

## Dates for the Diary

27<sup>th</sup> Jan - Fairy Tale STEM week!  
 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Church Service  
 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Feb - half term  
 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - INSET day for staff  
 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Back to School  
 11<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term  
 28<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school  
 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday  
 26<sup>th</sup> May-30<sup>th</sup> May - Half term  
 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term  
 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET day for staff



## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

### Sports Enhancement Day!!

Every child needs to come to school in their PE kit and long hair tied up in a bobble. Thanks to your huge donations for the Sponsored Move, we have booked our first fun day for the children - wait and see what the day will be!!!



## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**Breakfast Club** will be in the Butterflies classroom (same as After School Club) on this day - please access through the playground, and to the Nursery Door.  
 Sorry for any inconvenience.

## Library Visits

Tigers, Leopards and Giraffes have enjoyed visits to Uttoxeter Library this week - some classes have learned about castles, and some have learned about oceans. Next week, Zebras, Bears and Crocodiles will visit. More visits will be arranged soon, as we love going to the Library!



## Family Learning



KS2 family learning is next week. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to experience reading, fluency and SPAG with your child. Please fill in the form, so we know how many of you are joining us.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-10am - Crocs  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 9-10am - Giraffes  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-10am - Leopards

## Congratulations

We send our very ❤️ best wishes to Miss Egan (Leopards) and Mrs Campion (Penguins/ B'flies) who have given birth to baby boys - both Mums and babies are doing well.



## Croft on the Heath

Mon	Tigers 13/1, 27/1, 10/2	Giraffes 6/1, 20/1, 3/2
Tues	Zebras 14/1, 28/1, 11/2	Leopards 7/1, 21/1, 4/2
Weds	Y1 Bears 15/1, 29/1, 12/2	
	Ladybirds & Bear Cubs every week	
Thurs	Penguins every week in the morning	
Fri	Crocodiles 10/1, 24/1, 7/2	

Please can you make sure your child has their wellies, warm socks, and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a bag for their Croft Day. It will often be muddy and/or wet, and a bit cold this half term, and the children won't be comfortable accessing outdoor learning, if they haven't got their wellies/waterproof/warm clothes.



# Newsletter 17

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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## Welcome

We have welcomed Mrs Goodger, who is teaching the Leopards for the next two terms, we hope she enjoys St Mary's as much as we do!

## Worship

We have been learning the prayer of St Francis, through a song - it is helping us to remember all the good values which are needed everyday in our world - love, faith, forgiveness, hope, light, joy, understanding and giving.



<https://youtu.be/ihvm6eLWZI?si=uMvbb3f4orDNW-tE>



## Ladybirds & Bear Cubs

Stay & Play for Reception children will take place on:  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.20pm for Ladybirds  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** at 2.20pm for Bear Cubs

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL  
Week 3

Autumn Winter 2024-25:  
16/9, 7/10, 28/10, 18/11, 9/12, 30/12, 20/1, 10/2

DAY	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	American Style Mac Cheese	Veggie Wholegrain Pasta Bolognese	Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Marble Cake
TUESDAY	Sausage and Mash	Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash	Roast Root Veggies	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Apple, Cinnamon Raisin Flapjacks
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Carrot and Stuffing Pastry Plait	Peas and Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Orange and Mango Jelly
THURSDAY	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese	Broccoli	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Bread Muffins
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Fingers and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Gingerbread Cookies

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

PASTA TWIRLER  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
Topped Pasta  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

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## Late to School?

Increasing numbers of children are being dropped off late for school. Last week, 23 children checked into the school office after the gates had closed.

From 8.45am until 9.00am, children read for pleasure, and read to their teacher, they get their things ready for learning, they practise spellings, finish homework, have a drink and help in the classroom and are ready for learning at 9.00am.

If your child arrives at school at 9.05am, they miss all of this and may feel unsettled as they have missed the start of their first lesson, missing the valuable learning which they need to complete their work.

If your child is regularly late, please set off for school earlier and ensure your child doesn't miss out. Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation.

## Celebration Worship

Next week, it is Celebration Worship for KS2 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate all the birthdays up to the Sunday)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Families of Crocodiles/Leopards/Giraffes**

Please pop your phones away, and on silent, once you have signed in. This helps to safeguard all our children. Thank you



## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is **94.4%**



Please come to school on time, our attendance would be 95.7% (above our current target) if we didn't have children arriving late, after the register has been taken. Thankyou

## **Good time keeping means...**

...making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings!

Did you know? - being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!



**Every Schoolday Counts**

but every minute is equally important! \* Over one full academic year