



Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

What a fabulous day we have had at Scotch Orchard celebrating King Charles' III coronation! The children were resplendent in red, white and blue in assembly this morning, sporting bejewelled crowns and they thoroughly enjoyed walking regally around the school hall to show off their royal waves and regal crowns. Reception joined us in the hall to share their wonderful crown creations and took a Royal Walk around the room too!

The children then had an opportunity to have their photograph taken on the sumptuous throne built by Year 6 (in their DT lessons this week). With the orb and sceptre in hand – they looked like true Kings and Queens!

The Coronation bake-off judging took place next – this responsibility being nobly borne by our fabulous Pupil Voice Team.

At lunchtime, our children enjoyed a truly royal lunch! Thanks must go to Kerry in the kitchen for her fabulous food, and with the hall decked in the children's bunting, it was a very celebratory lunch.

The winners of the **Coronation Bake-Off** were announced in a short assembly after lunch – please see the article in this newsletter for more details. Congratulations to **everyone** who entered – a finer array of royal bakes I have never seen – and sincere congratulations to the winners. Prizes and certificates will be awarded next week!

I end my message this week with a massive "THANK YOU!" to all our families who attended our King Charles' Coronation Afternoon Tea. It was delightful to see so many of you in school, especially as we know it can be really difficult for working parents or those with other responsibilities to be able to come into school during school hours! The children were delighted to welcome their loved ones into school to join us for a tea or coffee and some, **or lots of**, cake. For myself, and the team at Scotch Orchard, it was lovely to meet grandparents, family friends, parents and carers, especially those we may not have met before. Thanks to your royally generous donations, there was plenty of cake to go around! The atmosphere in school was really wonderful, and I look forward to welcoming you into school next time!

We wish King Charles the very best at his Coronation tomorrow and look forward to seeing you all back in school next Tuesday, after the bank holiday weekend.

Monday 8th May –

Bank holiday – School closed

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May –

Year 6 SATS week

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 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 speak with me.

Have a great weekend!

Dr R Warrack

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This Weeks Attendance

Reception	97.64 %
Year 1	98.02 %
Year 2	97.60 %
Year 3	93.52 %
Year 4	98.18 %
Year 5	94.34 %
Year 6	93.36 %



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

08/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY King Charles IV Coronation – school closed	
02/05/23 to 31/05/23	Year 2 SATs administration window	Year 2
09/05/23 to 12/05/23	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6
09/05/23	English Grammar, punctuation and spelling (Paper 1 and 2)	Year 6
10/05/23	English Reading	Year 6
11/05/23	Mathematics (Paper 1 – arithmetic; Paper 2 – Reasoning 1)	Year 6
12/05/23	Mathematics (Paper 1 – arithmetic; Paper 2 – Reasoning 1)	Year 6
25/05/23	Year 6 SATs Celebration Trip – Drayton Manor	Year 6
26/05/23	Whole School Summer Musical Concert 14:00 – 15:15	Whole School
29/05/23	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	
30/05/23 – 02/06/23	SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
06/06/23 to 16/06/23	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Window	Year 4
08/06/23	TBC: EYFS Trip	Reception and Nursery
12/06/23 – 16/06/23	Phonics Screening Check administration window	Year 1 (selected Y2 children)
16/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Anglo-Saxon/Viking Topic Assembly 09:00	Year 4
22/06/23	Breakfast with parents and Topic Class Assembly – 8:15 for Breakfast; 9am for assembly	Year 5
23/06/23	Weston School trip	Year 1
26/06/23	Engage Youth Mentoring – Y6 to Y7 Transition Workshop	Year 6
27/06/23 to 28/06/23	King Edward VI Y7 Transition Days	Year 6
30/06/23	Tamworth Castle School trip	Year 4
03/07/23	EYFS Sports Day 9:15 – 11:30	EYFS
06/07/23	Year 4 at Netherstowe (Sports Day) – attendees to be confirmed	Year 4
06/07/23	Music Service Concert 14:30	Year 3 and Year 5
11/07/23	Parent opportunity to discuss reports (Timings TBC)	Whole School
12/07/23	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day 9:00 – 12:00; Picnic on the Field; 13:00 Summer Fayre	KS1 and KS2
13/07/23 to 14/03/23	Big Sleepover on the field	Year 3
14/07/23	Leavers Performance 14:00	Year 6
17/07/23	Leavers Performance 18:00	Year 6
18/07/23	Leavers Party - venue TBC 18:00	Year 6
19/07/23	Y6 Leavers Lunch – 13:00	Year 6
21/07/23	Year 6 Graduation – 09:00 – 10:00	Year 6
24/07/23	Training day – school closed	Whole School
25/07/23	SUMMER HOLIDAY	Whole School



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A HUGE thank you to all of you who took part in our special coronation bake-off today. We were absolutely blown away by the talent and generosity of our wonderful children and supportive parents/carers. It was such a pleasure to see all the proud faces of our children bringing their donations in this morning.

Congratulations to our winners:



EYFS - Elsie

KS1 - Wilf

LKS2 - Harriet

UKS2 - Florence



Thank you also to our Pupil Voice team who selected the overall winners.





Year 6 SATS – a message from Mr Chapman

It was great to speak to some parents on Friday afternoon about the upcoming SATs tests in Year 6. The children in Year 6 will be taking part in grammar, spelling, reading and maths assessments everyday between Tuesday and Friday next week. All children have been working so hard and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

For the parents I did not manage to speak to, I just wanted to readdress the importance of the children having a rest this weekend. This long weekend has come at the perfect time, offering our children the opportunity to relax and spend quality time with their families. If you would like to complete any extra homework, please do so in a relaxing and informal way. We have covered everything they need in school.

A quick poem to share:

SATS don't measure sports,
SATS don't measure art,
SATS don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.
SATS don't see your beauty,
SATS don't measure your worth,
SATS don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.
SATS don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATS don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.
SATS don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far
SATS are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.
So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATS aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!

