



Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

We have had a very busy and successful week at Scotch Orchard this week. Our wonderful Year 1 children have been working tirelessly in their Phonics Screening Check. The Phonics Screening Check is a statutory phonics assessment for all Year 1 children, where the children are given an opportunity to display their phonics knowledge based on their learning since Early Years. Our staff have worked tirelessly to make the week a success and we are so proud of the children for all they have achieved. In addition, the Year 4 children have been working through the Times Tables Checks – they have been speedily recalling tables for the last two weeks and this will stand them in very good stead for their mathematical future!

Similarly, Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic trip to Conkers today. The children took part in a range of activities. The common favourite from the Key Stage One children was the sensory walk, where they walked over and through a range of surfaces in barefoot. Both the children and adults found it very relaxing and soothing. We also enjoyed the opportunity to play together, problem solve and work as a team. Mr Chapman, Mrs Meer and Miss Crump were blown away by the children's outstanding behaviour; all of the children who went to Conkers wore the school badge with pride and represented our wonderful school beautifully. We are sure the children will sleep well tonight after such a busy day. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Meer and Miss Crump for organising such a safe and enjoyable trip for our lovely Year 1 children.

We say farewell - but not goodbye - to Mrs Beale today. Mrs Beale has been working in our Year 3 and 4 class for the last two years and has been providing fantastic support for our children. We wish her the best of luck with the delivery of her baby and know the whole school community will miss her very much.

This week I would like to talk a little bit about how we use any additional adults that we may have in school to support children's learning. Most additional adults are paid for through money applied for by our SENDCo – Mrs Spire – in a very long process that requires school to have invested significant amounts of time and money previously to show that quality first teaching and interventions do not suffice. We have noticed that some children become very fixated on the specific adult in their class and this is a real problem if that member of staff is unwell, or not available for the children. As a result we have taken action and are moving additional adults into different classes throughout the week, so that all of our children can get to know all of the adults who provide support in school. These strong relationships will mean that issues like absences or training days will affect children less over time, and that when they have worries or concerns they have a much wider range of people to help them. If you have any worries or concerns about this, please do come and speak to Mr Chapman or myself in school.

Contact information

As always, I am available by email (rwarrack@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk), on the school gate or by telephone (01543 227400) for anyone who wishes to discuss any issues with me.

Have a great weekend!

Dr R Warrack

Car Parking outside school

Please can I remind all parents to **park considerately** when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please do not park over people's drives, or on pavements – as I am receiving complaints from local residents indicating that their cars are being blocked on their drives and this has caused people to miss GP and hospital appointments, as well as from people with pushchairs or wheelchairs who are having to go onto the road as they are unable to get past cars on pavements. The PCSO's have advised that residents should photograph the car/number plates and report it to Staffordshire police – via their online form – for the Police to take action.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 21st June 2024

08:15 Year 5 Parent Breakfast, followed by Year 5 Tudor Class Assembly

Non-Uniform day to support the PTA Summer Fayre – with donations of books or games

Friday 28th June 2024

15:30 Parent Teacher Association Summer Fayre

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





This Weeks Attendance

Reception	79.51 %
Year 1	93.39 %
Year 2	92.86 %
Year 3	98.40 %
Year 4	90.28 %
Year 5	96.91 %
Year 6	94.01 %



Attendance Update

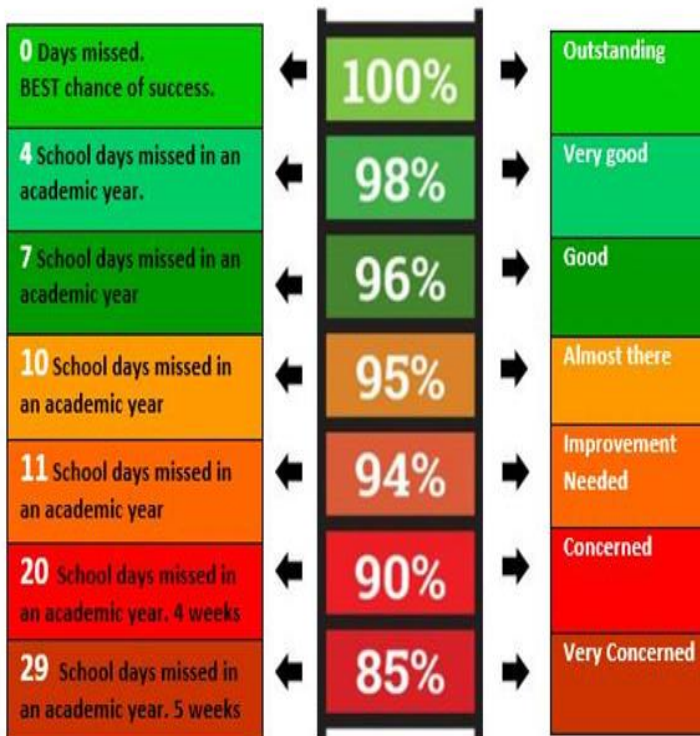
Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

Children should arrive at school from 8:45am, 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.



21/06/24	Year 5 Parent Breakfast 8:15	Year 5
21/06/24	Year 5 Tudor Class Assembly	Year 5
28/06/24	PTS Summer Fayre 15:30	Whole School
04/07/24	Reports To Be Sent Out Today	Whole School
05/07/24	Inset Day – School Closed	Whole School
10/07/24	Report Drop – In for Parents 15:30 – 18:00	Whole School
12/07/24	Year 6 Performance to Parents 13:30	Year 6
16/07/24	Transition Morning for All Pupils Stay And Play for new Nursery and Reception Children	Nursery to Year 5
17/07/24	Year 6 Leavers Lunch and Party	Year 6
19/07/24	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 09:00 – 11:00 Parents Invited	Year 6
22/07/24	ATLP INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK	WHOLE SCHOOL



Star of the week
in Y4.

Well done to all
the Y4s for their
fantastic effort
with their Anglo
Saxons and
Viking assembly
last Friday!



Year 1 and Year 2 Conkers Trip





All members of staff at Scotch Orchard were invited to join a very special Staff Meeting on Wednesday evening. Hannah Simnett, Chief Executive of Cherished, led an inspiring Staff Meeting to support and further the relational and restorative practice that we are implementing in school.

We are hoping to continue our work with Hannah from Cherished in the next academic year to support both our work in school and support for families at home.

If you would like any further information, please visit the Cherished website:
<https://www.cherisheduk.org/>

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO FEEL SAFE, SEEN, SOOTHED AND SECURE

Cherished is a charity who provide attachment-focused and trauma responsive support for children and young people in Primary and Secondary schools across Birmingham. We ensure that every child who we support feels safe, seen, soothed and secure.

Cherished is our service to support girls, and **Roar** supports boys.

The support that we offer includes 1:1 mentoring, school courses, Blossom and Roar groups, workshops and events. We also offer training for parents, carers and professionals and volunteering opportunities.



Our Vision

Kindness, Compassion & Connection

Our vision is to ensure that all of the children who we support feel safe, loved, and accepted for who they are. We offer a safe space through kindness, compassion and connection where children can recognise their worth and know that they are Cherished and Able.

The 4S's of Attachment



Safe

Providing a nurturing, accepting, confidential space for girls to build positive attachment and explore their emotions



Seen

Giving girls dedicated time and attention, opportunities to use their voice and realise their true worth



Soothed

Using creative mentoring techniques to equip girls to acknowledge and manage their emotions



Secure

To nurture and develop the true potential of every girl, building her confidence and establishing security in her own identity



SCHOOLS

(Total Schools)

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO
FEEL SAFE, SEEN, SOOTHED
& SECURE IN SCHOOL.**

We support children in primary and secondary schools across the Midlands to feel safe, seen, soothed and secure. In schools, we support children through 1:1 mentoring, school courses and workshops. We also provide training and tools to teachers and professionals within an educational setting. Over the last year, we have provided support to children in a total of **40 schools**.

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**ACROSS THE
MIDLANDS AND
STAFFORDSHIRE**

**40 SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED
SUPPORT FOR THEIR STUDENTS
THROUGH CHERISHED / ROAR.**

