

SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"The next choice is the most important choice."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! Here we are at half-term! It's been a longer one than usual, so I think we are all ready for a break, but no less of an enjoyable one. Please read the 'Shobnall Showcase' further on in the newsletter to find out more about what the children have been learning during this final week of term. I have seen lots of design and technology work happening in preparation for displays at our 'Museum of Wonder' for Open Evening on Wednesday 15 November 2023, 4.30pm – 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



I received a wonderful letter from Kate Kniveton, Member of Parliament for Burton and Uttoxeter, this week, which captured beautifully the essence of our school from when she came to visit. I thought it pertinent to share this with you as we reflect on the success of this first half-term of the academic year:

Dear Mr Adams,

I wanted to write to thank you, the staff and the pupils at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School for making me so welcome at the school during my recent visit.

I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and that the children are an absolute credit to the school – happy, confident, polite and intelligent, with some great questions!

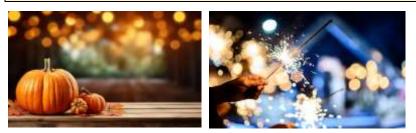
Well done to everyone at Shobnall Primary, and thank you for letting me see the incredible work you do.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you and the children, and hopefully will be invited to return.

Keep up the great work!

Kind regards,

Kate Kniveton MP



Whatever it is you have planned for the half-term break, we hope that you are able to rest, relax and spend quality time together as families.

School is closed on Monday 6 November 2023 for staff training, so we look forward

to seeing you again on **Tuesday 7 November 2023**. Enjoy, and thank you once again for a great first half term!

Online Safety Workshop for Parents – Thursday 16 November 2023, 7pm – 8pm

The online world is an important part of children's lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too. This can be really overwhelming for parents, so we wanted to organise a workshop for you that highlights not only the benefits of your child being online, but the dangers as well.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help your children explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. The workshop, which is being delivered by an expert from the NSPCC will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

We really hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend! The workshop is being held virtually on **Zoom** on **Thursday 16 November 2023**, **7pm to 8pm**. The details for joining the workshop are:



Meeting: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82699496839?pwd=aVpEZE8zaFhkNzNsaTV6OGFEMIRRUT09</u> Meeting ID: 826 9949 6839 Passcode: 506746

Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 1 December 2023, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Christmas is creeping up on us and as we stated in last week's newsletter, the PFA are already busy behind the scenes, sorting out the organisation of this year's Christmas Market. A separate letter will be issued in due course outlining the plans and requests in more detail but in the interim, the PFA wish to outline a few requests for help in preparation for the event.



- The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you can donate any cakes or Asian food, the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!
- If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e. toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to start accepting these donations in school from next week, beginning 6 November 2023.

The PFA would like to thank you in advance for your support with all their requests and for your attendance at the Market! More information will follow in the forthcoming weeks.

Learning Support Assistant Vacancy

As well as having a Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy, we are also looking for a part-time Learning Support Assistant to join our small school team!

As a partner academy in JTMAT, we are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and committed Lunchtime Supervisor to join our evolving organisation.

The successful candidate will:

- Demonstrate high standards of teamwork, collaboration, and respect.
- Be flexible, adaptable, and dependable.
- Have excellent communication skills with children and staff.
- Be kind, compassionate and caring with our pupils.



If you want to discuss either role, please contact Mr Adams, by emailing <u>shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk</u> or 01283 247410. Completed application forms should be emailed telephoning to shboffice@shb.jtmat.co.uk. Only fully completed application forms will be submitted for shortlisting. CVs will not be accepted. The closing date for Learning Support Assistant applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 8 November 2023 and for Lunchtime Supervisor Applications, until the position is filled.



Children in Need – Friday 17 November 2023

Please be aware that it is Children in Need on Friday 17 November. We are aware that we are asking for other donations but, as a school, we feel it would be wrong to ignore such an initiative. So, we will be keeping things simple and having a 'spotty' non-Donations are voluntary but we uniform day! recommend a minimum of 50p, which will go towards



Children in Need. Should you wish to donate more, you will be very welcome to do so! Thank you for your support!

Bonfire Night Celebrations!

Whether you are celebrating at home or at a larger event, remember to wrap up warm, stay safe and, most of all, enjoy the rustling of the leaves beneath your feet as the fireworks sound from above, in the smoky cold autumn air. If extravagance isn't your thing, then a simple sparkler wouldn't go a miss!

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 13 November 2023 to Friday 17 November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is taking place from Monday 13 - Friday 17 November and has the theme 'Make a Noise.' It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Our school will be promoting this message through our curriculum and the children will be involved in a series of reflective and essential activities. On Monday (13 November) of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be holding an Odd Socks Day with the support of Andy Day, CBeebies star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. Therefore, we would like all of the children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks on that day in support of the event!

Please click on the link below, which will take you to the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's website for more information on how to stay safe at any Bonfire Night celebrations you may be holding or attending:

https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/safety-at-home/bonfire-night-safety/

Remember, remember the fifth of November...but not a lot else about bonfire night? These 10 facts will make sure your knowledge is up to scratch, so that in between the whizzes, pops and bangs you can impress (or annoy) all your friends.

- The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was meant to kill the Protestant King, James I and replace him with a Catholic Queen.
- It was actually Warwickshire-born Robert Catesby who led the Gunpowder Plot, not Guy Fawkes. There were also 13 other people involved.
- The job Guy Fawkes had in the Gunpowder Plot was to guard the 36 barrels of gunpowder that had been placed in a basement underneath the House of Lords.



- The alarm was raised after an anonymous letter was sent to Lord Monteagle, warning him to stay away from the House of Lords.
- Explosives expert Fawkes, who had been left in a cellar to set off the fuse, was subsequently caught when a group of guards discovered him at the last moment on the 5th November. He was then taken to the Tower of London.
- As he awaited his grisly punishment on the gallows, Fawkes leapt to his death to avoid the horrors of torture that awaited him. He died from a broken neck.
- King James I announced that the 5th November should be the day that people always celebrate that the Gunpowder Plot didn't happen.
- The cellar that Fawkes and the gunpowder plotters used was damaged in 1834 by fire. When the Palace of Westminster was rebuilt in the 19th century, the infamous cellar was destroyed.
- St. Peters school in York is the only place in England that does not celebrate bonfire night as a show of respect for their former pupil, Guy Fawkes.
- The Houses of Parliament are still searched by the Yeoman of the Guards before the state opening (where the reigning Monarch visits parliament each year) held in November. It is ceremonial rather than serious and is performed with lanterns.



Reception Application Process

The application process for a reception place for September 2024 will open on 1 November 2023.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on <u>Staffordshire County Council Website</u>. The closing date is 15 January 2024.

The school office has a letter informing parents about the process, which we are happy to distribute to prospective families. If you would like a copy of this, please contact us.

If you are interested in applying for a place in our own reception class for September 2024, we are holding an **Open Evening** on **Wednesday 15 November 2023, 4.30pm to 6.00pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and see for yourselves all that our setting has to offer! We would also like to encourage existing parents to visit too and see some of the wonderful things that are happening! We look forward to seeing you there!



Kate Kniveton Christmas Card Competition!

Kate Kniveton, the MP for Burton & Uttoxeter, is holding a competition for primary and pre-school school children to design her official Christmas Card for 2023.

The winning design will be used to send Christmas wishes by Kate across Burton and Uttoxeter, with the winner's name and school printed at the bottom.

As many pictures as possible from all entries received will be published on Kate's website and social media for all her constituents to enjoy. You may



remember that one of our pupils was selected as a runner-up last year, so it would be fabulous if one of our pupils were chosen as the winner this year!

In order to enter, Kate has outlined a few rules that entries must comply with:

- Entries must be A4 and coloured in pencil, pen or paint (no glitter!)
- Entrants must live in or attend school in the Burton and Uttoxeter constituency and have been born on or after 1 September 2012.
- Please send your design to Kate Kniveton MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA with your name, address, school year and school clearly marked.
- Please also provide an email address for your school or parent/carer.
- All entries must arrive by 17 November 2023.

Please email <u>kate.kniveton.mp@parliament.uk</u> for any further details and please note that no taxpayer's money will be used in the production of this Christmas card. This would be a great activity to do over half-term and we hope that many of our pupils are able to enter!



Year 7 Secondary School Applications

The application window for a September 2024 start at secondary or high school is still open. Parents can apply online at <u>www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>. As in previous years, the local authority is no longer providing paper copies of the 'Information to Parents' booklet. Parents are able to access this booklet on their <u>website</u>. Deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**.

Online Safety Tips

You might know Five Nights at Freddy's by reputation, even if your child has never actually played the game.

Via playground rumours and circulated footage on platforms like YouTube, this 12-rated survival horror series (so far comprising nine games, several spin-off novels, and a movie adaptation) has become possessed of a certain cult status among far younger players.

Whether the initial interest is sparked by peer pressure or morbid curiosity, this spooky saga of things that go bump in the night seems to resonate with many pre-teen gamers.

However, as our guide explains, the sinister characters, unrelenting sense of tension and some disturbing themes are all potential hazards that parents and carers should be aware of.

Have a Sustainable Bonfire Night

This week's tip of the week will help ensure you have a sustainable Bonfire Night. Here's what advice we have received:

• **Go to a public display** - to minimise the impact of multiple bonfires and a scattering of personal fireworks displays, go to a public display - <u>check out events in Staffordshire</u>.



- Avoid sky lanterns parts of sky lanterns can take more than a year to completely biodegrade and are a big danger to wildlife, so avoid if you can.
- Go firework free the most sustainable way to celebrate is to not use fireworks at all - but if you need your fix, opt for sparklers - they have low impact on air quality and give the desired sparkle.
- **True colours** to make the vibrant colours in fireworks, lots of harmful toxins are used. If you are having a private display, opt for white fireworks which contain fewer chemicals.
- Burn the right materials in bonfires

 don't burn furniture or household rubbish as it can cause pollution and harm health. You can take most of your unwanted waste to your local home waste recycling centre.
- Keep it clean if you see fallen debris at your own firework display or at a public display, once it has cooled down, put it in the bin to keep greenery clean and safe.



FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have items they wish to donate. <u>Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box!</u> Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via <u>shb-office@shb.jtmat.co.uk</u> and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 7 to 10 November 2023

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	1	All day breakfast	Roast turkey with potato of the day & gravy	O Macaroni cheese	Crispy battered fish 8 chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	N	Vegetarian all day breakfast	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable 8 bean chilli With 50/50 rice	Quorn ¹⁸ nuggets with chunky chips
	s	Roasted vegetables Salad bar	Green beans 8 cabbage Salad bar	Corn on the cob 8 carrots Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	E	Apple 8 cinnamon muffin	Lemon cake	(1) Apple (1) Crumble 6 (1) Custard	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	т	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh <i>or</i> Yoghurt	Fresh 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



SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

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

Nursery

Our adventures in nursery this week....

I can hardly believe we have already completed our first half term! The children have had a fantastic start to the year, and they continue to impress us with their super attitudes to learning!

We have had a wonderful week exploring lots of pumpkins and using our subitising skills to share what we noticed on our pumpkin hunt. We also went on a 'noticing' walk on Wednesday and it was lovely seeing the children's curiosity come to life as they explored the school grounds and local area.

When we got back to school, we continued to discuss and make some great comparisons about the changes we saw whilst enjoying our sip of yummy hot chocolate.

We have been very creative during the week too and have been making and designing bowls for 'The Three Bears.' We have been working with our friends to design and create a bed or a chair for Baby Bear using a range of construction. Also, a huge thank you to all the nursery parents that have been working hard with their children at home to design and make a bed or a chair for Baby Bear, the inventions have all been phenomenal! We can't wait to share these at the Open Evening!

Reception

Our adventures in reception this week....

We have had an amazing, awesome autumn themed week!

We all wrapped up warm for our autumn walk and recognised lots of different signs of autumn including different coloured leaves, berries, conkers, pine cones and even a squirrel! We had lots of fun exploring Shobnall and hunting for fabulous autumn treasures!

When we got back to school, we were very tired but that didn't stop us from continuing our autumn adventure by creating a huge maze with the leaves we collected. Then we directed each other through the maze and finally reached the treasure that Honey the Bear was keeping safe for us. Inside we found hot chocolate, biscuits, and reward cards! What a wonderful way to end our fabulous day!

Later in the week there was lots of excitement when we had a letter left by Starlight the Fairy. She needed our help to get into her toadstool home and after lots of discussion we thought it would be great to make her a new door. We rolled clay and used tools and cutters to make some amazing fairy doors and we can't wait to decorate them after half term!



A wonderful week to end a wonderful start in our reception class - we are all reception superstars!

Year 1

A wonderful week to end our first half term in Year 1! All the children have been working so hard and have produced some work to be extremely proud of. In English, the children have created their own senses poem based on a season of the choice. The children all remembered to use their capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and adjectives. In maths, the children have been telling addition number stories as well as missing number problems. In our afternoons we have been learning all about windmills in DT and have begun designing our very own versions for a mouse to live in. We have also been conducting an experiment in science looking at our prediction skills with regards to items that float and sink. Well done, Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant week; they have been writing their story based on 'Out of this World'. They have created their own magical story that sends them to a new planet. The children have tried hard with focusing on their sentence structure and their spellings. In maths this week we have been focusing on making 10 first when adding two single digits. The children have also used ten frames to support their learning of adding three-digit numbers. In DT this week the children have designed and made their own model Ferris Wheel. They have enjoyed learning about the wheels and axles and have used their knowledge about this to build their Ferris Wheel. I want to thank all the parents for the support for the Great Fire of London houses! They look spectacular and they have been displayed around the classroom!

Year 3

This week year 3 have been excited to start their DT project, using pneumatic systems to create a moving monster. They have loved learning about pneumatic systems and experimenting with them. During English they have been learning about mechanics using the story, 'The Iron Man.' In maths they have learnt how to subtract using exchange. Well done Year 3 for your creativity and efforts this week!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another wonderful week! In maths, the children have been solving a range of addition and subtraction questions. They have also been researching famous about pavilions and structures and have created some amazing double page spreads to showcase the



information that they have gathered! In addition to this, the children have been creating these structures and pavilions in DT and I have been blown away with how hard the children have worked on these! They have shown great levels of teamwork and resilience to create some fantastic structures! Finally, I have been blown away with how hard the children have continued to work through their timetables over the past 8 weeks. Keep it up Year 4 and have a lovely half term!

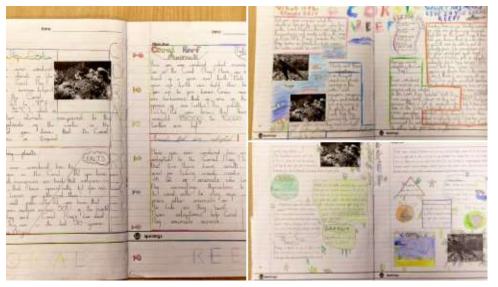


Year 5 have had a great week of learning this week! In English, the children finished their information texts about a chosen habitat. Year 5 were able to include headings, subheadings, kev information, interesting facts, relative clauses, fronted adverbials, images, and illustrations to make their writina engaging and informative for the reader. The children also completed their science experiment on

solubility, which they had planned the previous week. Year 5 were careful to ensure that their investigations were accurate and fair, and when analysing the results discovered an anomaly in the data, which they believed was due to the different mixing speeds – this was something they identified as an area for improvement if they were to repeat the test. On Thursday, Year 5 had a 'DT Day', where they designed and created pop-up books. The design brief was to create a book that was aimed at Year 1 children, so Year 5 chose from a range of science-based topics to support Year 1 in their learning. The whole class were able to use levers, pivots and pop-up mechanisms within their work, whilst ensuring they were hitting the design brief. What a great first half-term, Year 5 definitely deserve this break!

Year 6

This week our focus has been Design Technology. We were tasked with the challenge of creating a steady hand game made from an electrical circuit. First, we had to create our bases for all the electrical components to fit in. Next, we created a back board for our game. We then used our knowledge of electricity to enable us to construct our circuits. We



have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and cannot wait for them to be on show at Open Evening. In maths we have started our fractions unit where we learnt to simplify and order fractions on a number line. We have published our Amazon Rainforest narratives and Miss Lord is going to make them into a booklet for us, so we always have a collection of them to enjoy. For 'Golden Week', we had a fantastic time outside completing all the activities. Thank you to the happiness heroes for organising this with Miss Brewin. I am so happy with how the children have settled in this first half term; what a great one it has been! Well done Year 6!

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Fred S	Rayyan S	
Year 1	Haseeb M	Jack P	
Year 2	Aleem A	Arham A	
Year 3	Lily B	Alina P	
Year 4	Safa Q	Zaef R	
Year 5	Dexter J	Kian S	
Year	Keeghan B	Florence W	

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Abia L
Year 1	Miley M
Year 2	Arham A
Year 3	Kristen T
Year 4	Hadi K
Year 5	Rhema B
Year 6	Mohammed A

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are Year 5! Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	97.3%	Target
Year 1	96.0%	
Year 2	94.3%	97%
Year 3	98.1%	
Year 4	94.4%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	99.1%	
Year 6	95.0%	96.3%
Overall	96.2%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 27.10.23)	61	46	29	62
Position	2 nd – 3 points	3 rd – 2 points	4 th – 1 point	1 st – 4 points
Running Total	20	19	21	27

Team Point Champions

Congratulations to **Trent**, who have successfully won the team point challenge for this half term! As a reward, they can wear non-school uniform (ideally something blue) on Friday 10 November 2023.

Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 9+...

The Trip to the Moon

by M.A. Bennett

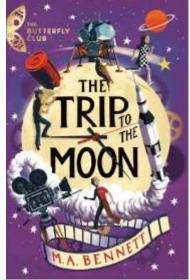
The adventures of the time-travelling Butterfly Club continue in this fourth book in the middle-grade series that cleverly weaves together fact and fiction...

Film is set to become the new craze. Butterfly Club member and filmmaker Georges Méliès pleads to be allowed to go forward in time to harvest a movie camera from the future to make his ambitious film, *A Trip to the Moon*.

The Butterfly Club call up Professor Lorenz's hologram from 1969. The

professor reports that all of America is abuzz too, with the most ambitious scientific project in history – an actual trip to the moon. But the mission has stalled in the most terrible way – an accident on the launchpad resulted in the astronauts being trapped in a fatal fire.

For the first time ever, it is the professor who asks the time thieves for help – he invites them to come to 1969 and stop the dreadful accident, and make sure the trip to the moon can go ahead.



Diary Dates 2023-2024

France	Deta (Time	
Event	Date/Time	
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 27 th October 2023	
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023	
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023	
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023	
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November to Friday 1 st	
	December 2023	
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023	
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am	
the Beast, Lichfield Garrick		
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm	
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024	
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 10 th January 2024, Year 6 Classroom	
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024	
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024	
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8th February 2024	
	 Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm 	
	 Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm 	
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9th February 2024	
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19th February 2024	
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024	
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024	
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm	
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024	
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024	
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024	
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024	
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23rd May 2024	
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024	
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024	
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June 2024	
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024	
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm	
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024	

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time	
School Closes for Half Term	Friday 27 th October 2023	
INSET Day	Monday 6 th November 2023	
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 7 th November 2023	
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes Meeting for Parents	Thursday 9 th November 2023, Year 5 Classroom	
Odd Socks Day	Monday 13 th November 2023	
Open Evening	Wednesday 15 th November 2023, 4.30-6.00pm	
Children in Need	Friday 17th November 2023	
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November 2023 to Friday 1 st	
	December 2023 inclusive	
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 th November 2023, 9.00am	
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023	
Christingle	Monday 4 th December 2023	
Choir Winter Wonderland Concert	Tuesday 5 th December 2023, Hill Street Church,	
	Swadlincote, 7.00-8.00pm	
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December 2023, 9.15am	
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7th December 2023, 9.15am	
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12th December 2023, 9.15am AND	

	2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Thursday 14 th December 2023, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20th December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024



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Community Safety Flash

Remember, Remember Celebrate Bonfire Night Safely.

The Firework Code

Fireworks are explosives and potentially dangerous, so they need careful handling and storage.

- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms' length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.



Sparkler safety tips

- These are often viewed as harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures and can easily cause injuries.
- Light sparklers one at a time.
- Supervise children with sparklers and never give them to children under five.
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves.
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit.
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people.
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler.
- When you have finished with the sparkler put it in a bucket of cold water.











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Don't open the doors if you don't want trick or treaters.



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