



# SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*"Despite the forecast, live like it's spring."*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though it has been quite wet and windy, this week did mark the first day of spring, which means sunnier days lie ahead! Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour at 1am on Sunday 26 March, marking the start of British Summer Time (BST) and more daylight in the evenings!

It has certainly been another eventful week in school, and we have continued to celebrate the fabulous achievements of our children, both in and outside of the classroom, including a fabulous win for the Year 3 and 4 Hockey Team who were crowned tournament champions last week at Shobnall Leisure Complex! Well done, everyone! We wish our Year 5 and 6 team the best of luck, as they are competing as the ink dries on this newsletter!



We have finally brought our Mother's Day lunches to a close this week with our Year 5 and Year 6 classes – the turnout was incredible. Huge thanks to all those family members who managed to come along. Please note that we will be holding Father's Day lunches in June – look out for the dates of these in the 'Summer Term Diary Dates' section at the end of the newsletter.

Please don't forget to come along to the PFA Easter Bingo on **Wednesday 29 March** in the school hall! Doors open from **5.30pm** with 'eyes-down' at **6.00pm**. Thank you to everyone for your exceptionally kind chocolate-themed donations today in exchange for a non-uniform day! This has ensured that there are plenty of prizes available! A big thank you as well to everyone who supported our 'flash of red' non-uniform day last week in support of **Comic Relief**. You will be pleased to know that we managed to raise a total of **£149.11!**

In addition to wishing everyone a very restful, relaxing and enjoyable weekend, we would also like to wish all of our families who are joining in with this special time of year a very Happy Ramadan.

As our friends and families begin the holy month of fasting, we wish them, along with the millions of Muslims around the world a blessed and generous month. Ramadan Mubarak!





## Shobnall Road – Works Update

There have been no further updates since last week. Work will continue along Forest Road between the hours of 8am to 5pm, with all traffic needing to enter and exit via the Burton town centre direction until this phase of the works is completed in April 2023.

Outside of the working hours of 8am and 5pm the route will continue to be open to residents and businesses that require access, and the provision allowing for the school bus services to safely pass in the morning and afternoon will continue.

The Highways Agency apologise for the continued inconvenience that these works may be causing, for all future enquiries relating to progress and completion, please refer to the scheme webpage for the most up to date advice.

## Punctuality – School Day Timings

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your punctuality, especially in light of the carriageway works along Shobnall Road. With so many parents having to negotiate and change their journeys to work in light of this, we have noticed that a few children are being dropped off earlier than usual, meaning that they are unsupervised until the gates open at 8.45am.

Although Mrs Foster and I are usually out at 8.40am, we ask that parents are mindful of this and when dropping their children off at the beginning of the school day as it is imperative to ensure pupil's safety at all times. Many thanks for your support with this.

Please also note that [Shobnall Stars](#) Breakfast Club is available to children from 7.30am if you require it. Thank you for your support with this and please contact us if you need any further assistance or guidance.



## Books, Books and More Books!

A huge thank you to those of you who have been helping us to expand our current repertoire of books, whether that be through a purchase from our Wish List or through donating your used ones from home! The children are thoroughly enjoying these texts and want you to know how grateful they are for any donations you are able to make! Thank you!



## Don't Choose to Abuse Campaign



To support the ongoing operational and engagement activity taking place across the county to help keep women and girls safe from the risk of violence, Staffordshire Police are launching a new campaign. The 'Don't choose to abuse' campaign encourages people to seek help if they recognise unhealthy or abusive behaviour within a relationship.



In a two-minute video, aimed at perpetrators, they share the reaction of friends, family and work colleagues to an abusive relationship to emphasise that this behaviour is not acceptable and will quite rightly be called out by others.

By promoting the campaign, they intend to encourage conversations about healthy relationships and abusive behaviour, which can be physical, verbal, sexual, psychological or financial. Although the video is aimed at potential perpetrators of violence against women and girls, they're encouraging everyone to view it to understand more about the campaign. You can view the video on YouTube here: <https://youtu.be/Ex0sWGMi2EU>

To support this campaign, they're also holding an online chat event on Thursday 30 March from 12 noon to 2pm, where officers will be on hand to answer queries on the topic of violence against women and girls, in particular violence in the home. Questions or comments can be submitted completely anonymously in advance, or live on the day, by visiting: <https://app.sli.do/event/7Bktf2jGcaxVtXfSqitRNV>

You can find more information about the campaign on our website: <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/campaigns/campaigns/dont-choose-to-abuse/>



## Discord

In addition to our regular 'Online Safety Tips' section on the newsletter, we also wanted to make parents aware of a new app that some of our older children have been talking about this week.

Discord is an instant messaging and chat platform that allows users to communicate using voice, video or text. It is popular with the gaming community who use it to talk to people during gameplay, and swap tips about different

types of games. However, recently it has grown its user base and is now used by others outside the gaming community. **It has an age-rating of 13+.**

Young people who have contacted Childline have described the platform as being a good place to meet new people outside of their normal social circle. Some also spoke about it being somewhere they can explore romantic connections and talk to others with similar interests to them. However, they also reported experiencing abuse and harassment on the platform. Some also shared that they had been exposed to harmful and inappropriate content on the app.

Please follow the link below, which will take you to the NSPCC website who have shared some useful and helpful guidance for parents.

# NSPCC

[Should I let my child use Discord? | NSPCC](#)



## Nursery Places Available for September!

We do still have a few places left in our Nursery setting for September, so please enquire if you or someone else you know within the community, would like a place in our outstanding school. Further information can be found on our school website [Admissions](#) page on how to apply for a place.

## Ramadan

Ramadan is one of the most important months in the Islamic calendar. It is a time of fasting, prayer, and reflection for Muslims across the world. It is a time when families gather together to pray and reflect on the teachings of the Qur'an. Here are some interesting facts about Ramadan that we thought you would like to know, from the history of Ramadan to its spiritual significance:



- ❖ Ramadan falls on the ninth lunar month in the Islamic Calendar. The lunar calendar means the start of each month is based on various factors, such as the sighting of the moon. Therefore, like all Islamic months, the month of Ramadan rotates every year.
- ❖ The month of Ramadan is believed to be the month in which the Holy Qur'an was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), as a guidance for all mankind.
- ❖ Ramadan is the month of fasting. Fasting (sawm) is one of the Five Pillars of Islam.
- ❖ In between the hours of sunrise and sunset, fasting isn't just accomplished by abstaining from food and drink. It involves refraining from sinful acts such as cursing, lying and bad intentions; amongst many other things. These can negate the validity of a fast.
- ❖ The beginning of a fast is initiated with a dua (prayer) of niyah (intention).
- ❖ Eating dates is a popular way to break the fast. It is said that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used dates to break his fast with. But what is actually in a date? The health benefits of dates are vast. They contain natural sugars, are high in fibre, are excellent for digestion, high in countless vitamins and nutrients, and so much more!
- ❖ Ramadan is an auspicious month for generosity and giving. The sawab (reward) for charity and benevolence in this month are immense. It is known as a month of humbleness and simplicity, and to remember those who are less fortunate than us. Many people choose to commit to Ramadan donations in this month. Some opt to contribute regularly, some dedicate their time to one of the many campaigns, and some volunteer to help in fundraising towards a good cause.
- ❖ Ramadan concludes with Eid ul-Fitr, a celebration which follows the period of fasting. It is commonly known as a day of joy and thanking Allah for the strength in accomplishing the spiritual month. It is a day of gratitude, prayers, unity and happiness. For a large number of people, the day usually consists of attending the Mosque, praying, visiting family and friends, exchanging gifts, giving to charity, and a lot of eating!

## FREE Uniform!

Remember, we have FREE uniform that is available for anyone who needs it, via our donation service. There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have old items that they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting, collating and distributing this. If you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact her via [amyroobottom@outlook.com](mailto:amyroobottom@outlook.com).



## Online Safety Tips

According to a Google survey, more than half of us (52%, to be exact) routinely re-use the same passwords, with around one in ten employing a single password across all their online accounts. What that means, of course, is that any hacker successfully cracking our password would find themselves with access to not simply one of our online accounts, but several (at least).



That, along with the fact that many people's favoured passwords aren't exactly impenetrable, makes it easier to see why some sources put the number of online accounts being broken into at around 100 per second. Yes, you read that right: 100 per second. To help give you some extra peace of mind about your digital data, this guide has some tips on setting more secure passwords.

In the guide you'll find a number of top tips on setting stronger passwords such as how to get creative, what to avoid, and the value of multi-factor authentication.

## Compost Week Continues!

### What is composting?

Composting is nature's own way of recycling, breaking down household organic waste to produce a valuable resource which can be used on the vegetable garden or flower beds.

### Why should we compost?

In Staffordshire, approximately 30% of everything thrown into the general waste bin is food. That is over half a tonne of food every year per household. A lot of this waste could have been avoided and shockingly, the average family of four could save £60 a month by reducing their food waste.

Adding compost to the soil helps to improve the soil structure and add nutrients to help the growth of stronger, healthy plants. Healthier plants are more resistant to damage from pests and diseases.

### Don't have a compost bin?





You can get a discounted compost bin with a Staffordshire postcode – [get yours here](#).

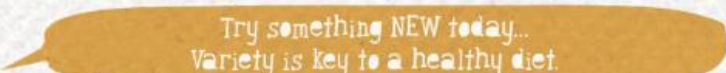
### Not sure where to start?

There is an easy step by step video for beginners - [watch here](#).


## Hot Lunch Options – 27 to 31 March 2023


W/c 27.3.23

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Beef Lasagne & garlic bread	Roast chicken with mash potato & gravy	Pork Meatballs with Pasta	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Vegetable Quiche with baked potato wedges	Quorn Lasagne & garlic bread	Quorn fillet, with mash potato & gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs with Pasta	Cheese & bean bake with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Corn on the cob & broccoli ..... Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower ..... Salad bar	Carrots & parsnips ..... Salad bar	Roasted Vegetables ..... Salad Bar	Peas & baked beans ..... Salad bar
DESSERTS	 Bananas & custard	 Ginger biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit Sponge & custard	Chocolate Brownie
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND SANDWICH SELECTION	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection



Try something NEW today...  
Variety is key to a healthy diet.





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# SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...



## Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about the importance of sleep. They listened to the story 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy and enjoyed accompanying the story with the sounds that kept Daddy Bear awake all night!

The nursery children also had a visit from the dentist this week as we have been busy learning all about how to look after our teeth. The children had lots of fun having a go at brushing a set of teeth and identifying ways of how we should keep our teeth shiny and clean.

At Forest School, we have been busy planting and enjoying water play. We

scattered seeds in our wild garden area, planted our own sunflower seeds and had a great tea party with some yummy mud pies! Another great Forest School session and week at Nursery!

## Reception

What a wonderful fun packed week it has been in Reception. The children have absolutely loved learning about life under the sea. On Thursday when the children came into class, they found all the sea creatures trapped in ice! The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills to help get out the sea creatures!

The highlight was certainly Pirate Day! The treasure hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by the children as they all excitedly followed clues around the school and eventually found the treasure chest full of goodies. They then went on to walk the plank as they completed a high seas obstacle course. We ended the day with a pirate sing along and sharing of some pirate books brought in by the children. It was indeed a memorable and enjoyable day!



## Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy week! They have started their new English unit of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been learning about what is healthy, unhealthy and safe in PSHE and have had some fantastic discussions about this. In Geography children have also enjoyed identifying features of a town, city and country village. Well done Year 1!

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a jam-packed week of learning this week! In Maths they have learnt about length and height and have been able to use rulers to measure in centimetres and metres. In English the children have begun writing their draft of their version of 'How the Kangaroo got her Pouch'. Miss Martin-Mills was blown away by the standard of writing – so much of the writing looked like Year 3 writing! In the afternoons

Miss Parveen taught Science, RE and Computing. In RE, Year 2 learnt about the Easter Story and how Easter Eggs represent new life and Jesus' resurrection.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had an extremely busy week with Forest School, Art Day and Geography all taking place. The children have started a new unit in Maths - Fractions. They have been learning all about unit and non-unit fractions and are able to explain the role of the numerator and denominator. In Art, the children have learned about Art Deco as well as using inspiration from the greats to design and create their own clay tile. In Forest School, they have been identifying different types of trees, using fire strikers and creating elder beads. Finally, in Geography the children have been thinking about the purpose of bridges and what would be the impact on Burton if those bridges weren't there. They have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own TV news report about the terrible news of St Peter's Bridge and Trent Bridge going missing. What a great week we have had!



### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic penultimate week this week. In maths, we have started our second unit of fractions and the children have been learning how to add and subtract fractions. In English, the children have identified the features of a poem all about last term's previous topic, states of matter. We have also started Geography this week, where the children have been identifying the capital cities around Europe and have plotted a graph of those countries that have the highest population in Europe. Furthermore, the children went on the field on Tuesday afternoon and conducted a science experiment to identify how and why we struggle to hear sounds that are further away. Another brilliant week Year 4! Keep it up going into the final week of the term!



### Year 5

Children in Year 5 have been learning about the phases of the moon. These eight phases are, in order, new Moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full Moon, waning gibbous, third quarter and waning crescent. The cycle repeats once a month (every 29.5 days). The children have created a double page spread to present this information.

In Maths, the children have made a great start to the new 'Decimals and Percentages' topic. They have been recalling their understanding of the place value of digits and working with numbers with two decimal places.

Our new English writing topic was launched this week and the introduction of our model text, 'Is your child fit and healthy'. The children will be learning about the features of a persuasive text and will write their own version in a few weeks time. They have



spent time looking at the vocabulary and its meaning and considering what alternative words could be used instead. Try asking your child what the words 'lethargic' and 'metabolism' mean!

Researching and discussion skills were required in Geography this week. The children have been finding out more about the Bering Strait and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of building a bridge to link Alaska and Russia. There were some very interesting discussions, and the children showed their understanding of topical matters.



Continuing with our local history topic, the children have also been finding out more about the famous people who lived and worked in Burton.

Year 5 have produced excellent, extended written work this week across so many subjects!

### Year 6

In Year 6 we have been recapping our prior learning on decimals. We looked at how to multiply and divide by powers of 10. In English, we have been so excited to start our short story topic on anything we wish to write about. There have been some fabulous ideas! The children have worked so hard this week on their assessments, and it is pleasing to see they are in a great position for their SATs which are in the next few weeks, after the Easter Holiday. These next few weeks will be spent ironing out any misconceptions, so they are fully prepared for the start of May. Well done Year 6, keep up the hard work.

### Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 5+

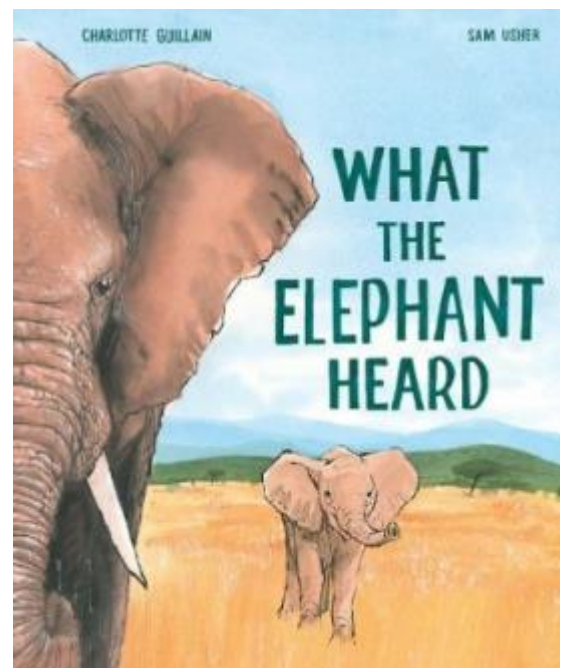
#### **What the Elephant Heard**

*Written by Charlotte Guillain*

Readers live the life of a young African elephant in this absorbing picture book, discovering lots in the process about elephants' way of life and the threats they face from mankind.

'I'll tell you our history – hear every word', says the little elephant, and we learn how the herds are led by the grandmothers, passing down information and knowledge to the younger members, until their ability to cross the savannah as they have for centuries is interrupted by man with roads and fences. Charlotte Guillain's rhyming text and Sam Usher's rich watercolour illustrations give a vivid sense of the elephants' way of life and our young narrator himself feels very alive.

The final pages contain more information about elephants as well as the work that is being done to protect them, and explains how young people can get involved with conservation either in Africa or closer to home. A well thought out information book, beautifully presented.





## Head Teacher's Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Oscar M	Alfie T
<b>Year 1</b>	Kaleb G	Charlotte M
<b>Year 2</b>	Thea K	Sophia W
<b>Year 3</b>	Logan J	Elliot M
<b>Year 4</b>	Angelo M	Noah O
<b>Year 5</b>	Inaya S	Millie C
<b>Year 6</b>	Josh M	Zoya H

## Lunchtime Star Awards

<b>Reception</b>	Jack P
<b>Year 1</b>	Zayn C
<b>Year 2</b>	Thea K
<b>Year 3</b>	Oliver M
<b>Year 4</b>	Erin S
<b>Year 5</b>	Safa U
<b>Year 6</b>	Luke W

## Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 4** AND **Year 5**! Well done! Here are the figures for this week...

<b>Reception</b>	88.9%	<b>Target</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	97.0%	<b>96%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	94.3%	
<b>Year 3</b>	93.3%	
<b>Year 4</b>	97.7%	
<b>Year 5</b>	97.7%	<b>Overall (to date)</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	95.9%	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	

## Team Points

<b>Team Points</b>	<b>Claymills</b>	<b>Rosliston</b>	<b>Sinai</b>	<b>Trent</b>
Points ( <i>Week Ending 24.03.23</i> )	<b>142</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>166</b>
Position	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 3 points</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 1 point</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 2 points</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 4 points</b>
Running Total	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

## Spring Term Diary Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
KS1 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents only	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 2 Classroom
KS2 SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents only	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023, 3.30pm, Year 6 Classroom
PFA Easter Bingo	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

## Summer Term Diary Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day <b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – <b>School Closed</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Bank Holiday</b> – King's Coronation	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023
New Parents Meeting for Nursery & Reception Parents	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 1 Phonics Screening	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Reception	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 1	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 2	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 3	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 4	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Father's Day Lunches – Year 6	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Reserve Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 AM & KS2 PM	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022
Year 3 Class Assembly	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Year 4 Class Assembly	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<b>JTMAT INSET Day – School Closed</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Year 4, 5 & 6 Brewhouse Performance – Peter Pan	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Nursery Graduation	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>INSET Day</b>	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Diary Dates 2022-2023

Event	Date/Time
School Closes for Easter	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Borough and Parish Elections – School Closed	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Bank Holiday – King's Coronation	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
School Closes for Summer	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
INSET Day	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023



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**The  
Children's  
Society**

**Coffee Morning**

**Shobnall Community  
Centre**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**10.00 am – 11.30 am**

**In aid of the Children's  
Society**

Staffordshire  
Emotional Wellbeing  
Service



# Wellbeing Activity Day

Bring your children and young people along to learn about their big feelings and emotions in a fun & interactive way!! Ages 5—18.

**Easter School Holidays**

**Wednesday 12th April**  
**10am—3pm**



**Chasewater Innovation Centre, Pool Road,  
Burntwood, WS8 7NL**

Children to be accompanied by parent or carer

