

Newsletter

4th September 2026



We are proud to welcome everyone back for the start of another exciting academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, settling quickly into school life and embracing new opportunities for learning. The school is already filled with energy, positivity, and happy faces, creating a fantastic atmosphere for the term ahead.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families. Starting school is an important milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how confidently our youngest pupils have settled into their new surroundings. They have been busy making new friends, exploring their classrooms, and engaging enthusiastically in a range of activities.

During the holidays, a team from Staffordshire Girl Guiding, volunteers, and staff completed a huge amount of work in our Forest and Farm areas. Money was raised via a giving page, to fund some of the much-needed materials. They made a new campfire area with new seating and fire pits, new reading area, new mud kitchen, and a fantastic sensory walk. They also creosoted farm fences, and painted tyres to make a wonderful 'Glascote Train' which is proudly sitting on our grass by the forest fence. We cannot thank them enough for everything they have done for our school.



Some general reminders on organisation

Drop-off and collection:

- In the morning, children enter school through any gate and make their way to their class line
- Thank you for letting us know your preferred collection gate and whether your older child will be walking home independently.
- For the safety of all children and families, please clear the main driveway as soon as possible after collection.
- When using the side gate, please help us keep the access point clear and remain mindful of cyclists.
- Your patience and co-operation are greatly appreciated. By working together respectfully, we can ensure a smooth, safe, and efficient end to the school day for everyone.

Outdoor (Farm & Forest sessions)

- Wellies need to be kept in school (named please).
- During the timetabled weeks, outdoor learning will take place: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If there are any changes, we will let you know. Children come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. Please always check the weather! Waterproof outer clothing is important as children will still go outside on colder, wetter days.

PE Kit

On the days your child has PE, they should come to school wearing their PE kit instead of their school uniform. Please ensure that clothing is appropriate for the weather, for example, children do not need to wear shorts during colder months. Children should wear either school shoes or trainers to school. Trainers will be used for outdoor PE lessons. However, all children from Reception to Year 6 must also have a pair of **black pumps** in school for indoor PE sessions. Indoor activities such as dance and gymnastics are completed in black pumps or bare feet; therefore, **trainers will not be worn for indoor PE lessons.**



Jewellery

We would like to remind families of our school uniform policy regarding jewellery. For health and safety reasons, children are **not** permitted to wear jewellery in school. The **only exceptions** are:

- Small stud earrings in pierced ears
- Items of genuine religious significance, such as a crucifix on a chain or a Sikh Kara (these *must be agreed with the Headteacher following discussion with parents regarding their significance for the child and family*)
- Medical identification bracelets may be worn by children who have significant medical problems e.g. Diabetes or epilepsy.

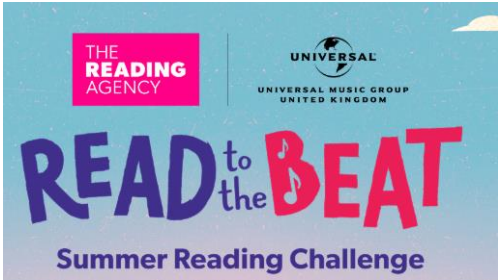
To ensure the safety of all children, earrings and other permitted items of jewellery **must be removed for PE, games, and swimming lessons**. Please note,

- Staff are unable to remove earrings unless specific parental permission has been given.
- If ears have been newly pierced, children may wear plasters over their earrings during PE and games for a **limited period of 6 to 8 weeks while healing takes place**. Plasters should be provided **from home**, and children must be able to apply and remove them independently.
- If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, we strongly recommend arranging this at the start of the summer holiday to allow sufficient healing time before the new school term begins.

Classes/teachers	Wear PE Kit to school
Reception England (Miss Bowers)	Monday (Indoor) Yoga, Friday (indoor)
1 Italy (Miss Fielding)	Tuesday (Indoor)
2 Kenya (Miss Cooper)	Tuesday (Indoor)
3 Canada (Miss McCallion)	Monday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)
3 Japan (Mr Madeley)	Monday (Outdoor) Thursday (Indoor)
4 Brazil (Miss McColgan)	Wednesday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)
4 Ireland (Miss McElroy)	Monday (Indoor) Friday (Outdoor)
5 Jamaica (Miss Martin)	Monday (Indoor) Tuesday (Outdoor)
5 USA (Mrs Hathaway-Bell)	Monday (Indoor) Tuesday (Outdoor)
6 Sweden (Miss Bartlett)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)
6 Norway (Miss Garey)	Monday (Outdoor) Friday (Indoor)

Summer Reading Challenge

During the summer holidays, many of our children took part in the **Summer Reading Challenge**, organised by the local library service. They enjoyed reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, including stories about monsters and fairies. After completing the challenge and reading the required number of books, each child was awarded a certificate and medal in recognition of their achievement. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part. Here are just a few of our enthusiastic readers.



1 Italy

Our children have made a seamless transition from provision-based learning in Reception to a more formal approach in Year 1. As their new class, 1 Italy, they have been exploring the country that they are named after. They have built learning towers of Pisa, decorated a map of Italy with pasta, collaged the colours of the flag, and pretended to be Michaelangelo painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel! What a wonderful start to Year 1.



You said

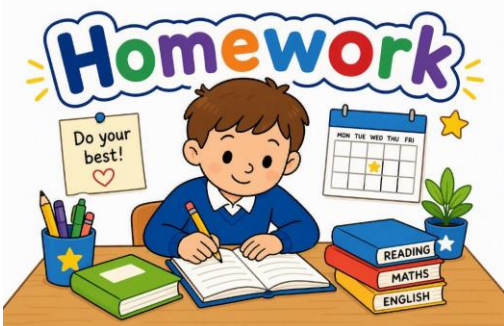
We did

Firstly, **workshops...**

Our upcoming workshops will focus on spelling, following feedback from families in the Parent Survey earlier this year. We greatly value your views and are keen to provide support in an area that many parents identified as important. We also understand that work and family commitments can make it difficult for some parents to attend school events. Many of our staff are parents too, so we appreciate the challenges this brings and the pull between head and heart. If you are unable to attend, grandparents or other family members are very welcome to join us on your behalf. Please don't worry if nobody from your family is able to attend. We will ensure that your child receives all the support they need in school and will share any key information with families afterwards. For Class Assembly/Workshop, two family adults per child may attend.

Secondly, **homework...**

As parents, you are telling us that it would be helpful to receive less homework and be given more time to do it. In response, we have reduced the amount of homework to phonics and Numbots for Reception/KS1, and spelling practice and TT Rockstars for KS2. Information will be sent on a Monday, and your children will have a week to complete any tasks given.



Expectation of 4 reads per week (Reading Challenge remains)

Year 6

Our children in 6 Norway and 6 Sweden have all shared their 'House Captain' speeches this morning; they were nervous but did an amazing job! Obviously, emotions were high, and some children were disappointed; however, we congratulate the new House Captains and look forward to choosing children for other roles of responsibility which are equally as important to our school.



St. George:

**Amelia F (6S)
Eirini (6N)**



St. David:

**Malanna (6S)
Millie T (6N)**



St. Patrick:

**Rory (6S)
Chloe (6N)**



St. Andrew:

**Esmae (6S)
Jorge (6N)**

A reminder of dates sent in on 17th July’s newsletter...



Autumn Term 2026

Wk beginning	Outdoor Week	Class Assembly	Family Lunch
07.09.26	3 Canada	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch
14.09.26	3 Japan	3 Canada	6 Sweden
21.09.26	4 Ireland	3 Japan	6 Norway
28.09.26	4 Brazil	4 Ireland	5 Jamaica
05.10.26	2 Kenya	4 Brazil	5 USA
12.10.26	Year 6 (Residential) then Thurs/Fri (children not going to WML – outdoor week)	2 Kenya	4 Brazil
19.10.26	No outdoor week	Harvest	4 Ireland
	HALF TERM		
02.11.26	5 Jamaica	1 Italy	Reception England
09.11.26	5 USA	Year 6 Whitemore Lakes Assembly	1 Italy
16.11.26	1 Italy	Reception England	2 Kenya
23.11.26	Reception England	5 Jamaica	3 Canada
30.11.26	No Outdoor	5 USA	3 Japan
07.12.26	No Outdoor	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch
14.12.26	No Outdoor	No Class Assembly	No Family Lunch



DATE	EVENT
Monday 14 th September	Year 6 parent meeting for Whitemoor Lakes at 5:00pm
Friday 9 th October	Theme day: The Power of Communication
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 go to Whitemoor Lakes
Tuesday 20 th October at St Peter's Church.	Harvest Service: Timings are 10:00am and 1:30pm. Further booking information will follow.
Tuesday 20 th October & Wednesday 21 st October.	Parent's Evening: Further booking information will follow.
Friday 13 th November	Theme Day: Time Travel
Wednesday 2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day: Bring a bottle
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 8 th December	Nativity (Rec/Y1/Y2): 10am/2pm. Further booking information will follow.
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas 10am/2pm. Further booking information will follow.
Thursday 10 th December	Year 5/6 Christmas 10am/2pm. Further booking information will follow.
Friday 11 th December	Glascote's Got Talent – The Auditions
Monday 14 th December	Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December	Reception/KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	Glascote's Got Talent – The Final; Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Achievement Assembly (invitation) Last day of term

INSET Days (school closed to pupils):

- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Friday 28h May 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027