advised that, if successful, you will be invited to attend an online presentation ceremony, where Mike Donoghue OBE, CEO, will speak about each of the incredibly talented recipients, who will then be presented with a very special gold pin-badge and certificate from their Headteacher in school; parents will be welcomed to attend via Teams.

Please be advised that the presentation is scheduled for **Friday 11th December 2026 at 9:00-10:15am**; once you submit your nomination, please hold space in your diary to be available to attend.

Please be advised that we may request supporting evidence regarding your nomination, which you should provide to the student's headteacher.

Please be advised that, regretfully, we cannot accept nominations for students who have previously been successful in securing an award in a very similar activity/ discipline; we understand that you will be incredibly proud, and have every right to be, particularly where progress has been achieved in a given activity where the young person has already displayed a great talent, however, they will be ineligible to receive another award on this basis.

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 Wednesday 18th November 2026** and we will be in contact with all who have made nominations shortly after that date to notify whether their nomination has been successful.

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

Sent on behalf of Gill Martin and Lisa Farmer, Directors of School Improvement, John Taylor MAT.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS & GPs

NHS

CAMHS

CRISIS & INTENSIVE SUPPORT TEAM

Support • Advice • Guidance



AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK | **9:00am – 10:00pm**

CALL NHS 111 → OPTION 2

Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E

STOP & CALL FIRST

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner **before** directing them to hospital.



OUR AIM

To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the **right support**, in the **right place**, at the **right time**.

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Mental health advice and guidance
- Risk assessment support
- Clinical support and intervention
- Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate

AFTER 10PM

Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.

NHS 111 – OPTION 2

CONTACT CAMHS BEFORE REFERRING UNDER 18s TO A&E

YMCA BURTON

YMCA SLEEP OUT

One night can make a lifetime of difference.

Please join us for this year's Sleepout on

Friday 6th November

- Pirelli Stadium
- YMCA Village at Pirelli Stadium
- St Modwens Xtreme

£10 adult / £5 under 18s*

(*must be accompanied by an adult)



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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

everyone ACTIVE



MEADOWSIDE LEISURE CENTRE

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

PARENTS FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

- **EXTENDED HOURS 8.30AM – 5.30PM**
- **BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS**
- **SIBLING DISCOUNT**
- **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED (+GOV TAX FREE)**
- **VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES**

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

HAF fun this half term

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals.
Paid places also available.



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Healthy & Nut-Free Snacks at School

Helping our children stay healthy, happy and safe

We are introducing/continuing our healthy snack policy to encourage good eating habits and help keep all children safe at school.

What can my child bring?

Please choose healthy, nutritious snacks, such as:


Fresh fruit


Vegetables


Dried fruit


Wholegrain crackers


Breadsticks or other wholegrain options


Cheese or other suitable healthy options

No nuts, please

Our school is a nut-free environment.

Please do not send snacks containing nuts or nut products.

This includes foods such as:


Peanuts


Mixed nuts


Nut bars


Peanut butter


Products containing nuts

Please check food labels carefully before sending snacks into school.

Please avoid

To support healthy choices, please do not send:


✕ Sweets


✕ Chocolate


✕ Crisps


✕ Cakes


✕ Biscuits


✕ Sugary snacks

Thank you for your support

By choosing healthy, nut-free snacks, you are helping us create a safe and healthy environment for every child.

Thank you for working with us to support our school community.