

## Dates for the Diary



1<sup>st</sup> April - Ladybirds/BearCubs Trip  
 4<sup>th</sup> April - Y4 Faith Trail in Derby  
 7<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Week & Bonnet Parade  
 11<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service in Church  
 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

## Attendance in School

This week's attendance is  
**96.1%**



Please come to school on time, our attendance would have been 97% if we didn't have children arriving after 9am. Thank you

## Messy Church



Our Messy Church session will be in the hall on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: 3.30pm-4.30**  
 Our activities will be based around the theme of **Easter** and children must be accompanied by a parent or family member please.

### What is Messy Church?

- It is an hour, after school, for children and their families to enjoy a form of church in their school. (siblings, parents, grandparents, carers are all welcome)
- We offer a range of activities - creative, food art, quiz, challenge, art, craft, construction etc.
- There is juice and biscuits!
- We finish with a short chat about our theme, and a song and prayer.

## Easter Bonnets



This year, Easter Bonnets can be made at home and brought in for the parade. There will be a chance to make an Easter bonnet in school if you can't do one at home, but feel free to send any creative bits and bobs in to help!!  
 Please bring in your bonnets on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.....** and we will celebrate Easter as we parade, on our playground, for all the families on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm** - followed by the **Easter Tombola** - bring your ££££ - £1 a go



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## Worship

As we move towards Easter, we have been learning about Palm Sunday, which marks the last week of Lent as Christians celebrate Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem on a donkey. People cheered, shouting Hosanna, waved palm branches and lay down their cloaks for Jesus to walk on.



## Thursday - non uniform day... (with trainers for PE!)

and please bring something for the Easter Egg/Chocolate tombola, thank you!



## Croft on the Heath

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Tigers pm
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Zebras pm
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bears am Ladybirds pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Penguins am
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	

Please can you make sure your child has their wellies, warm socks, warm waterproof coat 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.



## Celebration Worship

Next week it is Celebration Worship for KS1 parents. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate all the birthdays up to the Sunday)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Families of Ladybirds/Bears/Zebras/Tigers**

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

## Last Swimming next week

The last swimming lesson for Crocodiles is on **Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
by Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL  
Week 1

Autumn Winter  
2024-25:  
2/9, 23/9, 14/10,  
4/11, 25/11,  
16/12, 6/1, 27/1,  
17/2, 10/3, 31/3

DAY	THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Frozen Yoghurt
TUESDAY	BBQ Cheesy Chicken	Cheesy Bean Wrap	Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Peas and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Forest Fruits Jelly Pots
THURSDAY	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato Pasta	Green Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Cookie Dough Apple Crumble
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Veggie Burger and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

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

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

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Recognise Emotions  
Understand Feelings  
Self Regulate Responses  
Reduce Stress/Anxiety  
Increase Inner Calm & Happiness  
Encourage Resilience & Communication  
Have FUN & Make Friends

St. Mary's CofE First School,  
Holly Road, Uttoxeter Tuesday  
22nd April to Friday 25th April  
9.30-3.30

BOOK ONLINE: [www.minimemindfulness.co.uk/classes](http://www.minimemindfulness.co.uk/classes)

EASTER FUN!

FREE

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES and Food  
for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals

[staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

Coming Soon..

**Thursday 3rd April**

**Non-uniform Day** (with trainers for PE!!) and please can we ask you to **donate an easter egg** or chocolate for the Easter Tombola, if you can.

**Monday 7th April**

**Easter Bonnet Parade** 3.00pm on the playground for all.

**Easter Tombola** after the parade.

**Friday 11th April**

**Easter Service** in Church 9.30am - led by the Ladybirds and the Year 3 Crocodiles

**Wednesday 9th April**

**Year 1 Parents**

Please come and find out more about this, and how you can help your child to practise their decoding and reading in preparation for the check.

**Weds 9th April**

**2.45pm**

**in the Hall**

Phonics Screening Check

Information for Parents