Dates for the Diary

Mon 30th Nov – Penguin Parents Eve
Tues 8th Dec – Rainbow Raffle day
Fri 11th Dec – 9.30am Church Service – Year 2 will be leading the service
Fri 11th Dec – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18th December – Last day of Term
Christmas Holiday
Mon 4th Jan 2027 – INSET day
5th January – Back to School
15th–19th February – half term
Mon 22nd February – INSET day
Thurs 25th March – Last day of term
Fri 26th Mar–9th April – Easter hols
12th April – Back to school
3rd May – Bank Holiday Monday
31stMay-4th June – Half term
21st July – Last day of term



Penguin Parents Evening

Penguin Parents Evening will be held on **Monday 30th November**. There will be a signup sheet on the Penguin door for you to choose your appointment time.



If it is your child's birthday next week, you are welcome to attend!

Friday 4th December

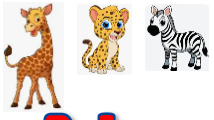
Families of Crocs/Leopards/Giraffes
Please only come to your child's key stage worship, and make sure your phone is on silent and not in use during the worship, thank you.



Croft on the Heath

Mon 30th Nov	Crocs/Leops/Giraffes pm
Tues 1st Dec	
Wed 2nd Dec	Penguins/Ladybirds pm
Thurs 3rd Dec	
Fri 4th Dec	

Please make sure your child has their wellies, warm, waterproof coat and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a named bag for their Croft Day. It will often be muddy and/or wet and the children need to access outdoor learning with all the right kit!




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ST. MARY'S C.E. (A) FIRST SCHOOL

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27th November 2026

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Head Teacher – Mrs Jo Moult

After School Club

Weds 2nd December
Book on Parent Pay!!



Worship

In worship, we welcomed the Open the Book team who read a Bible story – with our worship team helping out with the acting!

Next week, we will be starting our Advent journey……





Friday 11th December

Our Year 2 children will be leading the **Christmas Service** in Church at 9.30am – we will all be walking to church. You are welcome to walk with your child.

Christmas Jumpers all day too!

Christmas Dinner Day – our fantastic kitchen ladies will be preparing us a lovely Christmas lunch for when we get back from church.

There will be NO Celebration Worship on 11th December..

Welcome

We have welcomed Mrs Hayes to our staff team, she is teaching some lessons for Tigers and Zebras, when Mrs Malkin is having time to be our SENCo, and Mr R is focusing on Maths across school.

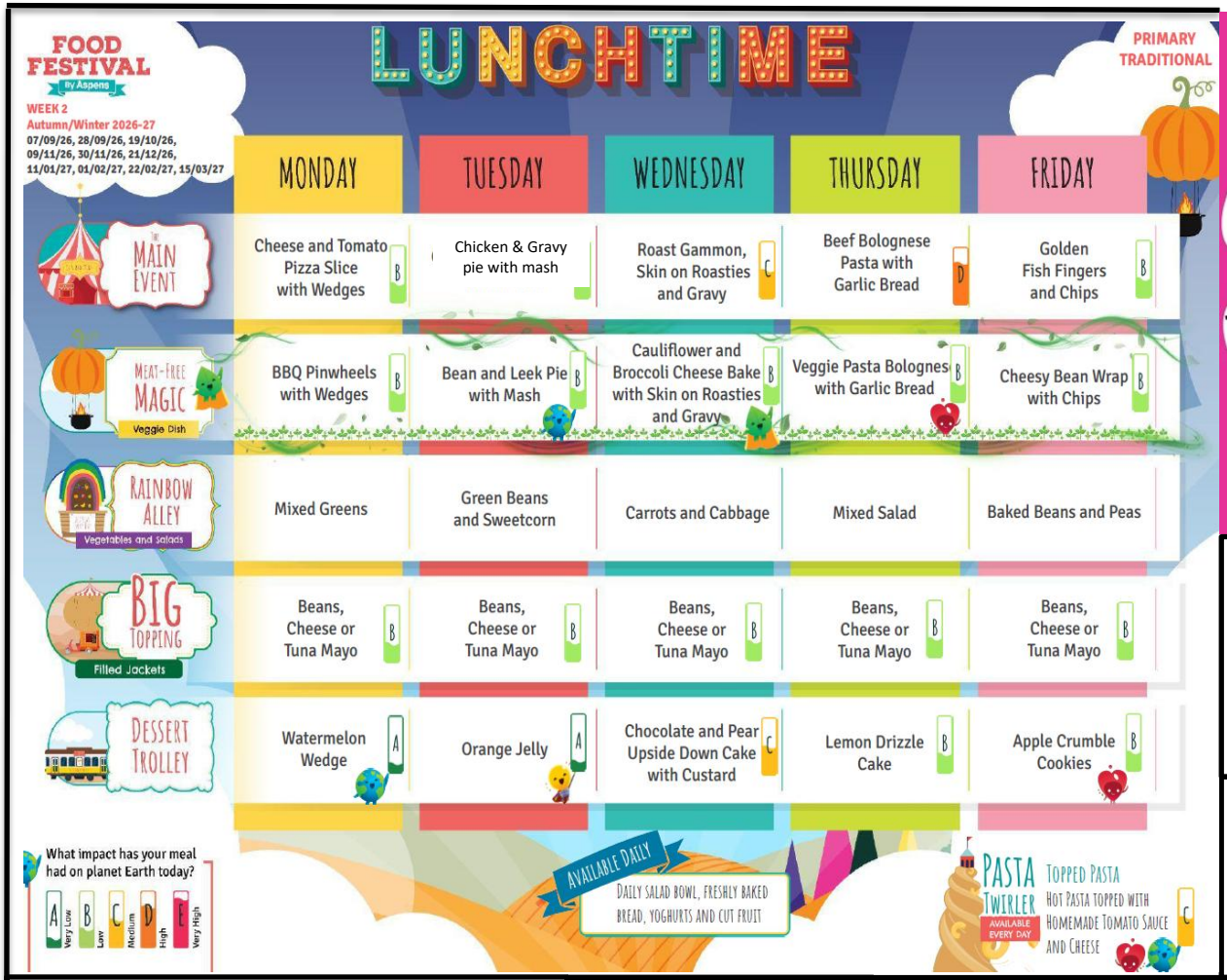
ATTENDANCE MATTERS
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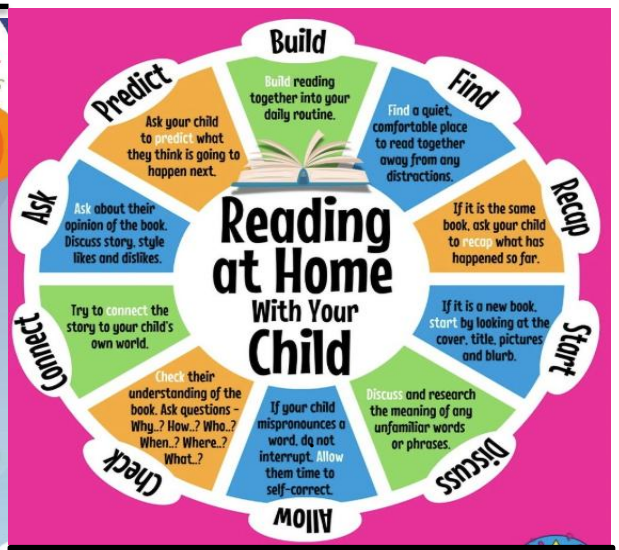
Attendance in School

This week's attendance is

95.6%

Without lates and holidays, our attendance would have been 96.3%
15 children have arrived late this week, which is an improvement on last week! Let's try to get to 0 lates! The doors close at 8.55am – set off 5 minutes earlier –that might just make all the difference. Thank you





Reading at Home

This is so important and makes such a difference to your child's reading progress. Please listen to your child read and enjoy that time together (and sign their reading diary for extra dojos!)

EYFS Nativity Play

Penguins & Ladybirds



Monday 14th Dec 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th Dec 2.00pm
More info nearer the time

Year 4s - make sure you apply for a Middle School place by January 15th 2027.

Nursery – make sure you apply for a Reception place by January 15th 2027. If your child is due to start in Reception in September.

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx

Thank You

For your wonderful Rainbow Raffle donations – we will show you the Rainbow Hampers when they are ready to raffle off!



School Trip to the Theatre



Children from EYFS to Year 4 are going on a trip to the Regent Theatre on Tuesday 15th December to see Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. Parents have had an email about it, and we are able to offer it at a discounted price, with a big thank you to the PTFA for subsidising some of the cost. Payment is on Parent Pay. Butterflies and Penguins will be having their own exciting day in school too!