

Dates for Your

**DIARY**



**Monday 3rd October 2022—  
Phonics Parent session**

**3.30-4pm - Year 1 Classroom**

Information for parents for supporting your children to learn to read (phonics) in preparation for the July phonics assessment. All parents welcome.

**Monday 10th October—KS2  
SATs Parent Session**

**3.30-4pm - Year 6 Classroom**

Information for parents for the KS2 SATs assessments.

**Tuesday 11th October**

**Y6 Imperial War Museum Visit**

**Friday 14th October**

**Y5 Apedale Visit**

**Friday 21st October and opens  
Monday 31st October**

*School closes for half-term.*

A message from the

## PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be the new Principal at Star Academy and I want to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to you, your children, the staff at Star and the ATT for making me feel so welcome.

All the children look very smart in their uniform; and I thank you for the effort that you have put in to support this.

Quickly, all of the children have settled into their new routines and are keeping in mind our Star Values to enable them to achieve what they desire.

I am extremely proud of the children for how they have shown great sensitivity, maturity and compassion to the royal family and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

passing and the days that have followed.

The behaviour of the children and their readiness to learn has been exceptional. I am delighted to see how many Dojos are being awarded and extremely proud of all the children that have received awards in our celebratory assemblies.

Our new Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies have been appointed and they have transitioned into the role smoothly.

After such an amazing start, I am very excited about the year ahead.

Sara Bloor

**Principal**



# Uniform

Please ensure that the correct uniform is worn at all times so that all pupils look smart around the academy.

The required uniform is

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Navy blue polo shirt
- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan
- Black school shoes (no trainers please)

PE kits

- Navy blue round neck t-shirt
- Navy blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms
- Navy blue hoodie or jumper
- Trainers

Uniform can be purchased from Supersport. This shop is at 166 High Street, Tunstall, ST6 5TT

Please ensure that children do not wear necklaces or bracelets to school. Stud earrings and a watch may be worn but must be removed on PE days.

If any support is needed with uniform, please contact the school office.



# Safeguarding



## This Month's Focus

Our academy policies have now been updated ready for the new academic year. These can be found on our academy website,

<https://staracademy.attrust.org.uk/our-academy/policies/>

### Online filtering and monitoring

Within our academy, we have monitoring and filtering systems that support the use of IT equipment including website and office document monitoring. Within the curriculum, pupils have access to the following websites to support their learning—TT Rockstars, Purple Mash and Ten Town. Your child should have log in details for these in their reading journal so that they can be accessed at home.

We reinforce online safety through the curriculum teaching and parental communication. To stay up to date on the latest safeguarding information, we strongly suggest that parents download and use the safer school app. This can be accessed for free by using the details below.



# Club Timetable

	Monday	Thursday
After School	<p><b>Reading and phonics</b>—Reception, Year 1 and 2</p> <p><b>Art</b>—Year 1 and 2</p> <p><b>Art</b>—Year 3,4,5 and 6</p> <p><b>Science</b>—Year 3,4,5 and 6</p>	<p><b>Rhyme Time</b>—Reception and Year1</p> <p><b>Dance</b>—Year 1 and 2</p> <p><b>Multi-sports</b>—Year 1 and 2</p> <p><b>Football</b>—Year 3,4,5 and 6</p> <p><b>Mindfulness</b>—Year 3,4,5 and 6</p> <p><b>Netball</b>—Year 3,4,5 and 6</p>

You can still request a club letter from the school office if your child does not attend a club and wants to.



## ATTENDANCE

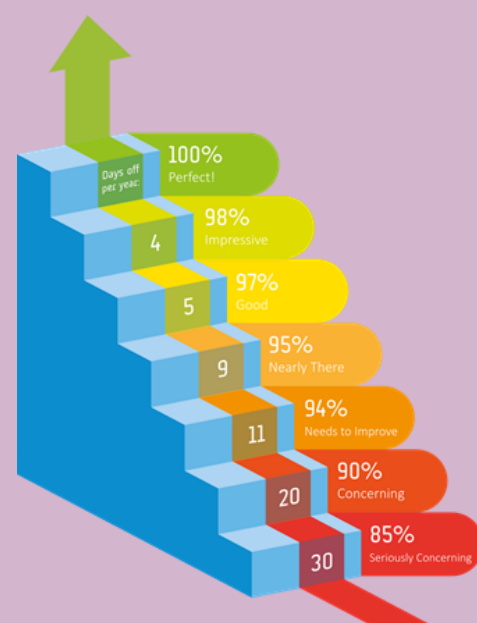
It is essential that your child attends school every day, supporting them to get the best start to their education. All children between the ages of 5 and 16 are required by law to receive an education and it is the duty of parents and carers to ensure that they attend school.

Following the pandemic, our academy did not make referrals to the local authority in relation to holidays. However, penalty notices (fines) will now be issued for unauthorised absences from school. This includes holidays taken during term time.

Our attendance policy is available on our website,

<https://staracademy.attrust.org.uk/our-academy/policies/>

Please remember that our doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am with registers closing at 9.00am.



# Celebration Quality of Work

Over the past 4 weeks, the children have been amazing us with their work. We look forward to seeing more fantastic work over the next few weeks.



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