

Dates for Your DIARY



Friday 11th November

Remembrance Silence

Monday 14th November

Odd socks day and the start of anti-bullying week.

Friday 18th November

Children in Need—Pennies for Pudsey. Non-uniform.

Monday 21st November

World Cup Day . Sports kits.

Friday 25th November

Donate a chocolate gift for the school fayre. Non-uniform.

Friday 2nd December

Donate a bottle for the tombola. Non-uniform.

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Fayre 2.30-4pm

Monday 12th December EYFS Nativity. 9.30am & 2.15pm

Tuesday 13th December KS1 concert. 9.30am & 2.15pm

A message from the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of this autumn term—the time is flying by!

I would like to share a huge ‘Well done’ to all the children for their hard work during the first half term.

As myself and Mrs Lewis walk around school, it is a pleasure to see your children demonstrating our core values of ‘smart, tolerant, ambitious and resilient.’

All of the children in the Early Years have adapted well to the change of teachers. Well done children!

Our Ofsted report should be released on their website any day now and it gives me great pleasure to share the

recognition of all the hard work that has been put in. Star Academy is a good school.

Thank you for all the responses to the breakfast club questionnaire and I am currently reviewing them.

This half term, we will be holding some Early years open days for parents new to the school, please spread the word.

Last week, we had a visit from our new CEO, Sir Nick Weller and I was delighted to share all that had been going on at Star.

It was great to see so many children come to school in odd socks to start our anti-bullying week.

Mrs Sara Bloor

Principal



What's happening in school?

In Nursery, we have been learning about traditional tales. We have also done lots of exciting activities including drama and being creative. A from a real witch. Visited too! The children can't wait to see who will visit us next.!

In Reception, the children have been learning all about the festivals of Diwali and Hanukkah! They have been designing their very own Rangoli patterns.

In Year 4 we have been investigating what affect water, coke and vinegar has on your teeth. The children have been observing the changes to the shell of the egg!

In Year 5, we have been learning about the ancient Greeks. We have studied the geography of Greece and how this helped to create city –states.

In year 6, we have been learning about WW1 and WW2. We have discussed reasons for conflict and how countries were either axis or allied powers.



Safeguarding



This Month's Focus— Online safety

Please, please, please can all parents and carers ensure that they have the correct parental filters in place on all devices at home?

Pupils talk about things they have played and things they have watched and often these are inappropriate for the age of the child.

If you are not sure how to do this, then click on this link for advice,

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

You have a responsibility to safeguard your child by protecting them when they use the internet.



Some very useful information about online safety using the following link,

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

If you need any support with online safety then please come and talk to Mrs Lewis.

Club Timetable

	Monday	Thursday
After School	<p>Art—Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Art—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Reading and phonics—Reception, Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Science—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p>	<p>Dance—Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Football—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Mindfulness—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Multi-sports—Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Netball—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p>

World Cup Day

Monday 21st November



Come to school dressed in a kit, sports-wear or your PE kit. Please make sure that you are dressed warmly.



Parents Coffee Morning

We are going to begin our parents coffee mornings again and we would like to invite you to come along to have a chat with other parents and us.

Our first coffee morning will be on Tuesday 22nd November at 8.40—9.15. Please let a member of staff on the gate know that you will be attending.

Christmas Hamper Raffle



This year, we will be doing the Christmas hamper raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.



ATTENDANCE

So far this academic year our overall attendance is 95.9%

Breakdown of each class for this academic year so far,

- Nursery—91%
- Reception—96%
- Year 1—93.7%
- Year 2—94.3%
- Year 3—97.8%
- Year 4—97.8%
- Year 5—96.4%
- Year 6—96.9%

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.



Attendance Matters



Let's Celebrate

Nursery: Aurora for fantastic shape knowledge and for recall of the days of the week. Harry for independently writing his name with clear letter formation.

Reception: Renae for completing some fantastic writing and using her phonic knowledge so well! Adham for super maths work and always trying his very best during lessons.

Year One: Fabhia for excellent effort with all curriculum areas and Mard for making great effort with his writing.

Year Two: Delilah for a fabulous Big Write Armaan for his super work in maths.

Year Three: Shyler for working so hard at swimming and Lara for her excellent maths work.

Year Four: Muhammad for settling in to Year 4 and always showing Star Values and Remy for always showing Star Values.

Year Five: Eleanor for showing resilience in all aspects of her work and Ruby for excellent work in maths.

Year Six: Emma for thoughtful answers in guided reading and Ollie for making links to prior learning in maths.

Well done Children!



Early Years Open Days

*We'd like to invite new parents to
come and look around our Early
Years Provision for the Year of 2023-
2024 on:*

Friday 25th November 2.15pm

Thursday 8th December 4pm

*Please call the Academy office 01782
235055 to book your visit!*



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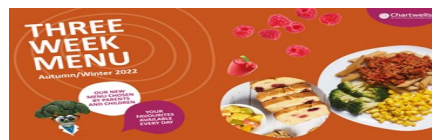
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Lunch Menu



Please fol-

low this link for the lunch menu:

[Lunch - Star Academy Sandyford \(attrust.org.uk\)](http://Lunch - Star Academy Sandyford (attrust.org.uk))

Free School Meal Vouchers

Stoke local authority are offering Free School Meal voucher for when school is closed over the Christmas break. They are issuing £50 per child. They are not issuing vouchers for October or February half term.



Ofsted



View our report here:

[Ofsted - Star Academy Sandyford \(attrust.org.uk\)](http://Ofsted - Star Academy Sandyford (attrust.org.uk))

