SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6th November 2026

"The more you see the good in other people, the more you will uncover in yourself."

Dear Parents/Carers,



A very warm welcome back to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half-term break and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week, and we are looking forward to another busy, exciting and festive half term as we head towards Christmas!

With Bonfire Night being celebrated this week, I would like to remind all our families to take extra care when enjoying fireworks and bonfire celebrations. Please stay safe, keep warm and enjoy the festivities responsibly. I would also like to wish a very *Happy Diwali* to all our families and members of our school community who are celebrating. May the Festival of Lights bring happiness, joy and prosperity to you all!



Finally, please don't forget about our forthcoming Open Evening! We are really looking forward to welcoming prospective families into our wonderful school and showcasing everything that makes Shobnall such a special place to learn and grow. Please do spread the word to anyone who may be looking for a school place for their child.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and we hope everyone enjoys a lovely weekend!

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night is an exciting time for families, with colourful fireworks, sparkling sparklers and roaring bonfires! However, it's important that we all stay safe whilst enjoying the celebrations. Here are some top tips to help keep everyone safe:

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a professionally organised event, where trained adults are in charge.
- Always stand well back from bonfires and fireworks. Never go near a firework once it has been lit, even if it doesn't go off.
- Sparklers can get extremely hot! Children under five should never use them. Older children should always be supervised by an adult, wear gloves and hold sparklers at arm's length. Place used sparklers in a bucket of water.
- November evenings can be chilly! Wear warm clothes, sensible footwear and avoid loose clothing near naked flames.
- Loud bangs can be frightening for pets and wildlife. Keep pets safely indoors and be considerate of animals nearby.
- Firework displays can be busy and dark. Always stay with your family and agree on a meeting point in case you become separated.
- If you find an unused or unexploded firework, leave it alone and tell a responsible adult immediately.
- Remember that loud fireworks can be upsetting for some people, particularly young children and those who are sensitive to loud noises.



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.



Diwali



This weekend, many families around the world will be celebrating Diwali, one of the most colourful and joyful festivals of the year! We would like to wish everyone in our school community who is celebrating a very Happy Diwali! Here are some interesting facts about this wonderful festival:

- The name comes from the Sanskrit word *Deepavali*. During the festival, people decorate their homes with small oil lamps called *divas*, candles and colourful lights.
- Diwali celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.
- Millions of people celebrate Diwali, particularly in India, Nepal and communities across the UK. It is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists, although its meaning and traditions differ between communities.
- Families often create colourful patterns called *rangoli* near the entrances to their homes using coloured powders, rice, sand or flower petals. These beautiful designs are a symbol of welcome and good fortune.
- Diwali is a time for sharing delicious food and sweets, including *laddoo*, *barfi* and *jalebi*. Families often exchange gifts and visit loved ones.
- Some communities celebrate with fireworks, music, dancing and special gatherings. Many people also wear new clothes for the occasion.
- Diwali follows a lunar calendar, so it falls on different dates each year, usually in October or November.



Remembrance Day

In the UK, Remembrance Day honours the men and women who have died in conflicts since the First World War. It takes place every year on 11th November and is marked by a two minutes' silence at 11am.

Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday of November.

We thought you would enjoy reading these facts about this very special occasion:

- On Remembrance Day, local ceremonies take place in small villages and major cities alike — a reminder of how many people sacrificed their lives for the country. A televised event takes place on Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in London.
- On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent. The 1918 armistice of the First World War marked the end of one of the deadliest conflicts in human history.
- To commemorate the anniversary of the peace in 1919, King George V dedicated November 11th as Armistice Day and requested the nation pause for two minutes' silence. In 1939, the main commemorations were moved to a Sunday.
- The government renamed Armistice Day as Remembrance Day as a way to honour those who had fought and died in the Second World War. Today, the event is a way to commemorate those who have died in any war — not just the First and Second World Wars.
- In the lead up to Remembrance Day and during the event itself, millions of people wear poppies on their clothing and lay wreaths on memorials. But why poppies? Poppies grew in many First World War battlefields. For soldiers, their growth was in stark contrast to the death and destruction they saw in the trenches (to put this in context, over 150,000 people died in the Battle of Passchendaele

in Flanders, Belgium). These poignantly featured in John McCrae's iconic war poem, *In Flanders Fields.*

- Poppies remained an enduring symbol of the war even after it had ended. Silk poppies were first used to raise money for the Royal British Legion in 1921. They later switched to the paper poppies familiar today. But though the material has changed, poppies have been made in the same factory since the 1920s — and still employs a workforce made up of former soldiers with health conditions.
- Speeches, poetry, and literature are an important part of the way Britons reflect on conflict. In the First World War, poets like Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen helped shine a light on the suffering in the trenches. In the Second World War, Winston Churchill built morale with his eloquent, powerful wireless broadcasts.

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



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 2027 opened 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**.



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/

Mobile phones are a major part of young people's lives, but growing concerns about their impact on mental health, learning and wellbeing have prompted tighter restrictions. From classroom distractions and excessive screen time to cyberbullying and harmful online content, this guide examines the potential risks and explores what the evidence tells us about smartphone use. With schools now expected to be phone-free environments, and further social media restrictions proposed for under-16s, understanding the changing rules is increasingly important.



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+…

The Very Last Christmas Present
Written by Adam Baron

Father Christmas has a problem. He's back from his fast-track journey around the world on Christmas Eve but he's forgotten to deliver one of the presents…! The reindeers are exhausted - they won't be able to make the return journey. There's only one option: Father Christmas's loyal - but very junior - dog, Kado. Can Kado help Father Christmas deliver the very last present?

So begins a magical journey as one young Labrador takes flight on a makeshift bicycle sleigh - through continents and past polar bears, *into* oceans and over African plains - to find the present's rightful recipient.





Hot Lunch Options 09.11.26 – 13.11.26



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

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 <u>before 9.00am</u> and state clearly reasons for absence.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be! Remember, **<u>every pupil, every day</u>**!

Thank you for your support.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



Nursery	88.9%	**Target**
Reception	92.5%	*Whole School* **97%**
Year 1	95.0%	
Year 2	93.3%	
Year 3	95.8%	
Year 4	98.0%	**Overall (to date)**
Year 5	96.9%	**96.9%**
Year 6	91.4%	
Overall	**94.6%**	



Nursery	EVERYONE!	
Reception	Bobby N	Tyler T
Year 1	Gracie-Mail S-W	Mohammad A-Y N
Year 2	Jaheem C	Freddie B
Year 3	Hamza I	Khadijah F
Year 4	Mia L	Aadam A
Year 5	Hassnain Q	Isla G
Year 6	EVERYONE!	

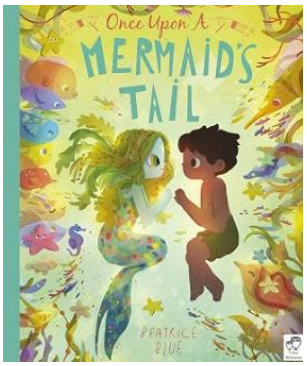


Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (*Week Ending 06.11.26*)	**36**	**20**	**34**	**26**
Position	**1st** *4 points*	**4th** *1 point*	**2nd** *3 points*	**3rd** *2 points*
Running Total	**4**	**1**	**3**	**2**



Nursery

We have had an amazing first week back at Nursery.



On Monday we were welcomed with a beautiful underwater scene and a new book! We were all super excited to share, 'Once Upon a Mermaid's Tail,' by Beatrice Blue and we were all mesmerised by the fabulous illustrations and heartwarming story. After lots of discussion we joined in with a range of underwater adventures.

In the imagination island we created homes for mer-people and spotted lots of different sea creatures. It was fun using a variety of materials to make different underwater effects.

We have developed our mark making skills in lots of different ways including making our own mer- people by colouring pegs, cutting wool for hair and pressing sequins to make patterns. We then went onto fish and manipulated colourful clay into shapes before using tools to make marks.

We are very excited to showcase our masterpieces at Open Evening next week!

Reception



This week in Reception, the children have continued their learning inspired by the story *Carmela Full of Wishes*. They have been busy getting creative by making their own dream catchers and beautiful rainbow cloud decorations to hang their wishes on. During Drawing Club, the children enjoyed drawing pictures of things they wish for and using their imaginations to invent some very funny secret codes! Towards the end of the week, we turned our attention to Bonfire Night and learnt about the story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate with fireworks. The children had lots of fun creating their own colourful firework pictures and making delicious chocolate sparklers. It has been another wonderful week full of creativity, imagination and exciting learning!



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy learning lots of exciting new things! In Maths, we have been using number lines to help us add numbers within 10, developing our confidence in counting on. In English, we have been exploring adjectives to describe different hats and thinking carefully about the words we can use to make our descriptions more interesting. We have also designed our own hats before bringing our ideas to life by creating, painting and decorating them ready for our Open Evening. We can't wait for you to see our fantastic creations!

In Science, we have been investigating floating and sinking, making predictions and testing different objects to discover which float and which sink. In History, we have been comparing Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria, looking at similarities and differences between the two monarchs and the times in which they lived. Well done, Year 1, for another fantastic week of learning!

Year 2



What an amazing week we have had! It has been so lovely to welcome the children back and see them get straight back into their learning with such enthusiasm. We have been busy revisiting our addition and subtraction skills within 20, which the children have really enjoyed. They have been working hard, building their confidence and showing some fantastic problem-solving skills. We have also had lots of fun getting creative and preparing some lovely pieces of work for Open Evening next week. The children have put so much effort into their work and are incredibly excited to show you what they have been busy creating! It has also been wonderful to see everyone working together,

sharing ideas and s upporting one another. We are so proud of the positive attitudes the children have shown this week.

Year 3

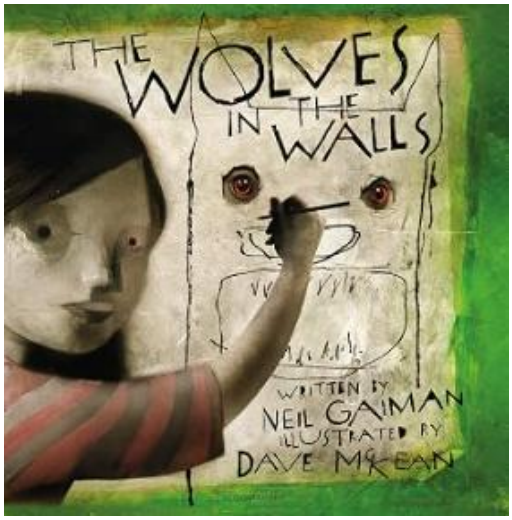
What another super week we have had in Year 3. In preparation for the open evening, Year 3 have been completing work based on the book If I Were Prime Minister. In English we have been planning our letter to Prime Minister, Andy Burnham. The children have planned their letter trying to persuade the Prime Minister to give us longer school holidays. In Art, the children have been creating picture frames inspired by the work of Romare Bearden. In science, the children have been reading food nutrition labels and understanding what makes a food either healthy or unhealthy. Keep up the hard work, Year 3.



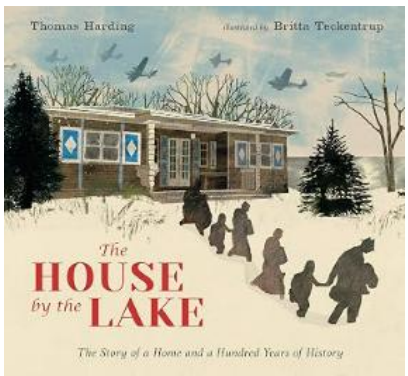
Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for an amazing start back after half term! We have worked so hard this week and Miss Hodge has really seen a great improvement this week! We have had lots of fun this week starting lots of new things at school. A big standout was learning all about our picture book 'Flood', which has been so much fun! We have started our new maths topic about area that we are really enjoying and our exciting changes in PE have been so much fun! We have given 100% effort for our PE lessons learning all about how to play football! Another exciting change for Year 4 this week was that it was our first lesson of Forest School this week. We spent the afternoon exploring the grounds, making dens, giving ourselves mud facials and creating our very own mudslide! Not to mention the hot chocolate and biscuits at the end! Well done Year 4, it's been an absolutely brilliant week and we are so excited to keep learning this term!

Year 5



It has been lovely to welcome Year 5 back after the half-term break, and the children have settled straight back into their learning! In Maths, the children have been exploring squared and cubed numbers, learning what these mean and how to calculate them. In English, we have been very busy! Inspired by our class book, *The Wolves in the Walls*, the children have been exploring how to write an engaging newspaper report. They have looked at the key features of newspaper reports and how to use parenthesis to add extra information and interest for the reader. To help them gather evidence, they have taken on the roles of journalists, hot-seating characters and questioning them about the events. They have now planned their reports and have begun writing them. Look out for their fantastic work on display at our ope n evening next week! In RE, the children have been bringing our Hinduism unit to a close. They have explored why Hindus make pilgrimages to the River Ganges and how this special journey demonstrates their faith and commitment to God.



Year 6

What a wonderful first week back after half term, Year 6! In Maths, we have continued our unit on fractions, focusing on improper fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we have been continuing our work on *The House by the Lake*, and the children have written diary entries imagining that they have lived in the house. These have been fantastic to read, and the children should be very proud of their efforts! In Science, we have also started our new unit on electricity, while on Monday morning we enjoyed some Geography fieldwork, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. A fantastic start to the half term, Year 6. Well done, everyone!

Diary Dates 2026-2027

Event	Date/Time
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
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

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.

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.**



Staffordshire County Council

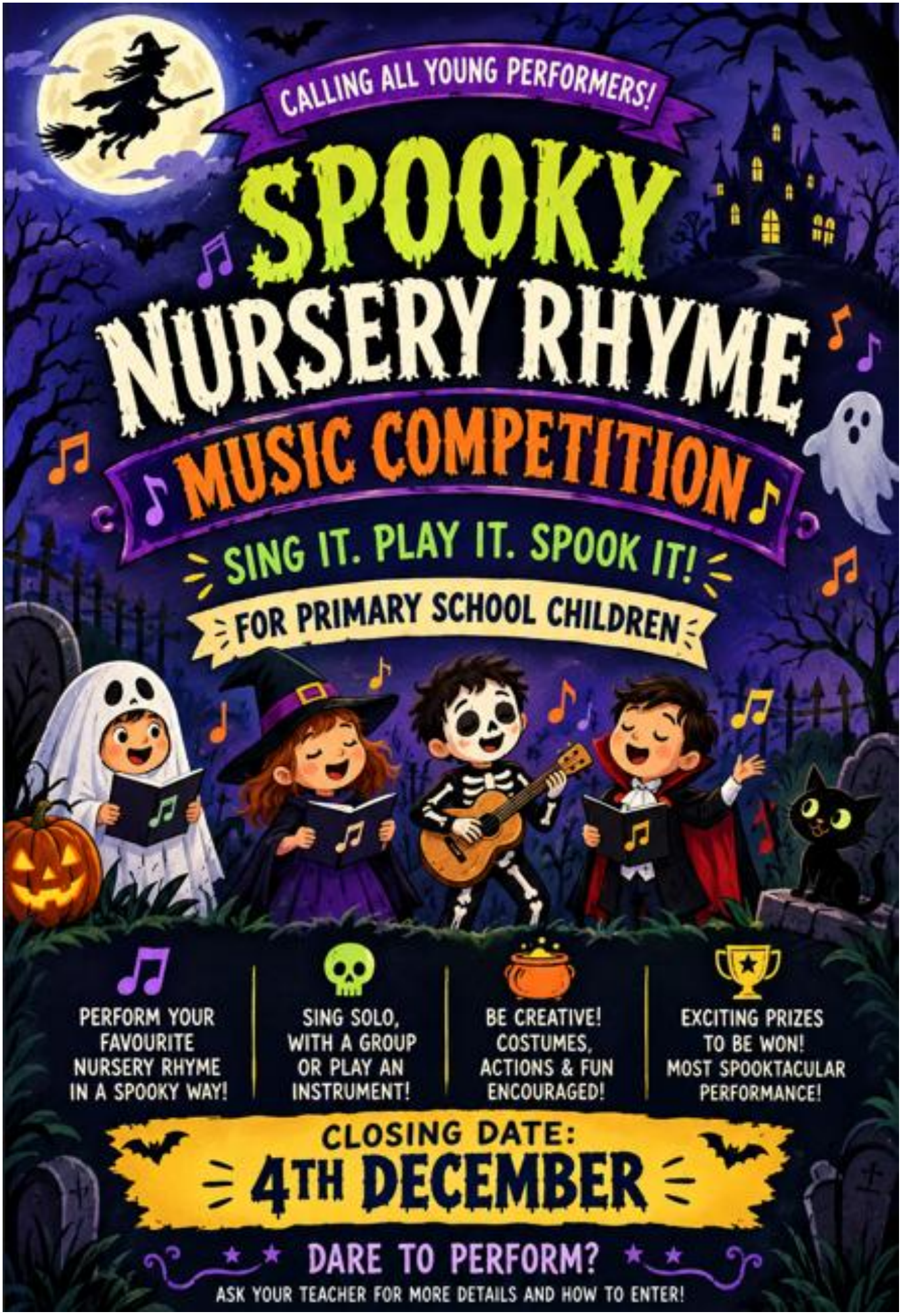
Parent Awareness Sessions – Autumn 2026

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.

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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**.

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- 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.

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YMCA BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT

To Shobnall Primary School

29th October 2026

Dear All,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Food Bank. Your generosity and commitment make a real difference.

The Food Bank is a vital service for our community. Every day we see first-hand the challenges many people face, and the growing need for emergency food support. The service relies entirely on the generosity of our community and the donations we receive to ensure we can continue providing this essential help.

Over the past year, demand has increased beyond expectations, with record numbers of people accessing the Food Bank. You help will ensure the service remains sustainable and available for those who need it most. We simply could not continue our work without the kindness and support of others, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to helping our cause.

At a time when so many individuals and families are facing increasing hardship, our services are more essential than ever. Your donation enables us to respond directly to this need within our local community by providing vital food supplies for emergency food parcels, ensuring that no one is left without support.

This is the reality many in our community are facing, and we are doing everything we can to meet this demand and support those experiencing food poverty.

On behalf of everyone at YMCA Burton, thank you once again for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our charity.

Yours sincerely

Julia Taylor

Foodbank Co-ordinator

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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.