

The Early Bird

Issue 15: Friday 23rd May 2025



'I have come in order that you might have life - Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to our year 6 children and the team. They approached the SATs week with maturity and determination. They are to be commended for their excellent attitude to their learning.

Just a reminder that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. You can collect an application form from the office, and please come and talk to us if you would like to know more about the roll. Our school is strengthening all of the time and your input would support our journey.

To ensure we keep our community safe, can I please remind all of our parents that the **drop off zone is closed in the evening to vehicles**. Also can all families please use **the pavement when walking** in and out of school. Do not walk on the road or across the middle grass of the circuit.

Enjoy the half term next week and remember our children are back in school at 8.30am on *Tuesday 3rd June*.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher



Reminder—If your child comes to school on a scooter can you please make sure they ride it carefully and not to fast in the school grounds. We have had occasions where other children have been hurt. Many thanks

Prayer

Let's pray for rest as schools and half term holidays start. We pray for protection on our children, that they enjoy time with family and friends

Amen



Dedication - Courage - Joy



- **Tuesdays** Parent/Carers & Tots coffee morning

JUNE

Monday 2nd – Inset Day

Tuesday 3rd – Pupils return to school

Thursday 5th – S-o-T Day (100 years)

Tuesday 10th – Sports Day 1

Tuesday 17th – Sports Day 2 (reserve)

Tuesday 24th – Sports Day 3 (reserve)

Wednesday 25th – summer fayre (End of the day, after school)

Thursday 26th – Northwood Athletics (Y3-6): Selected Pupils

Friday 27th – Y6 'Surprise' Trip

JULY

Thursday 3rd – Y5s Trip to Longton Fire Station

Friday 4th – Y5s Trip to Reaseheath College

Thursday 10th – Y6 Awards (5:30-7:30pm)

Thursday 17th – Y6 Leaver Party (5-6:30pm)

Friday 18th – Last Day of School (school closed 3at .10pm)

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Summer Fayre

On Wednesday 25th June we will be holding our annual summer fayre after school. There will be plenty of stalls and fun activities.

This year we will be holding a raffle (see below for the prizes so far).

After half term your child (one per family) will be

bringing raffle tickets home. If you buy the tickets, we ask that you send the ticket stubs, with your details on, and the money in a sealed envelope with your child's name on. You can sell the tickets to family and friends. More tickets can be provided. Many thanks for your support .

- 2 x tickets – Trentham Monkey Forest
- £20 voucher – Stoke Ski Centre
- 1 race session voucher (worth £45) Go Carting
- 2 x passes for Just Kidding (Hanley)
- £10 Inflato gift card
- 3 x passes for Time4Sport holiday camps (worth £100+)
- 4 x tickets for Firework Spectacular (St. John's)
- 4 x burger/chips at Firework Spectacular (St. John's)
- Food hamper
- Pamper hamper
- 3 x bike helmets (will be split into separate prizes)
- McDonalds (waiting to hear what they are providing)
- 2x adults & 2x children tickets for a Port Vale match
- 1 voucher for a game at Stoke City

If you have any items for the fayre please send them in to school.

We appreciate your support

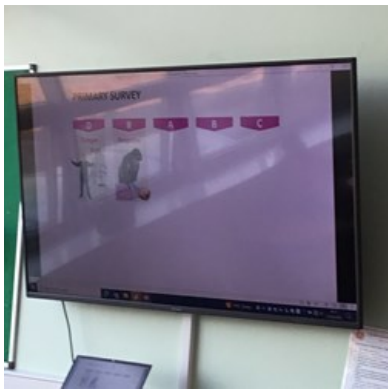
Tile Making with The Beth Johnson Foundation

On Monday we had a visit from Philip Hardaker who is a sculptor, ceramicist and mosaic artist. Some of our children and adults from the Beth Johnson Foundation will be working towards a piece of art work that will be displayed in school and at The Beth Johnson Foundation.



Family Learning First Aid Session

On Wednesday we had a first aid session in school. Parents, and their children learned general first aid and how to put someone in the recovery position.





EARLY BIRD 20% OFF



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PRIMARY UNIFORM**

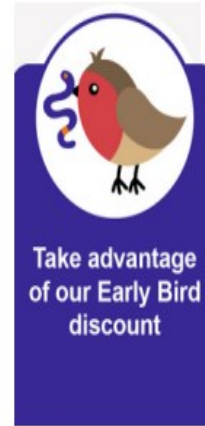
Tuesday 27th May -
Saturday 31st May

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is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps.



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Facebook



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Snapchat



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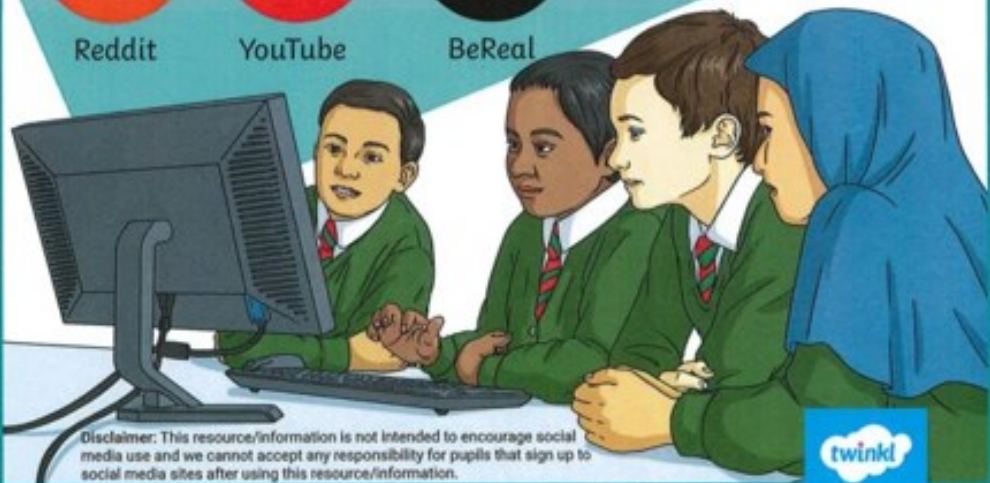
Reddit



YouTube



BeReal



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Half Term Fun

AT OUR FAMILY HUBS WE ARE CELEBRATING THE CITY TURNING 100

Come along this Half Term and join our FREE events
to celebrate Stoke-on-Trent turning 100 years old!

WHERE AND WHEN?

Tuesday 27 May - 10:00am until 12:00noon
Potteries Shopping Centre Community Room, Lower Mall

Wednesday 28 May - 10:00am until 12:00noon
Normacot Family Hub Buccleuch Road, ST3 4RF

Friday 30 May - 10:00am until 12:00noon
Chell Heath Family Hub Bishops Road, ST6 6QW

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE

- Play with clay
- Dough play
- Decorating pottery
- Storytime
- Crafts and colouring
- Games
- Baby activities
- And much more!



FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 10 YEARS OLD



Staffordshire Police Open Day



The event is taking place at **Staffordshire County Showground** on Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD from **11am until 4pm on Saturday 14 June, and entry is free for everyone.**

There is lots in store for everyone in the family to enjoy, including the chance to meet some of the brave police dogs and handlers keeping people safe every day.

For people who want to get an idea of what it's like to be at the front of the wheel of a police carrier, there's an opportunity to sit in a police car and on a police motorbike, along with a number of demonstrations on the type of things officers tackle on a daily basis.

Parking is free and will be available in the field opposite the showground.



Come along to the PVB Juniors 'learn to play in a day' event. If you would like to learn to play a brass instrument, come along for a taster, games and more. If you can already play a brass instrument, please bring it along, there will be opportunity to improve and perform in the afternoon concert.

Meet our PVB Juniors band who will help you to find your way round a cornet, Tuba or Trombone and at the end of the day you'll be making a beautiful sound! We even have a drum kit to try!

You only need to bring yourself, a packed lunch and a willingness to try something different!

Join in a concert at the end of the day to put your new skills to the test. The Learn to Play in a Day event will be held at the St. John's Centre, Trent Vale on 29/05/25 from 11.00 - 3.30pm. Tickets are subsidised by PVB and are 'pay what you can afford'. Just enter your donation amount. If you would like to pay on the day, enter £0.00 when booking your ticket.

If you enjoy the day, we would love to see you at our new beginner brass group on a Tuesday 6.15-7.00 at our new band room. For more details, please contact claire@tutorage.co.uk

The event is open to young people from age 7 (Year 2) - 11 (Year 5)

Book here:-

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tutorage/t-zznddae>

All our Adult junior band leaders and helpers have enhanced DBS checks, safeguarding policies and risk assessment for the event can be provided on request.

St. John's CE(A) Primary School
Term Dates 2025-2026



Inset Days x 5


Please note we may receive 6 weeks' notice in relation to our school being used as a Polling Station for government elections. These can take place in October/ November or May. We will inform you as soon as dates are confirmed to enable you to plan for child care on these dates.

Autumn Term 2025	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 1 st September
School open to pupils	Tuesday 2 nd September
School closes end of day	Friday 24 th October
Half term	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 3 rd November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 4 th November
School closes end of day	Friday 19 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January

Spring Term 2026	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 5 th January
School open to pupils	Tuesday 6 th January
School closes end of day	Friday 13 th February
Half term	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February
School opens to staff and pupils	Monday 23 rd February
School closes end of day	Friday 27 th March
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April (Easter Sunday - 5 th April)

Summer Term 2026	
School open to staff and pupils	Monday 13 th April
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 4 th May
School closes end of day	Friday 22 nd May
Half term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 1 st June
School open to staff and pupils	Tuesday 2 nd June
School closes end of day for pupils	Friday 17 th July
Staff inset (converted to twilights)	Monday 20 th July
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 21 st July to Monday 31 st August

Colour codes

 School open only to staff—no children

 School open to all pupils

 School holidays

Attendance

Not only is attendance important but so is being on time!

When you arrive late at school, you are missing the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson.

You may also feel embarrassed at having to enter a classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your future.

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL

Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am



BEAVERS

Beavers
6-8 years
Mondays
6-7pm
Holy Trinity
Church
Newcastle-Under-Lyme

TIME FOR FUN

CALLING ALL 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS.

Come join the 87th Holy Trinity Beaver Scouts, for fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

MONDAYS (term time) 6-7 pm
Located behind the Holy Trinity church, Newcastle-Under-Lyme

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