

A Few Words from Mr Hancox

We are incredibly proud of all our children for their hard work, achievements, and positive attitude this term. It has been a fantastic journey filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. Thank you for your support with Christmas Fair, we managed to raise £716.54. As we approach the holiday season, we wish everyone a joyful, relaxing, and well-deserved break. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends, recharge your batteries, and come back ready for an exciting new year. We're already looking forward to January, when we'll start the term with a special treat—a trip to the pantomime! It promises to be a brilliant way to kick off 2026. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful holiday!

Spring 1

Mon 5 th - INSET Day – No school
Tues 6 th – School starts
Mon 12 th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 13 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 14 th – Pantomime (Jack and the beanstalk)
Mon 19 th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 20 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 21 st Parent Lunch – Year 5/6
Fri 23 rd Forest Friday – Reception
Mon 26 th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 27 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 28 th Parent Lunch – Year 3/4
Fri 30 th Forest Friday – Year 1/2
Mon 2 nd – Height and Weight checks for Rec and Year 6
Mon 2 nd – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 3 rd – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 4 th Parent Lunch – Year 1/2
Fri 6 th Forest Friday – Year 3/4
Mon 9 th - Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6pm)
Tues 10 th - Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6pm)
Wed 11 th Parent Lunch – Reception
Fri 13 th Forest Friday – Year 5/6
Fri 13 th - Valentine biscuit sale
Fri 13 th – Break up

Spring 2

Mon 23 rd – INSET Day – No school
Tues 24 th – School starts
Tues 24 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Mon 2 nd – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 3 rd – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 4 th Parent Lunch – Year 5/6
Thurs 5 th World Book day
Fri 6 th Forest Friday – Reception
Mon 9 th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 10 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Wed 11 th Parent Lunch – Year 3/4
Fri 13 th Forest Friday – Year 1/2
Mon 16 th – Lacross club (KS2)
Tues 17 th – Multisport club(KS1)
Mon 16 th – Mothers' Day (Crafts and Cake)
Mon 16 th – Non-school uniform (please bring in Chocolate and Alcohol for the Easter Bingo)
Wed 18 th Parent Lunch – Year 1/2
Thur 19 th – Easter Assembly – Y3/4 (2.55pm)
Fri 20 th - Forest Friday – Year 3/4
Wed 25 th Parent Lunch – Reception
Wed 25 th – Easter Bingo (PTA) – 5pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 26 th March – Easter Disco
Fri 27 th Forest Friday – Year 5/6
Fri 27 th – Break up

25 Reads

- YR
Bobby, Willow, Zachary, Aurora, Harper, Evie
- Y1
Sofia, Jayden
- Y2
Robyn, Jessie-Rose, Harper, Ronnie
- Y3
Stan, Ava, Maisie, Charlie
- Y4
Juan, Oliver, Isla, Terrence, Arthur, Harley
- Y5
Charlotte, Ava, Millie, Ella, Lola, Katherine, Florence
- Y6
Alfie, Mya, Tyler

Headlice

We have a number of children who are having to be treated for headlice. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their children's hair and ensure appropriate treatment is carried out before they return to school. If children are seen to have headlice they will need to go home to be treated before they come back to school!

Christmas ADVENTURE DAYS

DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE FOR YOUR KIDS AT ENTRUST ADVENTURE DAYS!

- THRILLING ACTIVITIES
- FAMILIAR GROUNDS
- CONVENIENT SCHEDULE
- AFFORDABLE FUN
- OPEN TO ALL - INCLUSIVE OF SEND

BOOK TODAY
Running at both centres on 23rd, 23rd December 2025 and 2nd January 2026 - Scan the QR codes to book...

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WE ALSO ACCEPT HAF BOOKINGS THROUGH EEOU. SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE

EXPLORE & INSPIRE | Capita | entrust Inspiring Futures.

Santa's Workshop



Monday 22nd December

Slot 1- 14:00-14:45

Slot 2- 15:00-15:45

Tamworth Family Hub- Glascoate

This is not a ticket- only an advertisement.

To book and receive your ticket for this event,, please email and state preferred slot:

melissa.welby@staffordshire.gov.uk

Booking is on first come first serve basis.

As we start a new year, I wanted to thank all the parents who have contributed to the PTA and the Governors so far this year, if you are interested in helping, please contact the school office.

Become a School Governor!

Parents, carers, an grandparents—your school needs you!
Becoming a school governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference in your local school community.
Why Become a School Governor?
Help shape the strategic direction of the school
Support and challenge school leadership to improve outcomes
Ensure the school meets the needs of all pupils
Gain insight into how schools operate
Develop valuable skills in leadership, governance, and teamwork
Make a positive impact on children's education and wellbeing
Be part of a committed and supportive team

Join Our PTA

Be part of something amazing at our school.
Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to support our school, and make a real difference in your child's education.
Make a tangible difference in school life and student experiences.
Build a stronger school community and foster relationships.
Support your child's education and school environment.
Meet other parents and carers in a friendly setting.
Take part in fun events like fairs, discos, and quiz nights.
Be a voice for all parents and help shape school decisions.

Attendance for the year

Owls/Robins (Reception) – 90.3%
 Kingfishers (Year 1/2) - 92.6%
 Kestrels (Year 3/4) – 92.6%
Sparrow Hawks (Year 5/6) – 94.3%



House Points this year!



1487

The Lions



1465

The Sharks



1596

The Scorpions



1553

The Crocodiles

Value Champions

	5 th Dec	19 th Dec
Owls/Robins –	Lexi W	Jaxson B
Kingfishers –	Lottie S	Noah H
Kestrels –	Finley A	Eliza W
Sparrow Hawks -	Daisy L	Year 6

Skateboarding Lesson

Sparrow Hawks have been channelling their inner skater today. They enjoyed how to balance on the board and a flip trick!

Skateboarding Lesson

Kestrels have been learning how to skateboard today, they even learnt a number of tricks!

We have been busy making Christmas decorations for the Christmas Fair!

Christmas Carol Concert

Laches Wood Day 1

Laches Wood Day 2

Laches Wood Day 2

Laches Wood Day 3

GUIDING LIGHTS

Our children's work is currently displayed at the Arboretum, for everyone to see in the Guiding Lights project!

ROCK STEADY CONCERT

We watched our incredibly talented musicians perform in their bands today - ROCK ON!

A visit from Santa

We had a very special visitor in school today, who brought lots of presents for the children!

Decorating cakes

We enjoyed making decorations for the Christmas Fair, we decided to decorate cakes as well!

Design a train competition

The School Council launched a creative competition earlier this term. Look at all the amazing entries from our children!

Christmas Dinner at Ankermoor

Forest Friday

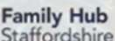
Sparrow Hawks have been perfecting their problem solving and balancing skills during their Forest Friday!

Christmas Nativity

KS1 and Early Years put on an incredible performance with their Nativity. We all feel very Christmasy now!

Tamworth Area Key Services – Christmas & New Year Opening Times 2025–2026

"Compiled by Community Together CIC on behalf of Tamworth's Community Support Network"



Wishing everyone in Tamworth a safe, warm, and supported festive season.

If you need help, please reach out – support is always available ❤️

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Emergency: 999
NHS Urgent Mental Health: Call 111 (Option 2)
Samaritans (24/7): 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
Shout (24/7 Text Service): Text SHOUT to 85258
Changes Tamworth 01827 311006:
 Closed 15th December – 6th January 2026

Police
 Tamworth Police: 24/7
 Emergency: 999
 Non-Emergency: 101 or www.staffordshire.police.uk

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue 24/7
 Emergency: 999
 www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk

ADVICE SERVICES:
Citizens Advice Mid Mercia
 Closes on Christmas Eve and Re-Opens Friday 2nd January 2026
 Our Adviceline number is - 08082 78 79 72
 Help To Claim number is - 08001 1448444
 Numbers available every day apart from Bank holidays and weekends
Community Together CIC - 0808 175 4041
 Christmas Eve Close 1pm Re Open 29th December
 New Years Eve Close 1pm Re Open 5th January 2026

Burton and District Mind 01283 566696
Tamworth Safe Haven Crisis Café:
 Open evenings most days – 17:00–22:00 (22–31 Dec),
 16:30–22:30 (24, 29–31 Dec), 17:00–23:00 (1 Jan)
Christmas Day OPEN: 17:00–22:00.
Future Focus:
 Open: 22–24 Dec & 29–31 Dec (9am–5pm)
 Closed: 25–28 Dec & 1 Jan
 Open: 2 Jan (9am–5pm).

Food & Clothing Support
Tamworth Foodbank 01827 302431:
 Closed 24–26 Dec & 1 Jan
Leyfields Food Bank at St Andrews Church
 Closed Christmas Day and New Years Day
Heart of Tamworth Food Pantry & Clothes Shop:
 Open 22–23 Dec, 10am–3pm (Café open)
 Closed 24 Dec – 4 Jan
 Reopen 5 Jan 2026

LIBRARIES
Glascote Library:
 Closed 25–26 Dec & 1 Jan, normal hours otherwise.
Wilnecote Library:
 Closed 22 Dec – 5 Jan
Tamworth Library
 Closes at 1pm on 24th December
 Closed Christmas Day 25th December
 Closed Boxing Day 26th December
 Closed New Year's Day, 1st January

COUNCIL SERVICES
Staffordshire County Council
 ☎ 0300 111 8000
 Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
Tamworth Borough Council 01827 709709
 Xmas Eve: closes 2pm
 Xmas Day & Boxing Day: ✗ Closed
 29–30 Dec: 8:45am–5:10pm
 31 Dec: 8:45am–2pm
 1 Jan: ✗ Closed
 From 2 Jan: Normal service
Reception Hours:
 29–31 Dec: 10am–2pm
 Closed Xmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day
 Reopens 2 Jan, 10am
Housing Repairs:
 Emergency lines open during office closures

FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Home Start Tamworth:
 Closed 22nd Dec – 5th Jan
Family Hubs:
 Glascote: Open 29–31 Dec & 2 Jan, 9am–2pm
 Leyfields & Basin: Closed 25 Dec – 1 Jan

Places of Welcome:
 Find local warm spaces by searching "Places of Welcome Tamworth"
Up Creative CIC:
 Closed 20 Dec – 6 Jan, reopens 7 Jan 2026
Heart of Tamworth Community Café:
 Open 22–23 Dec, 8am–3pm Closed 24 Dec – 4 Jan
 Reopens 5 Jan 2026
Helping Hand Community Café:
 Closes 24 Dec (1pm) Reopens 29 Dec Closes 31 Dec (1pm) Reopens 2 Jan

If you are a parent, and would like to learn ways to help support your child with anxiety and low mood, please access the QR codes below where you can view a pre recorded workshop

ANXIETY



THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE OPEN OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

LOW MOOD



- We can help with:
- Low mood
 - Anxiety
 - Sleep difficulties
 - Worry
 - Panic

Burton and Uttoxeter:
 01283 504487

Cannock & Seisdon:
 01283 352113

Stafford:
 01283 504487

Tamworth & Lichfield:
 01785 301027



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 Head of School: Mr Gareth Hancox
 Executive HeadTeacher: Mr David Shakeshaft

*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.