



Message from the Leadership Team

We are delighted that each class will visit Lichfield Library in The Guild of St Mary's Centre at some point this year to further promote a passion for reading amongst our pupils.

Years 2 and 5 have had their visit this week and have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about what Lichfield Library has to offer, as well as giving them the opportunity to peruse their wide range of exciting books.

It has been a pleasure to see our pupils enjoy their visits so far!



Next Week:

Monday 6th February –

Year 3 Library visit

Tuesday 7th February –

Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February –

Year 6 school trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

Accessing Lichfield Foodbank

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher. For more information please contact us on 07833 844873 or on clientvoucher@lichfield.foodbank.org.uk.

Life Church, Netherstowe - 01543 254596

Wade Street Church - 01543 253003
Curborough Community Centre - 01543 417149



Contact Dr Warrack:

As always, if you wish to speak with Dr Warrack, Head of School, please feel free to make an appointment or email:

rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk
who will respond to your query as soon as possible.



Last Week

Ingestre Hall

Last week, some of our Year 4 pupils took part in a 3-day residential at Ingestre Hall in Staffordshire. Ingestre Hall is a beautiful 17th Century Jacobean mansion, which has been converted into a residential arts centre. The children took part in a range of creative lessons, which included Art, Dance, Drama and Music. They worked together in their groups, alongside children from Mere Green Primary School, to produce fantastic projects, which they worked on throughout their stay.

The class had an amazing time and we know how excited they all are to be able to share their projects and performances with parents, as well as the rest of Scotch Orchard, next week during their class assembly. Mr Nazarewicz and Miss Sturch are extremely proud of all the children for their hard work and how well they represented Scotch Orchard during the trip. Well done Year 4!

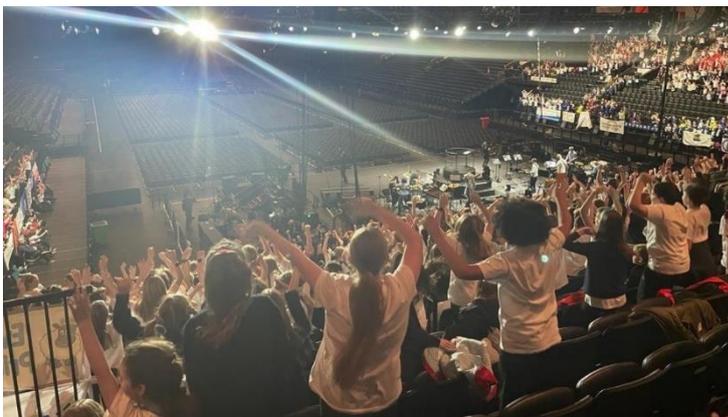
We look forward to welcoming parents on **Thursday the 9th of February at 9:00am** for the special assembly.



Young Voices 2023

We are so incredibly proud of our Scotch Orchard Choir for their participation in Young Voices 2023 last Thursday afternoon and evening. Our wonderful, talented children have given so much of their time, effort and enthusiasm in their weekly rehearsals that it didn't come as a surprise that they performed beautifully!

We would also like to send a special thank you to the parents who supported and attended the event; we know the children will remember it for the rest of their lives! Well done SO Choir!





This Weeks Attendance

Reception	88.26
Year 1	91.02
Year 2	94.14
Year 3	93.85
Year 4	86.67
Year 5	94.76
Year 6	97.50



Attendance Update

Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

Children should arrive at school in time for a 9:00am start.

Going to school regularly is important for your child's future. Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education and are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Please inform the school office by 9:30am if your child is absent by voicemail: on **01543 227 400** and **press option 1** to leave a message or email us at: office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk.

If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, office staff will contact you to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. The office staff will persist until they have spoken to someone to confirm the reason for a child's absence.



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

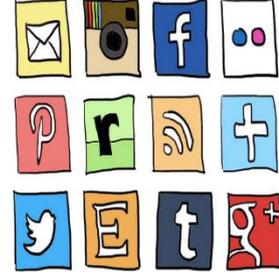
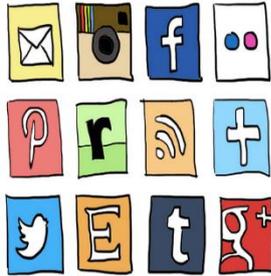


Dates for your diary: Spring and Summer 2023

09/02/23	Year 4 Ingestre Hall Class Assembly – Parents invited – 09:00	Year 4
10/02/23	National Memorial Arboretum School trip	Year 6
13/02/23	PTA Valentine Disco KS1 – 16:30 to 17:30 KS2 – 17:45 to 18:45	Year 1,2 Year 3,4,5,6
20/02/23 – 24/02/23	SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
27/02/23	Training Day – School closed	
02/03/23	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character	Whole School
10/03/23	Ash End Farm school trip	EYFS
13/03/23	National Space Centre school trip	Year 5
14/03/23	Botanical Gardens school trip	Year 1
17/03/23	Mother’s Day class assembly - Parents invited – 09:00	Year 3
20/03/23- 24/03/23	France Residential	Year 6
21/03/23	Parents Evening - In Person - 15:30 – 18:30	
27/03/23	Rev. Abbie visiting children for Easter Assembly	
28/03/23	Parents Evening Virtual - 16:30 -19:00	
30/03/23	Easter Bonnet Parade – Parents invited – 09:00	EYFS and KS1
30/03/23	Easter Egg Fun and Scavenger Hunt	KS2
31/03/23	Training day – School closed	
03/04/23 – 14/04/23	EASTER HOLIDAY	
21/04/23	St George’s Day picnic	
24/04/23	SATS breakfast with parents	Year 6
27/04/23	Lichfield Walk	Year 2
28/04/23	Breakfast with parents and Greek Topic Class Assembly – 9am	Year 3
01/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
26/05/23	Whole School Summer Musical Concert 14:00 – 15:15	
29/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
30/05/23 – 02/06/23	SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
09/06/23	Conkers School Trip	EYFS
16/06/23	Father’s Day Class Assembly – Parents Invited - 09:00	
22/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Topic Class Assembly – 9am	Year 5
23/06/23	Weston School trip	Year 1
30/06/23	Tamworth Castle School trip	Year 4
03/07/23	Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30	EYFS
06/07/23	Music Service Concert 14:30	Year 3 and Year 5
12/07/23	Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00	KS1 and KS2
13/07/23	Big Sleepover	Year 3
17/07/23	Leavers Performance 18:00	Year 6
18/07/23	Leavers Party - venue TBC 18:00	Year 6
21/07/23	Year 6 Graduation – 09:00	Year 6
24/07/23	Training day – school closed	
25/07/23	SUMMER HOLIDAY	



INTERNET SAFETY DAY



Safer Internet Day 2023 is taking place on the 7th of February 2023!

With celebrations and learning based around the theme *'Want to talk about it?'* which aims to make space for conversations about life online.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

At Scotch Orchard, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to talk about what matters to them so they can shape the online safety support that they receive.

We would appreciate it if you could take time to listen to your child(ren) so we can make a positive change together. Please follow the link below to read about some ideas for conversations that you could have with your child.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

With your help, Safer Internet Day 2023 can be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues.