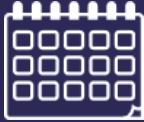


Dates for Your DIARY



Tuesday 5th September

School opens to all pupil for the new academic year.

Friday 8th September (3.30-4pm)

Parents of children in KS2 are invited to find out more about the new Star Academy Way. (Hall doors entrance)

Monday 11th September (3.30-4pm)

Parents of children in EYFS and KS1 are invited to find out more about the new Star Academy Way. (Hall doors entrance)

Wednesday 13th September (8.45am—9.15am)

EYFS parents invited to meet Mrs Bloor to see how the nursery changes are working,

15th September (3.30-4pm)

Year Six Parent SATs workshop

Monday 25th September (3.30-4pm)

Year 1 & 2 phonics and assessments workshop

Friday 27th October

School closes for half term

A message from the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year! We hope that you have had a restful summer break and the children are excited to return to their new classes this week..

As we start a new year, we also start a new cultural journey with Academy Transformation Trust. We are very excited about the changes and I would like to invite you to come to find out more. Please see the diary dates.

There are some changes in staff for this academic year. We are saying good bye and a huge thank for all their hard work to Mrs Birchall, Mrs Dean, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Billingham, Mrs Johnston, Miss Blackhurst, Mrs Rapi. Mrs

Ahktar will be commencing maternity leave in October. We have two new members of staff joining us. Mr Haley will be the class teacher in Year One and Mr Farr will be the class teacher in Year Five. They will be real assets to the academy.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th September. As part of our new culture classroom doors will open at 8.30am for children from YR to Y6. The doors open at 8.40am for the Nursery children. Our gates will close at 8.45am to promptly begin the school day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sara Bloor

Principal



PE Days

On the day(s) that your child has PE, please send them to school in their PE kit.

Days for PE:

Y1—Thursday

Y2—Monday

Y3 - Friday

Y4—Wednesday

Y5—Tuesday

Y6—Swimming is on Tuesday/ every other Friday outdoor PE

This year, only the Year Six children will be going swimming and they will go weekly throughout the year. Our aim is to ensure that they leave Star meeting the standard for swimming at Year Six.

Safeguarding



Focus—
Online safety



Club Timetable

	Day	Day
After School	TBC	TBC

Safe & Responsible Parking

Before the summer holidays, we had reports from local residents about unsafe parking and also a near miss due to dangerous parking outside the academy. We understand that parking can be limited close to the academy, but the safety of the Star children and parents is our priority and therefore we encourage parking and away from the academy. We have informed the local PCSO of the parking issues that we are faced with and actions may be taken if parents are seen parking unsafely. As an academy we cannot enforce parking rules, but we hope that parents are responsible and support the school community by driving safely and parking away from the main academy entrance. If you see a car parked dangerously, please take the registration and report it to our local PCSO.



Parents Coffee Morning

Morning and afternoon coffee meetings will commence again and we would like to invite you to come along to have a chat with other parent and us.

The first coffee morning is Thursday 14th September at 8.30am.



ATTENDANCE

Last academic year our overall attendance is 94.6%

The attendance figures for each class for the last academic year:

- Nursery— 92.5%
- Reception— 94.4%
- Year 1—93%
- Year 2—93.9%
- Year 3— 96.6%
- Year 4—94.7%
- Year 5—94.9%
- Year 6—95.3%

Public Health England has issued new guidance for schools to support attendance.

Schools can no longer authorise absences for coughs, colds, headaches and pupils feeling unwell.

New research suggests that there is a clear link between pupils who have below 90% attendance and low grades achieved at exam times.



New Academy Way

- Attendance expectations following the updated guidance;
- Reducing lateness;
- Smooth transitions;
- Warm, Strict classrooms;
- Communication;
- Morning Meetings.;
- Increasing opportunities for parents to come into the academy.

Please come along to the parent meeting to find out more.



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Lunch Menu



Please follow this link for the lunch menu:

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

Breakfast club

Breakfast club begins on Monday 5th September.

Please book online for paid breakfast club from 7.30-8.00am.

From 8am, breakfast club is free for children with with agreed places.

We have a parent governor
Vacancy available.

