

Dates for the Diary



14th Oct - Parents Evening
 21st Oct - School photo day
 25th Oct - Croft Birthday Party
 28th Oct-1st Nov - Half Term
 4th Nov - Back to school
 15th Nov - Disco
 13th Dec - Christmas Soiree
 20th Dec - Last day of Term
 6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
 7th Jan - Back to School
 17th - 21st Feb - half term
 24th Feb - INSET day for staff
 25th Feb - 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

Lunchtime Play

We have introduced additional activities to our lunchtimes this week, with thanks to our Year 4 teams:

The Happy Team are supporting wellbeing - looking out for children who might need a friend and offering mindfulness activities under the shelter.

The Sports Leaders are organising sports and games for children to join in.

The Worship Team are helping children to reflect and chat in our new worship area.

The Lunchtime Librarians are providing books and reading with children in our Reading Den.

Christmas Cards

Your child has brought home their Christmas card design and information on how you can order. Please follow the instructions of how to order and pay online (not parentpay).



You need to order by November 4th. The cards are a lovely way to send a message at Christmas. School gets the profits of the sales, to spend on resources for the classrooms. Every little helps!

First Birthday Party!

On Friday 25th October, we will be celebrating the Croft's first anniversary, with a big birthday party with the children.



We will be having some fundraising events to help us to maintain and continually improve the Croft facilities. Leaflets will come home today about The Croft "Birthday Bake Off" showstopper competition!

The children will need their Croft clothes and wellies on the day of the celebration!

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Learning to love
Loving to learn

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Worship

This week, we have continued to learn more about the "Fruit of the Holy Spirit". We are often thinking about the ways in which we can show patience and peace. It is important to be patient to others, and also with ourselves.



"The end of something is better than its beginning. Patience is better than pride."

— Ecclesiastes 7:8



Croft on the Heath

Mon	Tigers 9/9, 23/9, 7/10, 21/10	Giraffes 16/9, 30/9, 14/10
Tues	Zebras 10/9, 24/9, 8/10, 22/10	Crocs & Leopards 17/9, 1/10, 15/10
Weds	Y1 Bears 11/9, 25/9, 9/10, 23/10	
	EYFS Ladybirds & Bears every week	
Thurs	Penguins every week in the morning	



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!

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

THE
MAIN
EVENT

MEAT-FREE
MAGIC

Veggie Dish

RAINBOW
ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads

BIG
TOPPING

Tinned Joints

DESSERT
TROLLEY

DAILY SALAD NOW!
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGHURT AND
CUT FRUIT

AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA
TWIRLER

AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce
and Cheese

Attendance in School

This week's attendance is
95.8%



Lateness is affecting our attendance percentage this week. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time.

(it would have been **96.1%**)

Please be aware that the new gov't 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



Celebration worship is every Friday in the Hall. The back door of the Hall will open at 2.45pm. Please come in and enjoy.

Parents Evening Monday 14th October

Thank you for booking your appointments. See you on Monday!

Reading at home 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 and the more you practice, the better you get.....

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



School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on **Monday 21st October**. They will be taking individual photographs and sibling photographs in school, throughout the day. If you wish your younger siblings to be in a family photo, please be at the Hall back door from 8.30am. There may be a queue, the photographer will go as fast as she can!