

Dates for the Diary

2nd February - Parents Evening
 6th February - Church Service - Zebras
 9th February - Space Camp Week
 Fri 13th February - INSET day for staff
 16th-20th February - half term
 23rd February - Back to School
 27th March - Easter in Church - Crocs
 27th March - Last day of term
 13th April - Back to school
 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday
 22nd May - Church Service - Bears
 25th May-29th May - Half term
 26th June - Church service - Ladybirds
 17th July - Leavers Service in Church
 17th July - Last day of term
 20th July - INSET day for staff

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and new year. It has been a cold start to the new term, hopefully it will warm up a bit next week!



Welcome back to school to Miss Egan, who has been on maternity leave. The Leopards have done a brilliant job helping her to settle back in!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
 every school day counts.



Attendance

This week's attendance is **95.8%**
 Our attendance would have been 97% without lates. Please be at school on time - make it your new year's resolution!

Take One Picture - Art Week

This week, we have loved having our Artist in Residence, Alan Fernihough, spending time in some of our classes, teaching the children the skill of drawing a person and looking closely at proportional perspective. The children have enjoyed every moment. Thank you so much to Alan for joining us. 'Take One Picture' is led by The National Gallery. The children have been studying the painting, *Cosimo Tura, 'A Muse (Calliope?)'* Google it and ask your child about the painting - see what they can remember!!!



Learning to love
 Loving to learn



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Worship

We came back to school on the Feast of Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, celebrating the amazement of the Wise Men finding Jesus in Bethlehem.



Year 4s - you must apply for a Middle School place by **January 15th 2025.**

Nursery - you must apply for a Reception place by **January 15th 2025.** if your child is due to start in our Reception class in September.

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

Celebrate

If it is your child's birthday this week, you are welcome to attend.

Friday 16th January
KS1 & EYFS

Families of Ladybirds/Bears/Zebras/Tigers
 Please only come to your key stage worship, and make sure your phone is on silent and not in use during the worship, thank you.

Enrichment Clubs

We still have some spaces left on:

- Y3/4 Multi Sports with Mr Cox on Thursdays,
- Y2/3/4 Makaton Club on Tuesdays with Mrs Williams (this is very similar to Sing & Sign - and the club will perform at Church on 6th Feb!)

You can book on Parent Pay!

Crocs & Tigers will have their PE lesson next Monday as Mr Cox wasn't in school today (Friday)

Croft on the Heath



Mon 12 th Jan	Bears am	Zebras pm
Tues 13 th Jan	Tigers pm	
Wed 14 th Jan	Butterflies am	
Thur 15 th Jan	Ladybirds pm	
Fri 16 th Jan	Penguins pm	

Please make sure your child has their wellies, a warm, waterproof coat, hat, gloves and scarf, and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a named bag on their Croft Day.



FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 2
Autumn Winter 2025/26
08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25,
10/11/25, 01/12/25, 22/12/25,
12/01/26, 02/02/26, 23/02/26,
16/03/26

LUNCHTIME

PRIMARY
TRADITIONAL

CENSUS DAY

MONDAY

Vegetable Lasagne

Green Veg & Butter Bean Pie with Wedges

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Chocolate Popcorn Bars

TUESDAY

Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta

Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese

Broccoli

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Orange and Peach Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon, Skin on Roasties and Gravy

Cheddar & Broccoli Crustless Quiche

Carrots and Peas

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Apple Tea Cake and Custard

THURSDAY

All Day Breakfast – bacon, sausage, scrambled egg, hash brown and beans

Veggie option available!

Mixed Greens

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Iced Vanilla Sponge Cake

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers and Chips

BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Carrot Cake



What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?



AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT

PASTA TWIRLER
TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Reading is so important

Please listen to your child read every day, and sign their reading record, so they can earn extra dojo points and achieve their target reading certificates.

Reading can make a huge difference to a child's progress....

- It builds focus and concentration.
- It can boost your sleep.
- It improves vocabulary.
- It helps you learn new things.
- It is a lovely time to share stories with your family.
- It improves writing skills.
- It helps you learn new language skills.

READING
takes you on the
GREATEST
ADVENTURES

Thursday 15th January

Census Day - this is the day where we try to beat our hot dinner record - to maximise the funding we get from the government! Let's see if we can beat our personal best of 140 meals!

Worms We have had a couple of cases reported in school. You can spot threadworms in poo. They look like pieces of white thread.

You might also see them around your child's bottom. The worms usually come out at night while your child is in bed and can cause an itchy bottom and sleepless nights. Good hand hygiene is very important. Follow this link to find out about symptoms and treatment.....

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>



Swimming

Crocodiles are having their first swimming lesson on **Tuesday 13th January**. Don't forget your swimming kit!!



Family Learning (advanced notice!)

Come and see how your child learns Phonics and Spelling in KS1 and Spelling & Grammar (SpAG) in KS2. One family member is welcome to join their child in their English lesson. There will be a booking link on Parent Pay next week (but you don't have to pay!)

Monday 19th Jan 9-9.45am - Y2 Tigers
Tuesday 20th Jan 9-9.45am - Y1 Zebras
Weds 21st Jan 9-9.45am - Y1 Bears
Monday 26th Jan 9-9.45am - Mrs Turner's group
Tuesday 27th Jan 9-9.45am - Mrs Hill's group
Weds 28th Jan 9-9.45am - Miss Egan's group

KS2 children know which teacher they have for SPAG!!