Dates for the Diary



30th Sept - Poetry Week
4th Oct - Harvest in Church
14th Oct - Parents Evening
28th Oct - 1st Nov - Half Term
4th November - Back to school
20th December - Last day of Term
6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
7th January - Back to School
17th - 21st February - half term
24th February - INSET day for staff
25th February - Back to School
11th April - Last day of term

28th April - Back to school 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday

26th May-30th May - Half term

18th July - Last day of term

21st July - INSET day for staff

<u>Year 4</u> <u>Middle School Open Evenings</u>

Please make sure you visit the middle schools on their open events, to see the options available for your child in September....

Windsor Park - 8th Oct @4pm Oldfields Hall - 9th Oct @ 6pm Ryecroft - 12th Oct @10am

The online portal to apply for middle school can be found on the Staffordshire County Council website. You can start to apply on the 1st November.

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/ Admissions-primary/Apply/Applicationforms-for-admission-to-school.aspx

Our Sponsored Move

An incredibly huge thank you to all our families who sponsored their children in our sponsored move. You have raised an unbelievably fantastic £3312.90, which will be spent on improving PE and Sports resources in school and providing sporty enrichment activities throughout the year!

BIG BOOK sale

Wednesday & Thursday
We are having a BIG
BOOK sale! We have lots
of pre-loved big books
from our Library - they
cost just a pound - lots of
fiction and non-fiction. If
you want to buy, please
bring your £1 and they will
be on sale at playtime!

Poetry Week

Next week, we are celebrating poetry! On Tuesday, Pep the Poet will be in school to share his work with the children. You can buy his books (£7.99) and tote bags (£6)

Parents can order books in advance from Pep's website:
www.pepthepoet.co.uk/books
Use the code **SCHOOLS** for free

postage and packaging.
Pep will bring orders to the school on the day of the visit.

When ordering from Pep's Website: The Shipping Address is your child's name, school and year group. The Billing Address is your name and

your home address.

You can watch him in action on his YouTube channel @pepthepoet

Newsletter 4



Learning to love

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Worship

This week, we have introduced the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit". This is from the Bible and it sums up all the good parts of a person who lives in the light of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit

We have been thinking about the ways in which we can show joy and love in our every day lives.

Croft on the Heath





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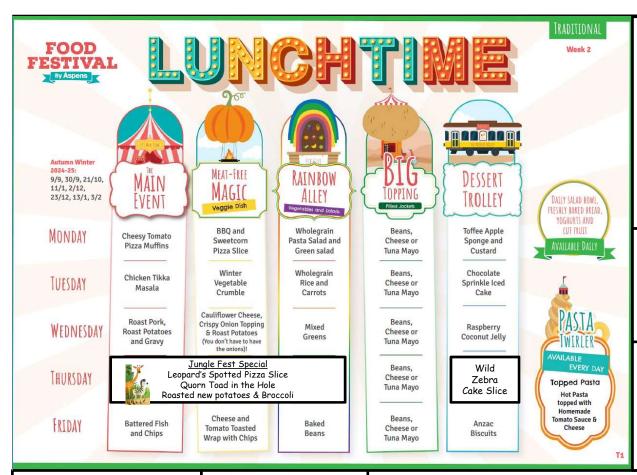
Laughs

Giggles





Please make sure your child has wellies, a 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 won't be able to access outdoor learning, if they haven't got the right clothing!



Attendance in School

This week's attendance is



91.6%

Holidays are affecting our attendance percentage this week (it would have been 96.1%)

Please be aware that the new govt policy on penalty notices (fines) for holidays, unauthorised absences and lates is now active. Find out more about this on our website https://www.st-marys-uttoxeter.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance

Celebration Worship



There will be NO celebration worship on Friday 4th October - as we will be having our daily worship at the church in the morning.

Thursday is Census Day

There is a special menu to try out - see if we can get our biggest number of children having hot dinners on Thursday. Can you help us to beat our record of 135??!!!

Parents Evening Monday 14th October

Parents evening appointment request letters will be sent out on Monday 7th October. Please fill it in and return it to your teacher as soon as you can, to ensure you get a time which suits you. Thank you

Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to the children in KS2 who represented our school at cross country. They were fantastic, and we are very proud of them.



Harvest Festival in Church

The children in **Leopards** will be leading the Harvest Service at St Mary's Church on Friday 4th October at 9.30am.

All the classes (except Penguins) will be walking to church at 9am to join in the service. As part of our Good Samaritan kindness, we will be asking for donations of tinned/packet food, which we will donate to our local food banks.

Parents are invited to join us, and we would love you to help us to walk down to the church - the more helpers we have the safer our journey is. Please let your teacher know on Showbie if you are helping to walk the children to church. You can also sign up on the sheet on the window, nearer the time.