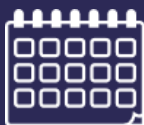


## Dates for Your DIARY



30th April 2pm

Coffee Afternoon PEGIS

5th May

Academy closed for the bank holiday

8th May

Academy observance of VE Day

8th May 2.30pm

Y1 Class Assembly

12th May

KS2 SATs week

16th May

Y6 Dominoes Reward

2nd June

Y2 visit to Peak Wildlife

4th June

YR trip to Manchester Airport

5th June

First Stoke on Trent Day

6th June

Academy closed for staff training

12th June 8.30 am

Parent Coffee Morning— come along to find out how to use MCAS

13th June

Y6 visit to Conkers

19th June

Y6 visit to Stem Science Big Bang Fair

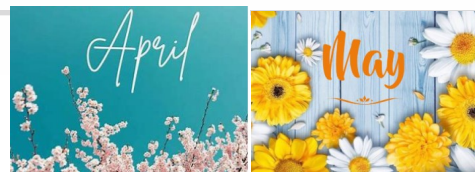
20th June

Academy closed for staff training

24th June

Y2 Science & Industry visit

## A message from the Principal



As we move further into the summer term, it's been wonderful to see our school community so engaged in learning and enjoying the many opportunities this time of year brings.

With great pride, I would like to take a moment to celebrate our Year 6 pupils, who have demonstrated remarkable determination, resilience, and maturity throughout their SATs. Without a doubt, they are a credit to both you and our school—huge congratulations to them all.

Looking ahead, we're set for a very exciting and busy few weeks. Just around the corner, Sports Days will give our children the chance to showcase their skills, and they're already practising with great enthusiasm.

Across the term, a variety of educational trips are planned for different year groups, providing wonderful opportunities for learning beyond the classroom in fun and memorable ways.

Please note that there are two days where the Academy will be closed for staff training during June. The Academy will be closed to children on Friday 6th June and Friday 20th June.

I'd like to thank all our families for their efforts in improving student attendance. So far this school year, our overall attendance stands at 96%. The national attendance was 93.5% across all schools in the week commencing 12th May 2025. We appreciate your continued support in helping us raise this further.

Please remember to call the school each day your child is absent to keep us informed.

If we are unable to make contact with you, a home visit may take place to ensure your child's safety. If you are planning a holiday during term time, it's essential to complete a holiday form so the attendance team is aware of your child's whereabouts. Thank you for working with us to support your child's education.

Recently, Mrs Wedgwood has had to chase arrears for lunch money, school trips and breakfast club. Please can we ask that parents keep MCAS accounts topped up if your child has school lunches and all lunch orders are placed on the MCAS App.

Sadly for the Star Community, Miss Mould, who works in our kitchen will be leaving us mid June. We would like to thank Miss Mould for her hard work and dedication, whilst she has been at Star and we wish her well in her new adventure.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a well-rested break and we look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 2nd June.

Mrs Sara Bloor

Principal



# Why Attendance Matters

## Stay on Track

It is difficult to "catch up" when time is missed. Starting the day late can impact your child's entire day and affects the whole classroom.



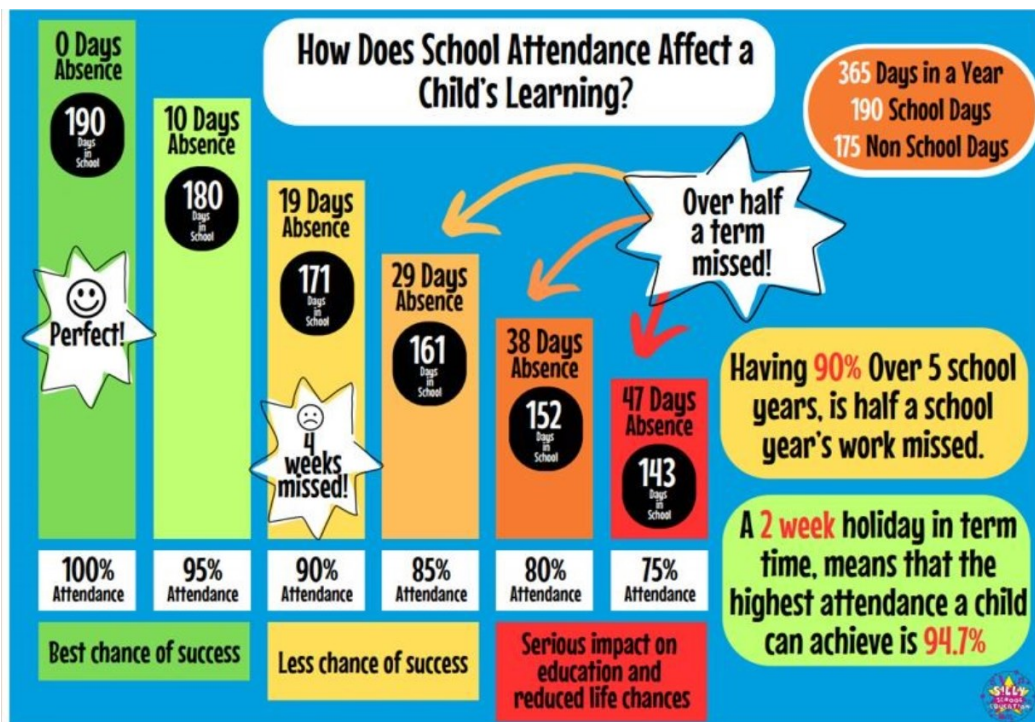
## Reduce Anxiety

Your child will feel connected academically and socially when they have good attendance.



## Build Confidence

Good school attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public school



## A PENALTY NOTICE IS A TYPE OF FINANCIAL PENALTY YOU MUST PAY

**From 19 August 2024** you will be issued a Penalty Notice if your child has a total of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any period of 10 weeks.

**Penalty Notices are issued to each parent, for each child.**

This means if Penalty Notices were issued for 3 siblings, they would be issued to both parents – 6 Penalty Notices in total.

**Legal proceedings will be taken against you if payment of a Penalty Notice is not made within 28 days.**

### First offence

First Penalty Notice per parent, per child, you must pay:

- **£80** if you pay within 21 days
- **£160** if you pay after 21 days but within 28 days

### Second offence within 3 years

Second Penalty Notice within 3 years per parent, per child, you must pay:

- **£160** within 28 days


### Any other offence within 3 years

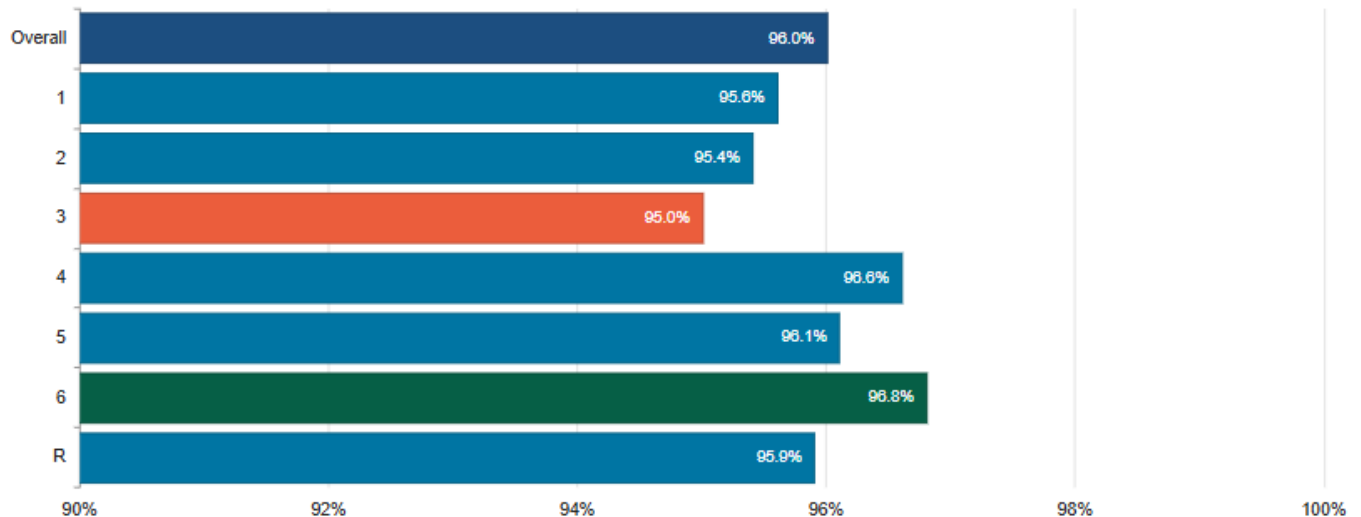
Legal proceedings will be taken against you if:

- your child has any further unauthorised absences within 3 years

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS COULD LEAD TO A HIGHER FINANCIAL PENALTY AND WILL RESULT IN A CRIMINAL RECORD**

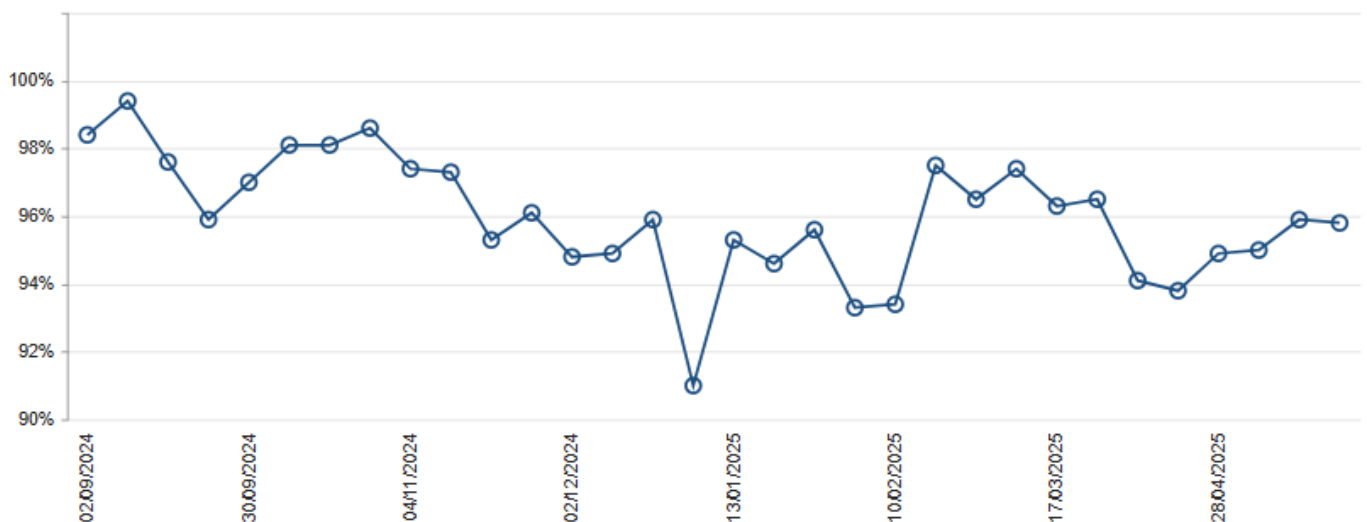
## Overall

Attendance  



## Timeline

Attendance  



### Reporting Absence

Mrs Wedgwood is spending a considerable amount of time calling families that have not reported absence by 9am. This prevents Mrs Wedgwood from being able to do the tasks that she needs to do by certain times and from supporting the wider academy need. As part of our Home School Agreement and Admissions, parents and carers must call or send a Dojo message by 9am.

### Uniform Reminder

All children are expected to be in the full, correct uniform every day. This includes plain black shoes and a school PE kit.

Please ensure that all uniform has your child's full name clearly labelled in it - the back of the badge is a good place to use for jumpers. We have numerous uniform that goes missing daily and we are unable to locate or find jumpers, cardigans etc if they are not clearly labelled with your child's name to identify it as theirs.

Children can wear a pair of stud earrings but any hoop earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces and gel/stick on nails are not permitted for health and safety reasons as if these get caught outside on the equipment they pose a serious injury risk. Earring should be removed before school on swimming and PE days - if your child wears earrings on a PE or swimming day they will need to remove them by themselves and be responsible for looking after them. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings nor be accountable for looking after them



## Meet the Trust Primary Director of Education



**Mrs Deen**

Mrs Deen joined ATT in September 2017, as the Vice Principal of North Walsall Primary Academy, she remained at North Walsall until July 2022 as the Principal.

Most recently in 2023, she has taken on the role of Primary Director.

Mrs Deen has extensive leadership experience in education and supports all of the ATT primary academies.



Please look out on Dojo for dates.



Please enquire at the school office.



# Safeguarding



## Reminder

As a parent it is your responsibility to monitor the use of any online device that your child uses.

Many children report to staff in school that there have been unkind messages sent amongst peers at home.

You need to look through your child's phone regularly to determine if usage has been appropriate.

Best Wishes  
on your  
Birthday

## April & May Birthdays

|              |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Luci         | Jack      | Arsh      |
| Mohammed     | Albert    | Hendricks |
| Catherine    | Alaia-Mai | Esme      |
| Mathew Aaron | Shalom    | Vanise    |
| Poppy-Lea    | Sylvia    | Micah     |
| Teddie       | Asfar     | Harry     |
| Aishat       | Hoorain   | Daniel    |
| Harry        | Miles     | Gage      |
| Laynie       | Flourish  | Freddie   |
| Kaylah       |           |           |

Term starts: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## Summer Term Dates

Summer holidays: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

## Training Days – Academy closed to pupils

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

# Academy Lunch Menus

| Star Primary Academy Menu Week One   |  |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| Menu for Week Commencing: 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr, 12th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun |  |  |  |   |  |
|  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
| <b>Main Option One</b>   | Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw   | Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Basmati Rice    | Roast Chicken Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Beef Cottage Pie Served with Green Beans & Honey Roast-Parsnips       | Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips, Beans & Peas |
| <b>Main Option Two</b>   | Quorn Bolognaise Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Carrots & Peas   | Macaroni Cheese Served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn | Quorn Roast Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy   | Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Green Beans & Honey Roast-Parsnips | Quorn Dippers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas          |
| <b>Daily Available All Week</b>  | Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day.<br>Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday. |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Dessert</b>   | Berry & Peach Oatley Crumble with Custard  | Strawberry Jelly                                 | Lemon Drizzle Cake   | Fruity Flagjack   | Ice cream  |

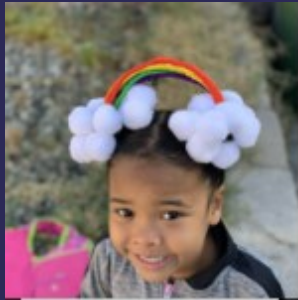
| Star Academy Menu Week Two   |  |  |   |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| Menu for Week Commencing: 3rd Mar, 24th Mar, 28th Apr, 19th May, 16th Jun, 7th Jul |  |  |   |   |  |
|  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
| <b>Main Option One</b>   | Pepperoni Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw   | Beef Curry Served with Naan Bread with Basmati Rice            | Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy       | Chicken Fajitas with Crispy Potatoes, Corn on the Cob & Red Cabbage Slaw    | Baked Salmon or Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas |
| <b>Main Option Two</b>   | Margherita Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw  | Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Bread, Broccoli & Sweetcorn | Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy | Vegetarian Fajitas with Crispy Potatoes, Corn on the Cob & Red Cabbage Slaw | Cheese & Onion Slice Served with Chips, Beans & Peas         |
| <b>Daily Available All Week</b>  | Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day.<br>Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday. |  |   |   |  |
| <b>Dessert</b>   | Shortbread   | Chocolate & Banana Marble Cake with Custard                    | Creamy Rice Pudding & Fruit   | Pineapple Up-Side Down Pudding with Custard                                 | Ice-Cream & Mini Cookie                                      |

| Star Academy Menu Week Three  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Menu for Week Commencing: 10th Mar, 31st Mar, 5th May, 2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 14th July |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
| <b>Main Option One</b>  | Chicken Burger Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw  | Beef Meatballs Served with Pasta, Broccoli & Sweetcorn | Roast Chicken Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Green Beans       | Crispy Battered Fish Served with Chips, Beans & Peas |
| <b>Main Option Two</b>  | Vegetarian Burger Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw   | Cheese & Potato Pie Served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn   | Quorn Roast Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy   | Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Green Beans | Quorn Dippers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas        |
| <b>Daily Available All Week</b>   | Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day.<br>Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday. |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Dessert</b>  | American Pancakes  | Carrot Cake & Vanilla Custard                          | Steamed Apple & Syrup Sponge                                       | Mandarin Orange Jelly  | Strawberry Mousse                                    |



Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS





# WACKY hair day

1st July  
Donate chocolates or bottles

**Donations :**  
You are invited to donate clean items of school uniform on Wednesday 16th July, to be handed to your class teacher. You may donate items before however, children will be expected to wear school uniform until the end of the academic year so we would not encourage donating too early.



**Uniform Pick Up :**  
You are invited to come along at 8.45 on the 17th July to pick up items of uniform free of charge.

Donations invited for uniform exchange on Wednesday 16th July

Washed Items Please

Join us for our...

## UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Location : Star Academy

Drop off 16th July / Pick up 17th July

Uniform pick up on Thursday 17th July at 08:45

Uniforms are FREE

wear protective clothing

use sunglasses

seek shade

## SUN safety tips

stay hydrated

wear hat

limit your sun time

use sunscreen



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🚓 Working With You to Make Our School A Safer Place 🚓

When you let us know of any issues, we take them very seriously and act on these issues as quickly as possible. We requested a police presence outside of school following a number of concerns raised about dangerous parking, driving, reversing etc outside of school.

A number of warning letters were handed out by the police yesterday and we have requested a camera-van to visit at a future date.



# April & May



## Club Timetable— Spring 2025 3-3.45pm

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

Reception & KS1 - Life Skills - Mrs Homer

KS2 Art Club - Mrs Maltby

**Year 5 & 6 football club has moved to Thursday.**

Y2-Y6 Hands on Club - Mrs Keogh & Mrs Tompkinson

KS2 Netball - Miss Lovatt

Reception & KS1 Lego Club - Mrs Hobbs

KS2 Singing Club - Mrs Knowles



### Breakfast Club

We are delighted that so many children are accessing breakfast club. Should you require breakfast club and your children are not currently attending, please enquire at the office to see if places are available.

From 7.30—8 am, breakfast club is charged at £1.

From 8—8.30am, it is free.

**All children MUST be booked online.**



### Star Needs You!

**Please ask at the school office for how to apply.**

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