

# The Early Bird

Issue 18: Friday 11th July 2025



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A fantastic couple of weeks. Many children moved through to our Northwood City Sports finals and as always represented the values of St. John's to the very best. Year 6 show and awards were wonderful. One of their songs was about *'We all work together'* ...and they certainly did. But more about them in the next weeks newsletter. Thank you too to our special guest Jonty Sargeant, a radio and tv presenter who was kind enough to tell us his Journey in life. This was a great inspiration for all our children to aim high and move through the bump in road.

Our picnic was also a great success...such a positive community feel throughout and to see so many families that day, was lovely. Thank you for giving up your time.

We have one more week in school and still lots to pack in. At St. John's we work through to the end. We have our important life skills week with guests from the HSBC Bank providing workshops and we have the police in this week. Our children will learn about money matters, emergency situations, personal safety and health lifestyles. Thank you to Mrs Buckley and the team who have put a lot of preparation in for the week ahead.

Stay safe in the sun and have fun this weekend and see you all on Monday.

*Mrs SM Bowyer*

Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for all your blessings in our lives, big and small.

Thanks you for surrounding us with people who love and care about us.

Amen



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**



## July

**Tuesday 15th 3.15pm—4.30pm**- Y6 parents invited to Encounter 'It's your move' Transition to high school focus.

**Wednesday 16th 3.30pm—4.30pm** Parents optional drop-in for any parent who would like to discuss their child's school report.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Leaver Party (5-6:30pm)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of School (school finishes normal time 3.10pm)

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The new 25-26 year opens for children on *Tuesday 2nd September 2025*. Door open at 8.30am.

## Big Centenary Tea

Thank you to all of you who attended the picnic on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.





## Stoke Centenary

As part to the work on the Stoke-on-Trent Centenary, some of our children were lucky enough to work with the Beth Johnston Foundation and the incredible artist Philp Hardaker, to produce this amazing art work to represent Stoke-on-Trent. You can have an initial peek below and this will soon be fully revealed and on display in school for all to appreciate in the near future.




### Year 6 Leavers Play & Awards

On Thursday we celebrated year 6 leaver. They performed a play about Robin Hood and then were presented with awards. The year 6's had also been busy making items to sell. The funds raised will go towards next year 6's end of year party.





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# DAD AND CO-PARENT Support group

Being a dad or co-parent can be tough. It is a rewarding feeling but often can be overwhelming and tiring. Finding time for yourself is not something you should feel guilty about, it may take a little planning but taking a break can help you be the best dad or co-parent you can be.

- 1st Thursday of the month:  
Bentilee Family Hub
- 2nd Thursday of the month:  
Shelton Family Hub
- 3rd Thursday of the month:  
Chell Heath Family Hub
- 4th Thursday of the month:  
Normacot Family Hub

CONTACT US TO JOIN FOR FREE  
[RECEPTION@NSMIND.ORG.UK](mailto:RECEPTION@NSMIND.ORG.UK)  
01782 262100

“ I love being a dad. It is tough, challenging, and at times lonely. However, it is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. ”  
Anthony  
Group leader &  
Dad

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## Event Booking information

### How to book:

- Contact any Stoke-on-Trent Library to book onto any event.
- Have your Stoke-on-Trent Library Card number to hand when booking.
- Provide a contact name and phone number or email address.

Open for dates and locations.

Join the summer reading challenge today!



Hey! Who's sitting on my head?

Turn over for event details.

### Important Information:

- You must be a member of Stoke-on-Trent Libraries to book a place.
- Places are limited, so please book in advance.
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- If you have booked onto an event and are no longer able to attend, please let us know so we can make your place available for someone else.
- Each event has an age guide.

Find all our events on Facebook  
[stoke.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/libraries)  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



## Tales in the Park

with the Little Library Van

This summer we will be attending Tales in the Park with the National Literacy Trust and a host of special guests. For a fun day in the sun, come and visit one (or more) of the events below. No need to book.

- 1 TUNSTALL PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 29 July, 11am-3pm
- 2 HANLEY PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 1 August, 11am-3pm
- 3 YEAMAN STREET PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 5 August, 11am-3pm
- 4 FENTON PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 8 August, 11am-3pm
- 5 LONGTON PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 12 August, 11am-3pm
- 6 BURSLEM PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 15 August, 11am-3pm

### Event Details

scan the QR code below

Scan the QR code to learn more about the events we are hosting in our libraries this summer.



or visit:  
[stoke.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

## Stoke-on-Trent Libraries' SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAM 2025

See inside for details and dates

Find us on Facebook  
[stoke.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/libraries)

### Bentilee Library

Book Today: 01782 231315

- 1 STORY AND CRAFT (ages 4+)**  
Tuesday 5 August, 2-3pm
- 2 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 15 August, 2:30-3:30pm
- 3 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Friday 22 August, 2-3pm
- 4 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Tuesday 26 August, 11am-12noon

All of our summer events are **free**, but places must be booked.

REMEMBER: you can contact any library to book an event place. ✓

### Meir Library

Book Today: 01782 237559

- 1 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Wednesday 6 August, 11am-12noon
- 2 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 15 August, 9:30-10:30am
- 3 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Wednesday 20 August, 2-3pm
- 4 CIRCUS ACADEMY (ages 4+)**  
Tuesday 26 August, 2-3pm

Join the Summer Reading Challenge today!  
 Collect rewards for reading six books over the summer.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

### City Central (Hanley)

Book Today: 01782 238455

- 1 LOVE STOKE 100 VIDEOS (ages 8+)**  
Monday 28 July, 10:30-11:30am
- 2 STORY AND CRAFT (ages 4+)**  
Thursday 7 August, 2-3pm
- 3 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Monday 11 August, 11am-12noon
- 4 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Thursday 14 August, 2-3pm
- 5 MAKING STORY LANTERNS (ages 5+)**  
Friday 22 August, 10:30-12noon
- 6 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 29 August, 2:30-3:30pm

### Stoke Library

Book Today: 01782 238446

- 1 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Wednesday 23 July, 11am-12noon
- 2 CIRCUS ACADEMY (ages 4+)**  
Monday 28 July, 2-3pm
- 3 LOVE STOKE 100 VIDEOS (ages 8+)**  
Thursday 7 August, 10:30am-11:30am
- 4 MAKING STORY LANTERNS (ages 5+)**  
Thursday 14 August, 10:30-12noon
- 5 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Thursday 28 August, 10:30-11:30am
- 6 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 29 August, 12noon-1pm

### Longton Library

Book Today: 01782 238424

- 1 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Wednesday 30 July, 10:30-11:30am
- 2 STORY AND CRAFT (ages 4+)**  
Wednesday 6 August, 2-3pm
- 3 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 15 August, 12noon-1pm
- 4 MAKING STORY LANTERNS (ages 5+)**  
Wednesday 20 August, 10:30-12noon
- 5 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Wednesday 27 August, 10:30-11:30am

Our free weekly children's sessions will continue throughout the summer: [stoke.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/libraries)

### Tunstall Library

Book Today: 01782 238471

- 1 CIRCUS ACADEMY (ages 4+)**  
Tuesday 22 July, 10:30-11:30am
- 2 STAFFS WILDLIFE (ages 4+)**  
Monday 4 August, 2-4pm
- 3 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Wednesday 13 August, 2-3pm
- 4 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Monday 18 August, 2-3pm
- 5 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 29 August, 9:30-10:30am

For event details and booking information see the back pages. ↻

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

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

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

### Colour codes

School open only to staff—no children

School open to all pupils

School holidays



# HAF



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**Holiday Activities and Food - Stoke-on-Trent**



## **The Hubb Foundation and Stoke-on-Trent City Council are inviting you to join us for some holiday fun!**

Thanks to funding from the Department for Education (DfE) we are pleased to bring you Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme to Stoke-on-Trent for 2025!

### **What's in it for your child?**

1. They get to try new things, we have lots of activities provided by some brilliant local providers.
2. They get to have fun, no day or hour will be the same.
3. They will be able to see their friends and make new ones.
4. We will ensure all children are fed at the session.

**What's even better...** It's a FREE programme for children aged 4 - 16 and is aimed at those who are eligible for Free School Meals.

### **Do you want your child to join the fun?**

Visit our website **or** scan the QR code below to book on to a session.  
<https://www.thehubbfoundation.com/what-s-on>

\*Don't forget if your plans change then cancel your booking so another child can come along.

Kind Regards,

The Hubb Foundation





Holiday Activities and Food - Stoke-on-Trent



# FREE HOLIDAY CLUBS #HAF



Our clubs across Stoke-on-Trent are run by experienced organisations who will provide a safe and welcoming experience where children will have fun, make new friends, and create life-long memories!



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a beaver  
out of  
you - join  
us

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