



Friday 8th May 2026

Our School Value: Service

Key verse: *Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Peter 4.10*

Dear Families,

Even though it has been a shorter than normal week with the Bank Holiday, we have enjoyed so much fun and creativity at school.

Laches Wood – Foxes Class:

Foxes have enjoyed an amazing two days on their residential to Laches Wood this Thursday and Friday. I was able to join children and staff this morning and I absolutely loved watching the children embrace new experiences in hand with forging memories for life. When I arrived, the children were rock climbing and showing real bravery as they explored the cave activity. It was so lovely to hear all of the encouragement that the children were giving to each other and to see the beaming smiles, love of new experiences and love of each other. Please enjoy the photographs which are included later in the post. Thank you to the children as well as Mrs Carrington, Mrs Webb, Mrs Trumble and Mr Brown for two wonderful days as well as the office team for all. I'm sure everyone will sleep well tonight. Foxes have bike ability to look forward to next week.

Youth Net – Fair Trade

Hedgehog and Owls classes enjoyed a second visit from Alison at Youth Net on Thursday. The children explored the theme of team work as well as Fair Trade; the children had a great morning. Next week, we will be creating a display in the hall linked to 'Fair Trade.' As a family, please take a look at packets in your cupboards and at the supermarket. The children have already been bringing products from home which have the 'Fair Trade' label to add to our display.

Perkins Award

We are currently exploring the theme of plastic pollution to support our entry to the Perkins Award for this year. The children have been shocked by the facts and figures linked to plastic in our oceans. We will be launching this year's Perkins Award in Worship on Wednesday and sharing more details each week in the Friday Post. Watch this space!

Please use the following link to learn more about the 'Plastic Problem.' [What happens when plastics get into the ocean? - KS2 Sustainability \(Humanities - Geography\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

Teaching and Learning Review – Mrs Ashley and Mrs Machin

We have received our finalised 'Teaching and Learning' Report following our review at the start of this half term. Key points to note are that *our approaches to: Teaching and Learning, Mathematics, Writing, Early Reading and phonics were all reviewed and strengths celebrated in every area.*

We are so proud the improvements that we have been making this academic year to deepen and enhance every child's confidence, knowledge and love of learning.

Mrs Ashely, who is the Trust School Improvement lead commented that: '*Mrs Keay has been in post since the start of this academic year. In this relatively short period, she has driven significant school improvement at pace across multiple areas.*'

We will be sharing examples of our 'improvement journey' and the hugely positive influence this is having on all children as part of our 'Wonders of the Week' email with pictures and quotes from the children. We can't wait to keep sharing the brilliance that is blossoming at our school thanks to all of the hard work, creativity and ambition of the children and staff.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend ahead,

Mrs Claire Keay and our truly amazing staff team

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Stars of the Week



Care, Love and Kindness Award



'Let all that you do, be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Achievements from home



Dancing & Swimming



Swimming

If your child has recently received an award they would like to share with us, eg swimming, football, dance, Beavers, Brownies etc please send them into school & we will share them during our Celebration Worship on Friday.

BIG QUESTION

If you could create anything, what would you create?

Teddy: *"A 3D printer that could print anything for free"*

Alfie: *"A Robot that tidies and makes peace in the world to stop fighting"*

Tommy: *"Something so no one can litter and to look after the environment"*

Aoife: *"A robot that cleans the world and makes everyone happy and joyful"*

A reminder that unless for special circumstances, holidays in term time will be marked as unauthorised.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



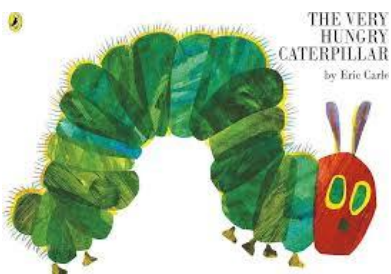
3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent
£2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Hedgehogs learning
has been based on
the story of The
Hungry Caterpillar
this week.







Owls really enjoyed working with Alison from the Youth Net on a team building workshop. They worked together on a range of very fun activities to develop their teamwork skills.

Activities included lining up in order of height, lining up in alphabetical order (this proved tricky for the group which had three members with a name beginning with E!) and helping your team members to cross a river safely using stepping stones. Great fun was had by all!



Postcard from the Headteacher



Don't forget to book your school meals in advance via your school grid account before 8am.

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2F>

Dinner Times

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

VILLAGE SUMMER

New Menu!

V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan
GF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2025*

Week 1

13th Apr, 4th May,
25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul

Hand Stretched Margherita or Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Garlic Silce, Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Strawberry Ice Cream (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

All Day Breakfast
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Fresh Fruit Salad (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Chocolate Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Pasta Bar (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Sweetcorn, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Summer Fruit Puff & Custard (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy
Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Chocolate Banana Silce (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Week 2

20th Apr, 11th May,
1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul

Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Strawberry Mousse (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Chicken & Coconut Curry (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Rice, Green Beans, Cauliflower
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Red Velvet Brownie (V)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (V) (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Pasta Bar (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Broccoli, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers (VG)
Summer Salmon Salad (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Chips, Peas, Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Lemon Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Week 3

27th Apr, 18th May,
8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul

Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V) (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

New Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops, Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Ice Cream & Fruit (V)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

* Crispy Chicken or Quorn Dippers (VG) *
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Chips, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Ginger Flapjack Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

Watermelon Wedges (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Spaghetti Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Cauliflower, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Chocolate Crunch & Custard (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)

Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans
Fresh Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread

* Manchester Tart (V) *
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

LOCALLY SOURCED
FRESH
PRODUCE

BREAD
AVAILABLE
DAILY

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

Attendance figures

4th – 8th May 2026



Holiday forms must be handed into the office – these are available in the entrance hall.

Unless in exceptional circumstances, holidays will be counted as unauthorised absence.

Hedgehogs	99%
Owls	92%
Foxes	95%
Whole School	95%

The national target for attendance, as set out in guidance from the DFE is 95%

Impact of lateness over a school year:

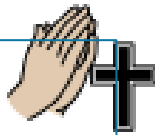
- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

Pupils arriving late miss valuable learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious when they enter the classroom late.

PE STARS OF THE WEEK



Dear God,



Please help us to look after our **Pray**
Rivers, Seas and Oceans.

Inspire us to take care of our world
and to make choices to help your
creation.

Guide us and help us always.

Amen



This week we have been learning:

'What a mighty God we serve'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IijsESdEnZg>

Next week we are learning:

'For the beauty of the earth'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zyhwkty>

Click the link above to find the lyrics &
music



Drinks Bottles

Please make sure your child has a drinks bottle at school every day. It is important that they are clearly marked with their name and they can easily identify them so they don't drink from the wrong one! As part of the schools healthy eating policy, bottles should only contain water.

Sun cream

Please can we ask that you apply sun cream before your child comes to school. This must NOT be left in a child's bag for them to do themselves. Thank you



Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Keay is our Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss Laing is our Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Should you hear or see something that concerns you,
please contact the office to speak to either of them.



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& Nursery



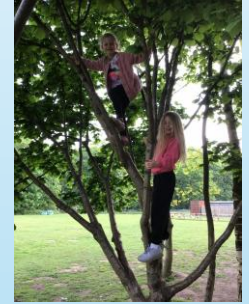
Our School website

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FOXES







Foxes Residential 2026 is all over!
 Mrs Carrington is incredibly proud of how the children faced every challenge with such enthusiasm. A huge thank you to Mrs Trumble, Mrs Webb and Mr Brown for all their help and support throughout this residential.

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Summer term	
Monday 11 th May	Foxes Bikeability – <i>come to school in PE kit</i>
Wednesday 13 th May @ 2.15pm	Owls parents in Forest School
Wednesday 13 th May	Y3 girls Cross Country competition at Cheslyn Hay
Friday 15 th May	Foxes Bikeability – <i>come to school in PE kit</i>
Friday 15 th May	School Council non-uniform day - £1 to support Birmingham children's hospital
Monday 18 th May	OWLS FOREST SCHOOL – this is instead of Wednesday
Friday 22 nd May	Church service – everyone welcome including new reception & nursery parents 7 children
Thursday 21 st May	School Council Cake sale - £1 fundraising for forest school equipment
Friday 22 nd May	Church service – everyone welcome
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 5 th June	Academy Photography - Class & Leavers Photos
Tuesday 9 th June	Owls & Foxes visit Stafford Muslim Prayer Hall – <i>more info to follow</i>
Thursday 18 th June	Sports Day – New Reception & Nursery parents & children welcome
Tuesday 23 rd June 9:30-10:30am	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Thursday 25 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July 5pm	Reception 2026 parents information meeting
Monday 6 th July 2:15pm	Stay & Play for Reception 2026 parents & children
Tuesday 7 th July	Hedgehogs & Owls Creative Workshop - <i>more info to follow</i>
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Leavers Church Service – everyone welcome



Wednesday 13th May 2:15pm Parents of children in Owls (maximum of 2 people) are invited to join the children in Forest School. Footwear/clothing suitable for outdoors recommended! Please leave mobile telephones in your car or hand into the office. Thank you

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS



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UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

We will also be running May Half Term and Summer Holiday workshops!

Monday & Tuesday

10:30am-12pm and 12:30-2pm

£27 per session / £50 per day / £95 per week

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