

## A Few Words from Mr Hancox

We have had another busy term and we would like to thank everyone who has supported us. We do hope you have a very relaxing break and enjoy spending a restful couple of weeks with your families, ready and refreshed to come back in the Summer Term.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our parent survey. Your views play an important role in helping us reflect on our strengths and identify areas for further improvement.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the PTA. Their ongoing commitment and support make a significant difference to the experiences we are able to offer our children, and we are deeply thankful for all they do. Thank you for your continued support.

We would like to congratulate our two new Parent Governors, who are both very excited to support the school in their new capacity – they are Terence Lillington, father of Torren and Kimberly Tallis, mother of Ronnie.

Please may I remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. These decisions are not made by the school directly, and any money collected from fines goes back to the County, not to us. We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

### Summer 1

**Mon April 13<sup>th</sup>** – School starts  
**Wed April 15<sup>th</sup>** – SATs club  
**Wed April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Swimming gala final  
**Thurs April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5/6 Swimming

**Mon April 20<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues April 21<sup>st</sup>** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – SATs club  
**Thurs April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Lunch Year 5/6  
**Fri April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Forest Friday Reception

**Mon April 27<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues April 28<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed April 29<sup>th</sup>** – SATs club  
**Thurs April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Parent Lunch Year 3/4  
**Fri May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Forest Friday Year 1/2

**Mon May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Bank holiday  
**Tues May 5<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed May 6<sup>th</sup>** – SATs club  
**Thurs May 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Lunch Year 1/2  
**Fri May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Forest Friday Year 3/4

**Mon May 11<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 SATs  
**Tues May 12<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 SATs  
**Tues May 12<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed May 13<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 SATs  
**Thurs May 14<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 SATs  
**Fri May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Lunch Reception  
**Fri May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Forest Friday Year 5/6

**Thurs May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – End of Term

### Summer 2

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication tests  
**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication tests  
**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication tests  
**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication tests  
**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication tests

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics Screening tests  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics Screening tests  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics Screening tests  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics Screening tests  
**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Phonics Screening tests  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent Lunch Year 5/6  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Forest Friday/Nursery

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Athletics competition (small schools)  
**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent Lunch Year 3/4  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Forest Friday Year 1/2

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club  
**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Father's Day – Sports and cake  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – KS1 Sports club  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Sports Day  
**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Disco  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Parent Lunch Year 1/2  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Forest Friday Year 3/4

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Fierte Festival week  
**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June** – KS2 Sports club  
**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Fierte Festival week  
**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June** – KS1 Sports club  
**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Fierte Festival week  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Fierte Festival week  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Fierte Festival week  
**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Parent Lunch Reception

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Showcase Day (Fierte Festival) – Tamworth Castle Grounds  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** – KS2 Sports club  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** – chocolate/alcohol/toys – non school uniform (donations for Summer Fair)  
**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July** – KS1 Sports club  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Reception (New to school transition)  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair (3.30pm – 5pm)  
**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Forest Friday Year 5/6

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Rock Steady Concert  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Swimming  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer finale menu  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 final assembly  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Break up for Summer

**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.

**1** **£160**

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN**

**2** **10 IN 10**

**3** **10 IN 10**

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

**FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**

**4**

4 children & 2 parents = £1280  
Reduced to £940 if paid in 21 days

**5**

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...

**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.  
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

# What has been happening!

**Visit from Packington Farm**  
Kingfishers had a wonderful visit from Packington farm where they learned about all of the different animals you could see on a farm, they even brought in a real life chicken!

**ROCK READY**

It was great to hear all of our future 'Rock Stars' at the Rock Steady Concert this week!

**Easter Disco**

**Forest Friday Kestrels**

**BINGO**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA with our Easter Bingo. It was great to all get together and put our eyes down for some intense Bingo. We managed to raise around £200, so thank you!

**Kestrels' Easter Assembly**  
We have learnt about Easter traditions from around the world in Class Kestrels' Assembly today!

**Forest Friday Kingfishers**

We did a litter pick around the school grounds - we found LOTS of litter! We then made rain gauges so we can measure how much it rains. We also made weathervanes to see which direction the wind is blowing.

**Forest Friday Sparrow Hawks**

**School Council Space Competition**

We have had an incredible amount of space themed projects for our School Council competition - WELL DONE!

**HAPPY Mother's Day**

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Mother's Day with us. Everyone enjoyed cakes and crafts together!

<u>House Points</u>	<u>Value Champions</u>	<u>Attendance for the year</u>
<b>2601</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Owls/Robins (Reception) - 91.73%</b>
<b>2586</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b> Presley S <b>Kestrels</b> Harley S <b>Sparrow Hawks</b> Katherine W	<b>Kingfishers (Year 1/2) - 91.44%</b>
<b>2513</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Kestrels (Year 3/4) - 92.82%</b>
<b>2505</b>	<b>Robins/Owls</b> Lyle D-N <b>Kingfishers</b> Theo B <b>Kestrels</b> Zara S <b>Sparrow Hawks</b> Millie H	<b>Sparrow Hawks (Year 5/6) - 93.82%</b>



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

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 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.

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

Contact the MHST on

01283 504487



## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

### CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- 1 VALUE ALL READING**  
When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Just down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.
- 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION**  
Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. There consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.
- 3 GIFT A BOOK**  
One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.
- 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS**  
Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event at a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorly and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.
- 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**  
Access teaching about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of the topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.
- 6 TALK BOOKS**  
There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our books; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.
- 7 RECOMMENDATIONS**  
As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.
- 8 GO DIGITAL**  
With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can be used and enhanced to enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, transcripts, and track their reading goals with resources like Bookline and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books and bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.
- 9 RECONNECT**  
There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus on older children's interests such as sci-fi, fantasy, and non-fiction. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.
- 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**  
Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children about reading. Show why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

## READY FOR THE ULTIMATE COOK-OFF?

### THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL FOOD SHOWDOWN!

HEALTHY EATING ROADSHOW



Join us for a cook-off & sports activity morning with a healthy snack included!

We're turning the family hub into a food extravaganza!

Suitable for children of all ages - Under 11's to be accompanied by an adult



Fill in the booking form to request a free-of-charge place!

Limited places, subject to confirmation following booking

Thursday 2nd April  
10am - 12pm

**Location:**  
Family Hub  
Glascote Hawksworth,  
Tamworth,  
B77 2ER



## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



### WHO ARE WE?

We are the Mental Health Support Team and work in schools, aiming to educate young people and families about mental health and wellbeing. We are a Low-Intensity service that supports emerging mental health problems.

### PARENT WORKSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION TO EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Understanding your child's emotions

The importance of self regulation when co-regulating

How to support your child to regulate their emotions

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICE AND WHAT TO EXPECT, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR OUR WEBSITE

