

Year 1 Ford Green Hall
Tuesday 4th February

Year 2 Ford Green Hall
Wednesday 5th February

Year 5 Lichfield Cathedral
Monday 10th February

Year 3 and 4 Deva Roman Experience
Year 3 – Friday 7th February
Year 4 – Friday 14th February

Valentines Disco
Thursday 13th February (in the school day) All year groups

Year 6 Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 25th February



Year 5 Chesterton High visit
Monday 3rd March

Brampton Museum
Nursery Tuesday 4th March
Reception Wednesday 6th March

World Book day
Thursday 6th March

Gladstone Museum
Year 1 Tuesday 11th March
Year 2 Wednesday 12th March

Dinosaur experience morning
Nursery and Reception
Monday 17th March

Book Fayre in school
Tuesday 18th March

NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents,

This term is already flying by and we have already achieved so much!

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed our Trust wide parent survey. This is important as it helps me to identify next steps in moving the Academy forward and it's a way for you to have your say in that. If you haven't already completed the survey, please follow the link provided on Dojo – this has been regularly posted by Miss Caci. The survey closes on 3rd February.

Our weekly after school activity clubs have started up again with some new additions. We have mini Mr Gough's who will be helping to keep our grounds tidy and in ship shape with Mr Bunting. We also have stop play animation with Mr Smith. These are running alongside other arts, dance and sporting clubs. If you have missed the deadline for signing your child up to a club please call the school office to book them on. The clubs will be running until the end of Spring term so there are plenty of weeks left.

We have marked International Education Day this term through a

special assembly with Mr Bunting. We looked at what plants need to thrive and linked this to children and young people in our country having access to high-quality education and learning opportunities. The children also reflected on how some children do not have access to this and how lucky we are to have such wonderful teachers here at our Academy.

Year 5 and 6 have already starting their trips and visits for this term with a trip to the Mosque ready to compare to Lichfield Cathedral later this term. They have also had a visit from Jenny Walker our Rock Fit Queen to look at different forms of dance to different genres of music.

We have also launched the second trips pass payment of £9 on MCAS and ParentPay this week. Remember the £9 is part of a 3 part payment plan to pay for the whole year's trips and visits for your child.

See our dates for your diary section and look out for permissions for your child's Spring term trips and visit dates. It's a busy one.

Lizzie Kiddle

Principal

More News!

Our specialist music offer is now open to all year groups and all are enjoying their lessons with some who have shown additional ability coming to an invite only after school club with Miss Birchall. Year 2 really enjoyed listening to live music performed by Miss Birchall on her Saxophone this week.

I have been spending a lot of time with our children at lunchtimes over the past few weeks. The children have requested some new playtime equipment or new activities moving forward. Here they are accessing our new equipment based on what the children asked for. Our football pitch is still very boggy so we are introducing a mini game at lunchtime for KS2.



Non uniform days

We understand that there have been some questions regarding non-uniform days so I would like to take this opportunity to explain - As a Trust, all schools have adopted a more inclusive approach when celebrating and raising awareness of our Special days. Many view non-uniform days as a treat – a day off from having to wear their shirts, ties and school jumpers. For some, it's an opportunity to show off their best clothes and fashion sense. Sadly, however, for others it's a day that makes them anxious and nervous about coming to school. They're scared about others judging them on their clothing. This can then lead to children not attending school. Children shouldn't be missing out on their education over concerns about their appearance.

Safeguarding



This Month's Focus

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. The children will focus on how to make themselves feel good in Early Years and Key Stage one and will begin to think about looking after their own well being in Key Stage 2.

What can you do to feel good...

- at home?
- at school?
- anywhere else?

Who can you speak to if you need help?



every mind matters

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Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Year 6 Brekkie Boost	Year 6 Brekkie Boost	Year 6 Brekkie Boost	Year 6 Brekkie Boost	
After School	Club Night—all year groups		Y1/ Y2—Phonics boost Y4 Maths boost Year 6 Maths Booster—invite only		Gifted and Talented music club (invite only)



Year 6 Mosque visit



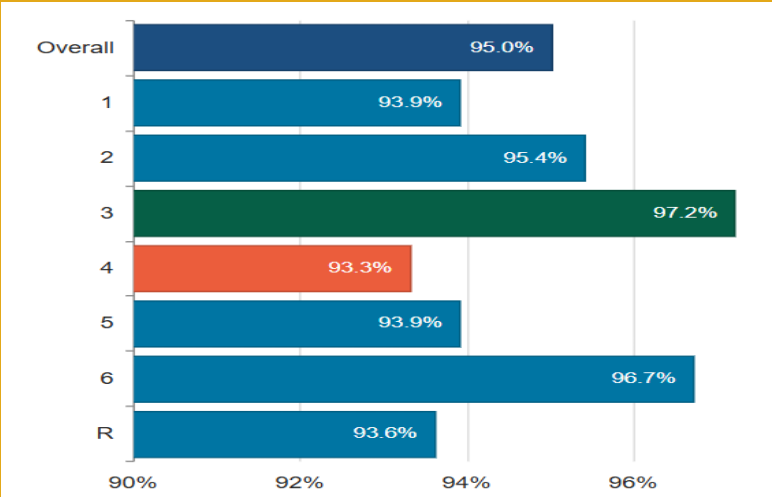
Sandwich making in Year 1 DT



Fruit Kebabs in Early Years!

ATTENDANCE

Our average attendance so far this year is 95% It's been a tricky year so far with lots of sickness bugs going around. Please remember if your child has a cough or cold send them in and we can keep an eye on them. We can also administer medication to keep your child in school if you require. If you are struggling with your child's attendance please get in touch.



Year 3 and 6 for having the highest attendance so far!

More dates..

Potteries Museum

Year 3 Wednesday 19th March

Year 4 Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

Whole school Friday 21st March

Jodrell Bank visit

Year 5 Tuesday 25th March

Year 6 Wednesday 26th March

Whole school Mother's day craft
morning PARENT EVENT

9.15 – 10.30 Thursday 27th March

INSET day

Friday 28th March

Crazy hair day!

Friday 4th April

Easter craft and bonnet parade

PARENT EVENT

N, R, Y1 and Y2 9.15am Monday 7th April

Easter craft PARENT EVENT

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 9.15am Tuesday 8th April

Rock Steady Concert

2.30pm Tuesday 8th April

Whole school Easter Church service

9.15am Thursday 10th April

INSET day

Friday 11th April

Pocket Pals

Don't forget we have entered a new half term so a new Pocket Pal is up for grabs if you can continue to be in everyday until Friday 14th February. I know there has been a lot of sickness this half term. Don't worry another Pocket Pal will be on offer next term too. Let's see how many we can collect between now and the end of the year. Remember if your child has had time off school due to an unavoidable medical need this will be considered when the Pocket Pals are given out.



Head over to MCAS or Parent Pay to make a contribution to this term's trips.

Tina is back!

Tina the tortoise is back after her Christmas getaway staying with Mr Gough. The children have been very pleased to see her back this week. She has a new home so the children can see her more during the school day. Tina is setting all children at Sun Academy a challenge to draw a picture of her. This can be any size using any media. We will then display the pictures around Tina's home to brighten it up. The best picture will win their very own cuddly version of Tina the tortoise to take home. Can all pictures be handed to the school office by Monday 3rd February. We will also be choosing her new keepers this week.



Specialist music in Nursery



Fun in the snow!

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