



Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

What a beautiful day to end our week in school. The sunshine warmth has been gratefully received by both children and staff today. The sun was clearly shining on the righteous as the Year 5 children performed a marvellous 'Tudor' themed assembly to their families this morning. An array of songs, edge-of-your-chair acting and historical information was on display in a very special demonstration of learning by our Year 5 class. A massive thank you must go to Mrs Walton for organising such a great assembly and for all families for joining us. On Tuesday, we welcomed Tracey Ruddle, our School Improvement Partner, into school to meet the Senior Leadership Team. Tracey was once again very complimentary about the quality of teaching, adaptive learning environments and exemplary behaviour from our children during her time in school. We are extremely proud that the hard work and dedication of all staff in school has been recognised, and are delighted to be able to share this with our families. We continue to develop the quality of education received by the children and have seen significant improvements in Behaviour and Attitudes across school. However we are not complacent and are clear what the next steps for improvement are which include developing the use of assessment across school to close gaps in learning faster and to close the gaps in learning between disadvantaged and no-disadvantaged pupils.

Looking forward to next week, we are excited to welcome Richard Anderton, Digital Transformation Lead at the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership, into school on Monday to observe how effectively we have deployed our 1:1 iPads across school. We continue to be a flagship school for the ATLP because of the effective teaching and learning opportunities that we are providing our children using iPads. On Friday 28th June, our Year 5 children will be performing a range of guitar songs to their families at the Coton Centre in Tamworth. This will begin at 10:45am, with parents welcome to take their seats from 10:30am. On Friday afternoon, we will also be opening our school gates for the School Summer Fayre, which will run from 15:30. We continue to work collaboratively with our PTA to provide these wonderful opportunities for our school community.

You will have also received a letter today regarding the identity of your child's class teacher for next year. We know that transition can be a very unsettling time for many children and we have planned opportunities for children to get to know their new teacher in the coming weeks, including a 'Meet your new teacher' morning on Tuesday 16th July, in the last week of term. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the school office.

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

Monday 1st July

Year 3 Visit to Lichfield Cathedral

Thursday 4th July

Reports sent home today

Friday 5th July

Inset day – School closed to all pupils

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	85 %
Year 1	93.79 %
Year 2	84.64 %
Year 3	92.31 %
Year 4	91.33 %
Year 5	96.30 %
Year 6	93.44 %



Attendance Update

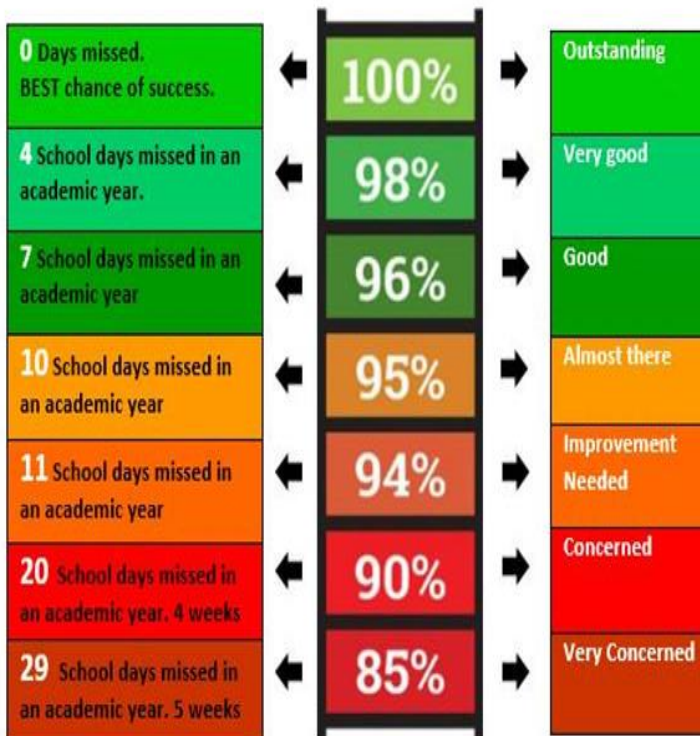
Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

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.



1/7/23	Year 3 Visit to Lichfield Cathedral	Year 3
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

Everyone’s brains are wired in different ways.

‘Neurodivergence’ is where a person’s brain works differently from that of most other people.

The Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust are looking to redesign the services for children and young people with neurodiverse needs

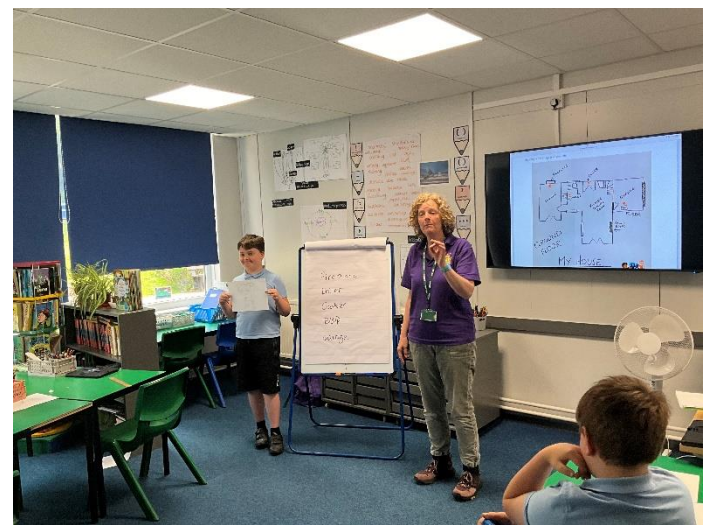
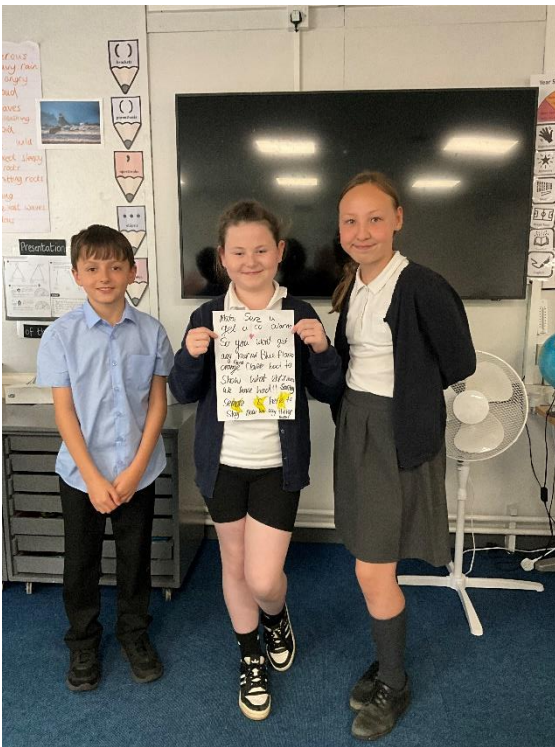
We need your help to shape our services for the children and young people. Please follow the link to answer a few short questions.

Parent/Carer Survey
(Neurodiversity Perspective)



This lovely message was spotted on the Young Writers website by one of our parents.

Thank you, Mr Chapman!



Y5 Safety Seymour workshop where they learnt about the dangers of CO and last week's penalty shootout.





We will be hosting a pre-loved uniform stall at the PTA Summer Fayre. If your child has outgrown any uniform for any year group, and you would like to do your bit for the planet by recycling it, we would be very grateful for donations of washed items such as trousers, skirts, pinafores, summer dresses, shorts, shirts, cardigans, jumpers, tights, socks, pants and shoes. Please bring any items to the school office by Friday lunchtime in time for the fayre!

We will be happy to take any additional items at the end of this academic year and the start of next year, to keep stocks of pre-loved uniform in school replenished for families in need.

If you are in need of pre-loved uniform – please ask at reception. Thank you



Scotch Orchard Primary School 2024 Parent View Questionnaire

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find below a series of questions about your view as a parent/carer of a child or children attending Scotch Orchard Primary School. If you wish to complete one response for each child, please do so, using the links provided.

This survey will allow parents/carers to give their honest views about Scotch Orchard Primary School. Information gathered during this exercise will be used by school to inform our practice moving forwards. The opinions of our parents, who are the primary care-givers for our children, are vital as we continue to shape Scotch Orchard's future together.

School is asking parents/carers to complete the year group of your child in the first question to help school identify potential issues that might affect only part of the school.

Please be assured that it will not be possible to identify an individual who has responded to this survey, as no personal identity information will be gathered when you complete this form. However, if you would like school to make an individual response to any of your comments/views, or are happy to let us know who you are, please do add your name and/or your child's name at the start of any of the free response questions towards the end of the survey.

[Scotch Orchard Primary School 2024 Parent View Questionnaire](#)



The children in Year 4 have been enjoying experimenting with watercolours this afternoon.



Nursery

Ahoy, me hearties! The children in Nursery have been enjoying our pirate theme this week. The Early Years staff have been amazed at their wonderful creations of pirate ships using both junk modelling materials and other construction materials. Thankfully no teachers have been asked to walk the plank just yet!





Lichfield Family Hub Presents

PRE-LOVED

MARKET - ITS

ALL FREE!

Starting 6th August - 29th August

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday

10-3pm

TOYS, CLOTHES, SCHOOL

UNIFORM AND LOTS MORE

THAT ALL NEED A NEW

HOME...

Lichfield Family Hub, Purcell

Avenue, Lichfield, Ws13 7PH

01543 512024



Achievement Assembly





 **SCOTCH ORCHARD
PTA**

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER
FAIR

FRIDAY 28TH AT SCOTCH ORCHARD
JUNE PRIMARY
3:30PM - 6:00PM

FREE ENTRY

Events

Licensed Bar, Hot Dogs, Tombola, Henna, Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Character Visit, Balloon Arch, Beat the Goalie, Games and prizes, Sweet stand and much more!

Cards accepted at bar, please bring cash for games and stalls