



Newsletter



Message from Head of School

What a busy week at Scotch Orchard! The school was invaded by superheroes on Monday to launch our new attendance campaign, Staffordshire Little Heroes. This stands for, **Here, Everyday, Ready, On** time. It was delightful to see so many family members attend. Mr Chapman has recorded the session and will be sharing this with families next week. It was a pleasure to welcome parents of our Reception children into school on Wednesday morning to share our reading and phonics workshop. This meeting was also recorded and will be shared next week. This will be shared via school's Youtube channel. Details of this will be shared next week.

Looking forward to next week, we are delighted to welcome Sarah Mooney to our staff team. Sarah Mooney will be joining us as a Year 4 teacher, and will begin teaching on the week commencing Monday 14th October. Sarah Mooney will be teaching Monday-Thursday, with Mr Chapman remaining as the Year 4 teacher on a Friday. Sarah will join Mr Chapman in leading the parents' evenings later this half term, providing families with an opportunity to meet her in person. Similarly, parents can watch Miss Mooney in action during the My Happy Mind Workshop on Wednesday 20th November.

On Thursday next week, Scotch Orchard Primary will be taking part in #HelloYellow. We will be asking children to wear something yellow; this could be anything from a headband to a t-shirt! This will be to raise awareness for children's mental health and its importance. If parents want to join us, we would love to see an ocean of yellow on the school gates next Thursday morning! We also look forward to welcoming Dog's Trust into school on Thursday, who will be running interactive workshops for our children across school. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend with your loved ones.

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

Thursday 10th October

Dogs trust workshops

Wednesday 16th October

Flu clinic in school

Wednesday 16th October

Parents evening

Friday 18th October

Photographers in school

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 Week's Attendance

Reception	97.83 %
Year 1	94.41 %
Year 2	94.54 %
Year 3	91.09 %
Year 4	97.12 %
Year 5	97.99 %
Year 6	98.51 %



Attendance Update

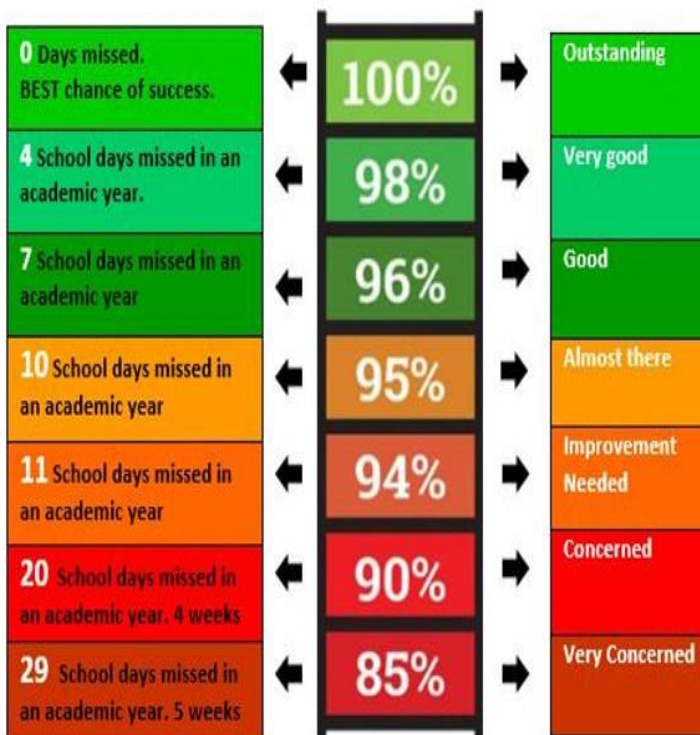
Regular, punctual attendance at school is important for your child.

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.



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10/10/24	Dogs Trust workshops	Years 1 – 6
16/10/24	Flu clinic	Reception – Year 6
16/10/24	In-person Parents Evening 15:30 – 18:30	Whole school
18/10/24	Individual and sibling photographs	Whole school
18/10/24	PTA Halloween disco	Details TBC
23/10/24	Virtual Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00	Whole school
24/10/24	Mosque visit	Year 5
25/10/24	Inset day – School closed	
28/10/24 to 01/11/24	Half Term – School Closed	
18/11/24	My happy mind workshop 14:45	Reception
19/11/24	My happy mind workshop	Year 1 8:45 Year 2 14:45
20/11/24	My happy mind workshop	Year 3 Year 4 Times TBC
21/11/24	My happy mind workshop	Year 5 Year 6 Times TBC
29/11/24	Inset day – school closed	
02/12/24	Year 5 Residential – Aberdovey	Year 5
04/12/24	Bikeability	Year 4
06/12/24	PTA Christmas Event	Further detail TBC
09/12/24	Decorate the Christmas tree	Whole school
09/12/24	Bikeability	Year 6
12/12/24	Red house Christmas lunch and crafts	
13/12/24	Yellow house Christmas lunch and crafts	
16/12/24	Early Years parents breakfast and Nativity performance	EYFS
17/12/24	Blue house Christmas lunch and crafts	
18/12/24	Green house Christmas lunch and crafts	
23/12/24 to 03/01/25	Christmas Holiday – School closed	
06/01/25	Inset day – School closed	



17/02/25 to 21/02/25	Half term – School closed	
10/03/25	Year 6 residential - France	Year 6
19/03/25	Online parents evening	Whole school
11/04/24	Easter egg hunt on the field Easter bonnet parade Easter bake sale	Details TBC
14/04/25 to 25/02/25	Easter Holiday – School closed	
28/04/25	Inset day – School closed	
05/05/25	May Day – School closed	
26/05/25 to 30/05/25	Half term – School closed	
05/07/25	Inset day – School closed	
18/07/25	Last day of school	

Message from Miss Mooney, our new Year 4 teacher!

Hello families of Scotch Orchard Primary I am delighted to introduce myself as a new edition to the Scotch Orchard team.

I, Miss Mooney, will be teaching in Year 4 this year and I am very excited to get started. I have previously worked at an ATLP partnership School (Hill West Primary) for the last two years and for both years have loved teaching Year 4.

My favourite element about Year 4 has to be the History topics, especially covering the Romans! Prior to being a teacher, I spent time studying Archaeology at the University of Leicester and have been lucky enough to participate in lots of excavations over the last few years, so history is very close to my heart.

I enjoy reading, I am currently working my way through the Harry Potter series for the fifth time and love hearing about any book recommendations or stories children like to read at home. One of the main things I adore about teaching is seeing the children grow and challenge themselves to the next level, it is a joy to be able to support them in this adventure.

I am very excited to get stuck into this new experience and I look forward to meeting you all in the upcoming weeks (especially Year 4)!





This week in Year 3 the children have recreated Stone Age cave drawings using charcoal and chalk pastels. We have been reading Stone Age Boy in English and been completing writing activities relating to the text. In History we have been learning about the food, clothes and shelters associated to the Stone Age and how life changed during this historical period. Next week we shall be learning about The Bronze Age.





Breakfast Club

The children have been enjoying lots of different activities in breakfast club this week, including obstacle courses and playground games.





SCOTCH ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 10AM
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 10AM/6PM
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 10:30
MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 11AM

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

Come and visit our fantastic school, rated as "Good: a small school with close links to the community" (OFSTED June 2022)

Please contact the school office on office@scotchorchard.staffs.sch.uk or phone 01543 227400 to secure a place on your desired tour.





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OCTOBER FOOTBALL AND MULTISPORTS CAMP 2024



**Monday 28th
October - Friday
1st November**



**THE FRIARY SCHOOL,
LICHFIELD, WS13 7EW**



**08:30 - 15:30
DAILY**

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- ✓ DAILY MEDALS
- ✓ WEEKLY TROPHIES
- ✓ MAKING FRIENDS

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£80 PER WEEK**



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SCOTCH ORCHARD PTA
PRESENTS

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FRIDAY
18TH OCTOBER

YEARS 1,2,3: 430-530PM

YEARS 4,5,6: 545-645PM

COSTUMES OPTIONAL

**SOFT DRINKS, TUCK SHOP &
GLOW PRODUCTS FOR SALE**