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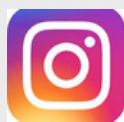
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COMING SOON

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Stay Safe on Bonfire Night!

Bonfire Night is lots of fun, but remember to stay safe!

Bonfires:

Keep well back from the fire and let adults take care of it.

Fireworks:

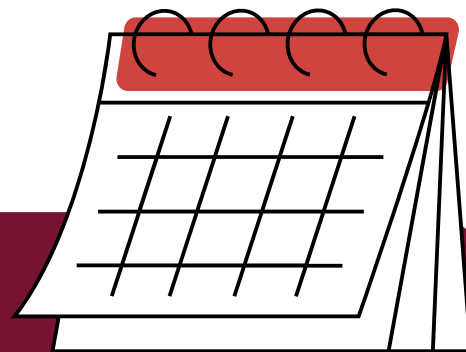
Only grown-ups should light them. Watch from a safe distance!

Sparklers:

Wear gloves, hold them at arm's length, and put them in water when they're done. Have fun, stay safe, and enjoy the fireworks!



Dates For Your Diary



NOVEMBER

w/c Monday 10th - Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 11th - Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th - Y6 to RAF Cosford

Friday 14th - Children In Need

Friday 14th - Progress Reports Home

Tuesday 18th - Y5 to Birmingham Think Tank

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th - Parents' Evening

Monday 24th - Thursday 27th - Book Fair

Tuesday 25th - Mop Up Photo Day (Tempest)

Thursday 27th - SEND Parents' Consultations

DECEMBER

Tuesday 2nd - Pantomime - KS1

Tuesday 2nd - Tea With Santa - Nursery and KS1

Thursday 4th - Pantomime - KS2

Friday 5th - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 8th - PTFA Hamper Wrapping

Tuesday 9th - Movie Munch - KS2

Tuesday 9th - EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production (10am and 2pm)

Wednesday 10th - Reception Trip to Amerton Farm

Thursday 11th - Rock Steady Concert

Friday 12th - Year 2 Extravaganza

Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 19th - Carol Concert (10am)





**WHAT'S
NEW?**

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half-term break and managed to enjoy some rest and family time. It's been wonderful to see the children return to school this week with smiles on their faces and such enthusiasm for the term ahead.

We had an excellent start to the academic year last half term – the children settled back into their routines brilliantly and showed fantastic attitudes to learning. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping make it such a positive start.

This half term promises to be a busy and exciting one! We're looking forward to supporting Children in Need, enjoying our Christmas pantomime, and celebrating the festive season with our Christmas productions and carol concerts at the church. There are also school trips planned for Reception, Year 5 and Year 6, which we know the children are eagerly anticipating.

As the clocks have now gone back and the nights are drawing in, please remind children—especially those walking home from after-school clubs—to stay safe and visible in the darker evenings.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Let's make this half term just as successful, happy, and full of learning as the last!

Mrs Palmer Headteacher



Congratulations, Mr Leese!

We are thrilled to share some lovely news from the school community! Our very own Mr Leese is currently on paternity leave as he and his wife have welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Gia. Both mum and baby are doing well, and Mr Leese is enjoying some precious time with his family as they settle into life as new parents.



Reception September 2026

If your child is currently in our Nursery and due to start Reception in September 2026, it's important to make sure you complete your school application on time.

Applications must be made online through the Staffordshire County Council website at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

When prompted for a UID number, please select 'No UID' to continue with your application.



Key dates:

Apply by: 15 January 2026

National Offer Day: 16 April 2026

Please remember:

- You must apply, even if your child currently attends our Nursery or has an older sibling already at Chancel. A place in Nursery does not guarantee a Reception place.
- You are encouraged to list more than one school preference – listing only one school will not improve your chances of getting a place.
- Be sure to check the admissions arrangements for each school you list, and provide any required additional information or forms.
- You can also use the “School Search and Compare” tool on the Staffordshire website to help with your choices.
- For details about home to school transport, visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport.

If you need any help with your application or have questions about the process, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Service at Staffordshire County Council.



Free Uniform Reminder

At Chancel, we know how quickly children grow – and how expensive uniform can be to replace. To help support our families, we are pleased to let you know that we now have a rail of good-quality, second-hand uniform available in the school lobby.

Parents and carers are very welcome to help themselves to anything they need from the rail. If you are looking for a particular item or size that isn't on display, please speak to the school office, as we have additional uniform stored away and may be able to find just what you need.



We also happily accept donations of clean, good-condition uniform. If your child has outgrown any items, please bring them to the school office so that other families can make use of them.

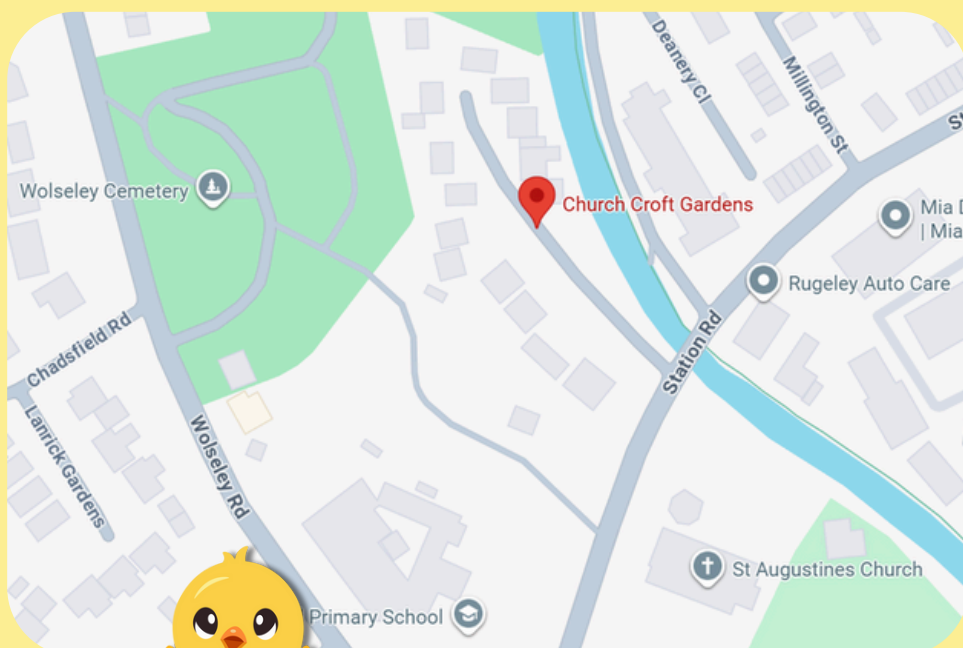
This is one of the ways we want to support our Chancel community, making sure every child has what they need to feel comfortable and confident in school.

Parking Considerations

We have recently been contacted by residents of Church Croft Gardens regarding parking during school drop-off and pick-up times. It has been brought to our attention that some cars are being parked fully on the pavement, which is causing difficulties for pedestrians – particularly parents with pushchairs and young children – who are having to step into the road to pass.

We completely understand how busy these times of day can be, but we kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and safely. Please ensure that pavements remain clear for pedestrians and that driveways are not blocked.

Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and maintains positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and respectful.



A Royal Encounter!

We had some very exciting news last week! When King Charles III visited Lichfield Cathedral, one of our Year 3 pupils had a once-in-a-lifetime experience — she got to speak to the King and even shake his hand!

Her mum works at the Cathedral and was helping during the royal visit, so our lucky pupil was there to see all the excitement up close. The King stopped to chat with her and asked, “Do you get piles of homework?” When she replied, “No,” he smiled and said, “Just you wait!”

It was a very special moment, and we’re all so proud (and a little bit jealous!) of her amazing royal meeting. What a story to tell her friends — and one she’ll never forget!



Helping to Keep Our Paths Clean and Safe

During the holidays, one of our Year 1 children took part in a village path clean-up in his cousin’s village. He worked really hard to help make the area look tidy and welcoming for everyone.

Armed with a spade and lots of enthusiasm, he helped by digging, picking up litter, and cutting down weeds to make the path safer and cleaner for people to use.

What a wonderful example of community spirit and care for the environment — well done for making such a positive difference!





HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



We are pleased announce a new initiative launched by Staffordshire County Council called 'Little Heroes'. The 'Little Heroes' initiative is designed to improve attendance and punctuality among children and emphasises the importance of being Here Everyday Ready On time.

Why are Staffordshire County Council running an attendance campaign?

Regular school attendance is important for children and young people. Research shows there is a clear link between high attendance and educational outcomes, leading to better life opportunities and the best results that an individual can achieve.

There are also other benefits to young people's wellbeing such as nurturing long-lasting friendships, engaging in new activities and enabling young people to be able to develop in a supportive environment.

Across the UK, we are seeing a drop in attendance rates and attendance in Staffordshire schools is down by 2.3% compared to previous years.

We know that many schools are running their own great initiatives to boost attendance, but we feel that there is a real benefit in running a unified campaign across Staffordshire to support students and schools.

For this reason, we decided to launch our 'Little Heroes' campaign to support all signed-up primary schools across the county.

Recognising Our Little Heroes!

As part of the Little Heroes campaign, we'll be celebrating children's efforts in attendance and punctuality each week. Pupils who manage to arrive at school by 9am every day that week will receive a special 'Little Hero' sticker to recognise their commitment to being Here Everyday Ready On time.

We hope these small rewards will help encourage children to take pride in coming to school on time and being ready to learn.

All children have also been sent home with activity booklets to support the campaign. These booklets include fun tasks and ideas to help children think about attendance, as well as activities to promote emotional wellbeing and resilience.

Parents and carers can find out more about the campaign and how to support good attendance at home by reading the Helpful Heroes Parent Guide, available online at:

👉 www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Documents/Helpful-heroes-parents-guide.pdf



Pantomime

ROBIN HOOD

£5 per Child

(subsidised by our
wonderful PTFA)

**PAYMENT VIA
PARENTPAY**



at the
RUGELEY ROSE

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

**Get ready for laughter, music and a magical panto fun for
the whole school**

Poppy Appeal 2025

In school we are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

Items available:

Paper poppies – any donation

Reflector keyrings – suggested donation 50p

Wristbands – suggested donation 50p

Slapbands – suggested donation £1



To make sure everyone has a chance to take part, children will be able to purchase one item per day, as stock is limited.

Year 6 will be attending the Armistice Day Commemorations at Rugeley Cenotaph on Tuesday 11th November 2025 from 10:45am. As this is a public event, parents are very welcome to attend. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in Chancel school uniform, including suitable footwear and a coat.



RAISING MONEY

for BBC Children in Need



We're very excited to be supporting Children in Need again this year! The big day is on Friday 14th November, and we have lots of fun activities planned throughout the week to help raise money for this brilliant cause.

Lunchtime and Breaktime Fun (Week Commencing Monday 10th November)

All week, children will be able to join in some exciting activities during break times:

- Guess the Sweets in the Jar – 10p a go!
- Guess How Many Sweets are on Pudsey – also just 10p a go!
- Lucky Dip – £1 a go (what surprise will you find?)
- Pudsey Gift Bags – £2 each (while stocks last!)

Every penny raised will go towards helping Children in Need support children and families across the UK.

Spotty Day – Friday 14th November

On Friday, children can come to school wearing one spotty item if they would like to.

Donations for this can be made via ParentPay. During the day, each class will have a special session in the hall packed with fun races, games and activities – a fantastic way to celebrate and make a difference at the same time!

At break time, there will also be cakes on sale, along with any remaining lucky dips or Pudsey gift bags.

Let's make this year's Children in Need week the best one yet — full of fun, laughter, and kindness!



Clubs - Autumn Term 2025

Day	Club	Times/Dates	Run By
Monday	Multi-Sports (Years 1-3) Paid	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Monday 10th November 2025	Progressive Sports
Tuesday	Year 3 & 4 Dance Club Free	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Tuesday 4th November 2025	Mrs Wakelam
Wednesday	KS2 Choir Free	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Wednesday 5th November 2025	Mrs Harris
Thursday	Multi-Sports (Years 4-6) Paid	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Thursday 13th November 2025	Progressive Sports
Friday	Netball Club Free Invite only – waiting list in operation	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Friday 14th November 2025	Mrs Watson and Miss Jones



Trips



Year 5

Birmingham Think Tank

We are very excited to share that Year 5 will be visiting the Think Tank Science Museum in Birmingham on **Tuesday 18th November 2025**. This trip promises to be a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore science and technology in a fun and interactive way. They will also have to opportunity to take part in a planetarium show as part of their Earth and Space science topic.

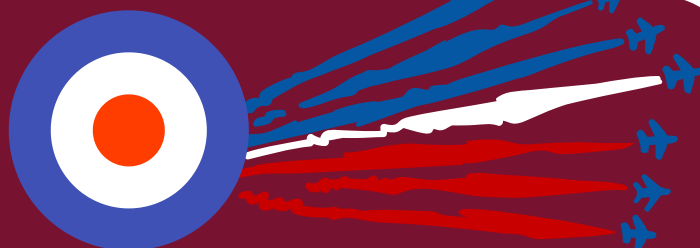
Children will need to come to school in their full uniform and bring a warm coat, as some of the activities may involve being outdoors. A packed lunch will be required, so please make sure your child has enough food and drink for the day.

The cost of the trip is £27.00 per child, which should be paid via ParentPay. The trip will take place during normal school hours, so children should be dropped off and collected at the usual times. We are really looking forward to an exciting day of learning beyond the classroom.



Year 6

RAF Cosford



As part of their Topic on World War II, Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit RAF Cosford on **Wednesday 12th November 2025**. This trip is designed to enrich their history learning by giving the children a chance to explore a real RAF site and see an incredible collection of aircraft and wartime artefacts. One of the highlights of the visit will be the immersive “Spirit of the Blitz” experience, which will help the children understand what life was like during the war years through sounds, sights, and storytelling.

Children should attend school as usual in their full school uniform and bring a waterproof coat to ensure they are comfortable throughout the day. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and enough to drink.

The cost of the trip is £19.00 per pupil, payable via ParentPay. The visit will take place entirely within the school day, so drop-off and pick-up times will remain unchanged. This promises to be a valuable and memorable trip, and we are sure the children will gain a deeper understanding of the topics they have been studying.



Trips



Reception

Santa's Grotto at Amerton Farm



Reception class will be visiting Santa in his Grotto at Amerton Farm on **Wednesday 10th December 2025**.

Santa's elves will escort the children to visit Santa in his grotto and receive a special gift. The children will be given the opportunity to post a letter to Santa using the magical post box there. There will be a chance to see Santa's reindeer and many of the other farm animals during the visit and also experience a tractor and trailer ride. School have also arranged for the children to take a ride on the train. The cost of the trip is £30.00. Children will need to wear school uniform and have suitable footwear and waterproof coat. A packed lunch will be provided from school.

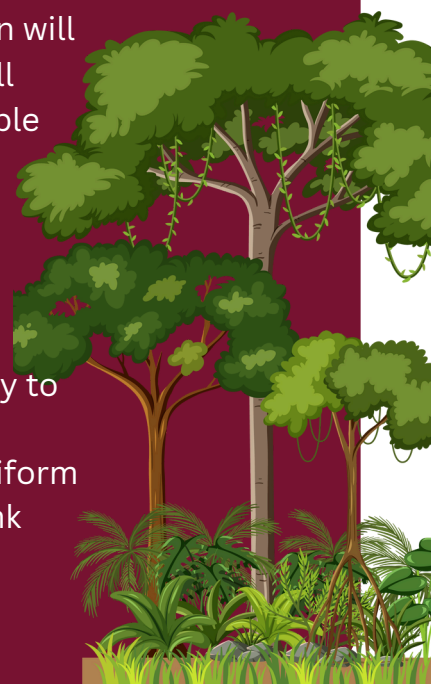
Year 3

Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Year 3 will be visiting the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on **Thursday 12th March 2026** as part of their topic work on The Rainforest. During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a guided workshop where they will learn more about the different layers of the rainforest and the incredible plants and animals that live there. They will be able to explore the tropical glasshouses, discovering a wide variety of exotic plants first-hand, and see how the rainforest environment is recreated.

As part of the day, children will also enjoy walking through the beautiful gardens and having the chance to spot a range of unusual and interesting species. This will be a valuable and exciting opportunity to support their classroom learning with real-life experiences.

The cost of the trip is £29.00. Children will need to wear full school uniform with suitable footwear and a waterproof coat. A packed lunch and drink will be required, which children should bring with them from home.





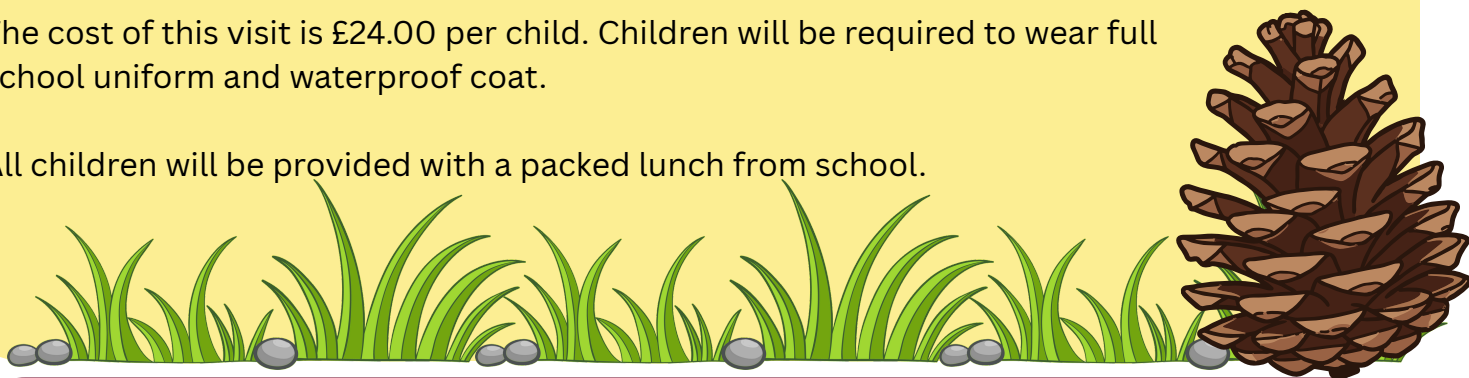
Year 1

Trentham Gardens

Year One will be visiting Trentham Gardens on Thursday 23rd April 2026, taking part in a variety of Natural Art activities. The children will be experimenting with different shapes, patterns, colours, and textures in nature which will support their topic of understanding seasonal changes. The children will also be able to take part in a barefoot walk, explore a hide and speak maze, discover beautiful wildlife and may even be able to catch a sight of Trentham's own family of beavers.

The cost of this visit is £24.00 per child. Children will be required to wear full school uniform and waterproof coat.

All children will be provided with a packed lunch from school.



**More trips for other classes to
be announced soon...**



Residentials



Year 5 - Laches Wood

We are excited to announce that Year 5 children will have the chance to take part in a residential visit to Laches Wood from **Wednesday 18th March to Friday 20th March 2026**. The trip will include a variety of fun and challenging activities, as well as all meals. Parents will need to arrange transport for their child to and from Laches Wood.

A deposit of £50.00 is required by **Thursday 23rd October 2025** to secure your child's place. The full payment of £167.00 must be made by **Monday 9th March 2026**. (Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will receive a subsidy; the school office will contact those families directly.)

If your child does not intend to go, please inform the school office by **23rd October 2025**. After this date, parents will be charged the full amount. We are looking forward to a memorable trip and hope as many Year 5 children as possible can join us.

Year 6 - Standon Bowers

We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Standon Bowers from **Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March 2026**.

This exciting trip will include a wide range of activities and all meals. Transport will be provided by the school.

A deposit of £50.00 is required by **Thursday 23rd October 2025** to secure your child's place. Payments can be made via ParentPay, starting from as little as £5.00 upwards.

The full payment must be received by **Friday 27th February 2026**.

The total cost of the trip is £280.00 (subsidised for children eligible for Free School Meals).

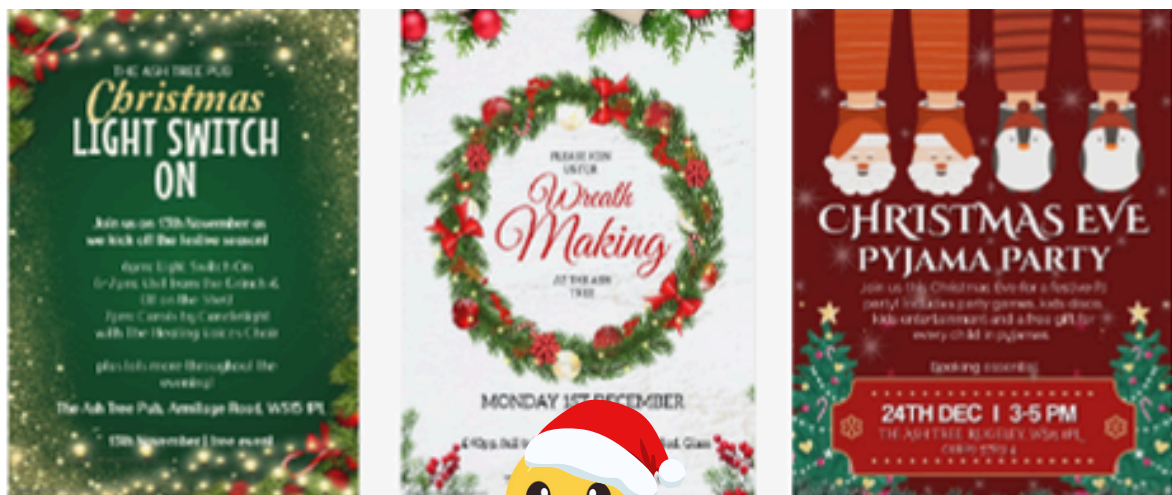
If your child does not intend to go, please inform the school office by **23rd October 2025**.

This promises to be a fantastic experience for our Year 6 pupils, and we hope all children will be able to take part.



Local Events

Christmas Events at the Ash Tree





Toy Maker Workshop

Make your own toy car or soldier from cardboard!

FREE

10am - 12 noon

★ Saturday 29th November, Rugeley Library ★

Book your free place Tel 01889 869063

 A Free Family Creative Workshop
Suitable for ages 5+
Places are limited

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Staffordshire County Council



Cannock Chase and its Hidden History A presentation by Steve Booth at Cannock Library

Join local historian, author and former teacher at Rugeley Fair Oak School and the Aelfgar 6th form centre, Steve Booth for a fascinating presentation about the hidden history of Cannock Chase.

Wednesday 3rd December
2pm - 3pm with time for a Q&A afterwards.
£2.00 per person
Refreshments will be available.

For further information please contact Cannock Library on 01543 334525 or e-mail cannock.library@staffordshire.gov.uk

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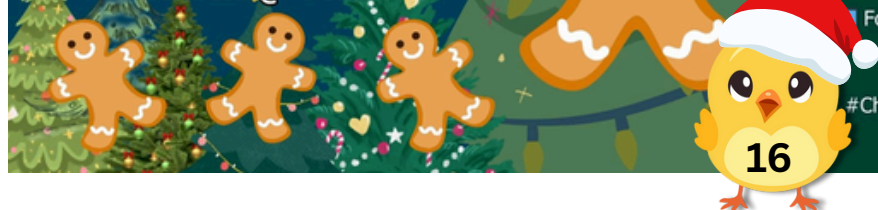
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ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH PRESENTS

The Annual Christmas Tree Festival 2025

TUESDAY 9TH - TUESDAY 16TH
DECEMBER
12NOON - 5PM DAILY

FAMILY MORNING
SATURDAY 13TH
10AM-12PM
GINGERBREAD DECORATING
REFRESHMENTS
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
CHOIR @ 11AM



Rugeley Christmas Light Switch On
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
11AM TO 7PM

✦ The Christmas Light Switch-On Event is Officially On! ✦

The date is set and the budget is agreed – get ready for our biggest and brightest Christmas Light Switch-On Event yet! 🎄

Here's a festive sneak peek of what's coming your way:

🌟 **TWO exciting stages:**

- ★ **Market Square** will come alive with live music performances to get you dancing in the snow (or at least pretending to!)
- 🎵 **Brook Square** will be filled with the magical sounds of choirs and local singers bringing heartwarming festive cheer
- 🎅 **Santa's Grotto** will be nestled in the Library, ready for wish-lists and wide-eyed little ones!
- 🎁 Our fabulous **Christmas Market** returns with unique gifts, crafts and seasonal delights – perfect for ticking off your shopping list early!
- 🍷 **Delicious food vendors & refreshments** will be on hand to keep you fuelled throughout the day
- 🎪 And that's just the beginning! We've got more attractions, stage lineups and market details coming your way soon...
- 👁️ Follow us and keep an eye on this page – you won't want to miss a thing!

#ChristmasSwitchOn #FestiveFun #SaveTheDate #ChristmasMarket
#SantaIsComing #CommunityChristmas



AWARDS



Stars



Warriors



Reception

Albi H & Xavier

Georgie

Year 1

Chloe & Hallie

Blossom

Year 2

Eliza & Grace

Max

Year 3

Maddie & Emily

Esme

Year 4

Scarlette W & Rosie

Ollie

Year 5

Alfie T & Jasper

Kaitlynn

Year 6

Whole Class

Whole Class

Arrive On Time At Ten To Nine
Make Every Minute Count



1st

Eagles

2nd

Kestrels

3rd

Chaffinches

4th

Toucans

5th

Kingfishers

6th

Owls

7th

Robins

190

School days in each academic year

0 days absence

100% attendance

184

Days of education

6 days absence

97% attendance

181

Days of education

9 days absence

95% attendance

171

Days of education

19 days absence

90% attendance

152

Days of education

38 days absence

80% attendance

Shugborough

305

Trent

289

Augustine

284

Wolseley

WINNER

311





Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1

Nursery



The Circular Square by Simon Philip

The Circular Square is a clever picturebook that will engage young children with its humour and illustrations.

The concept and language used by the author, Simon Philip, mean this is an ideal text for Early Years children. The rhyming story describes all of life's ups and downs and how these shape us, quite literally.

The character of Square does not like his edges or straight sides but chooses to focus on the positives of life. As he does that, he slowly becomes more rounded without even noticing.

This story has a wonderful message about having a positive mindset and showing resilience.

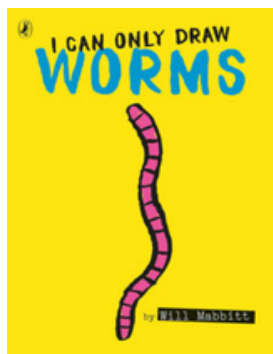
Reception



We Catch The Bus by Katie Abey

Each page is themed around a different type of transport, from buses and trucks to emergency vehicles and rockets, and displays an array of different cartoon examples, while the reader is asked to choose which one they would ride. Added details make the act of choosing on each page fun. On the trains page, for example, a steam train is filled with animals eating spaghetti and doughnuts, while an Elf Express is taking Lego to Santa's workshop, and a slick intercity train driven by a sloth has a swimming pool carriage but also a wolf disguised in grandma's clothing.

Year 1



I Can Only Draw Worms by Will Mobbitt

The format is a simple counting book, but the commentary from the illustrator adds a layer of hilarity that children love – making it a funny counting book with a humorous twist.

The illustrator directly addresses the reader to explain that he can only draw worms, and proceeds to demonstrate by drawing a series of brightly coloured neon wiggly worms. His added commentary promises extra details – such as flying unicorns and an outer space setting – but as he has admitted, he can't draw these details so he teases the reader with the details instead and leaves the rest to the imagination.

Year 2



If I Were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug

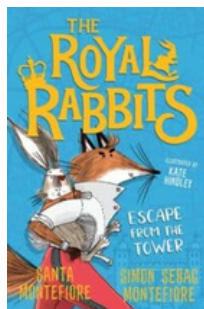
The story follows a young child's imagination and their desires for the community and country that they live in. They go through numerous wishes, including changing the sea to water that swallows plastic, making sure everyone has at least two friends, that every garden has a swimming pool and that woolly jumpers would not feel itchy. The real question is, 'What would you do if you were Prime Minister or Team Captain?'





Recommended Reads - KS2

Year 3

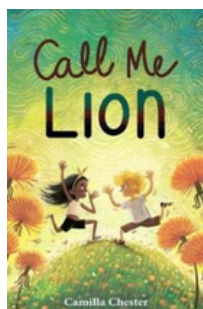


The Royal Rabbits by Santa Montefiore, Simon Sebag Montefiore

Part of a series but also good as a standalone, this story plunges readers into the thrilling world of Shylo Tawny-Tail, the once-shy country rabbit now a proud member of the Royal Rabbits of London. This new adventure sees the Ratzis, a formidable gang of hundreds of large, smelly rats led by the mysterious Papa Ratzi, aiming for global chaos involving the royal family.

Delivering a fast-paced, engaging plot, this fun and accessible book is packed with suspense, humour and daring escapades as Shylo and the Royal Rabbits of London race against time to save the day. This is a fun and exciting series that will keep young readers hooked.

Year 4



Call Me Lion by Camilla Chester

Ten-year-old Leo dreams of performing in the West End. His love of dancing is getting him through the Luton heatwave, but his selective mutism is putting his spot in the end-of-summer dance show on the line. When chatty Richa moves in next door, Leo finds it easy to bond with her. She talks enough for the both of them ... at least to begin with. But when he learns her secret it's clear that Richa needs Leo's support as much as he needs hers. With Richa's help, will Leo be able to follow his dreams? Or will Leo's inability to talk cost him their friendship?

Year 5



Ella On The Outside by Cath Howe

Ella is the new girl at school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't have any friends.

And she has a terrible secret.

Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend – but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone?

A gripping story of lies, friendship, and blackmail...

Year 6



The Boy With Big Decisions by Helen Rutter

For as long as Gemma can remember it's been her and Mum against the world.

They're as close as can be, but deep down she longs to get to know the rest of her family, the family Mum turned her back on around the time Gemma was born.

With the summer holidays approaching, Mum is invited on an adults-only holiday. Gemma spots a chance to uncover the story behind the family rift and convinces Mum to let her stay with Joe. He's the perfect uncle – fun, friendly and generous, and even signs her up for tennis camp. But Gemma can't shake the feeling that he and Gran are keeping secrets. As the truth emerges, can Gemma find a way to bring her family back together?





Safeguarding



Our most important role at Chancel is keeping the children safe and protecting them from potential harm. Safeguarding the children is everyone's responsibility and is best achieved through working in partnership as a school community.

The safeguarding staff at Chancel are:

- *Mrs Palmer - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)*
- *Mrs Watson and Mr Newton- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)*
- *Mr Sparkes- Safeguarding Governor*
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If you are worried about a child's well-being or believe they may be at risk of harm, you should report this concern to school, either by personal visit, email or telephone. You can also contact:

- *Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) - 0300 111 8007*
- *Staffordshire Police - 101 or 999*

If you are contacted by staff about a safeguarding concern, please do not be offended. We are sure you would rather we take every precaution to ensure the children's safety. We are also here to support you, should you have any concerns or difficulties.

Domestic Abuse

Not all domestic abuse leaves visible injuries...

Domestic abuse can be:

- ▶ Coercive/controlling
- ▶ Emotional
- ▶ Sexual
- ▶ Physical
- ▶ Financial

Children can be harmed directly **or** by **seeing** or **hearing** domestic abuse.

<https://safeguarding.network/domestic>

Local contact details:

safeguarding network

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Domestic Abuse: statutory guidance

Domestic abuse can encompass a wide range of behaviours. It can but does not have to involve physical acts of violence and can include threatening behaviour, controlling or coercive behaviour, emotional, psychological, sexual and/or economic abuse. Domestic abuse can involve abuse facilitated and perpetrated online or offline. It is widely recognised that the perpetrator's desire to exercise power and control over the victim is at the centre of abusive behaviours. Many victims will experience abusive behaviours simultaneously, perpetrators may demonstrate a wide range and use different tactics to gain power and control. Physical abuse, violent or threatening behaviour.



10 WAYS GAMING CAN SUPPORT POSITIVE OUTCOMES in Children and Young People

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, for instance, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by a healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health. As long as we stay alert for potential risks, games can be much more than what we see on the surface: they can be a way to socialise, an avenue for creativity and a route to solving problems. Check out our top ten tips on how gaming online can sometimes work to your child's advantage...

THE FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Gaming is so popular because at the base level, it's enjoyable for the player. Succeeding in any game or contest releases dopamine in our brains: the 'feel-good' chemical that makes us happy or excited. Those emotions can be incredibly beneficial for mental wellbeing – as long as young players don't become reliant solely on playing video games to make themselves feel happy.

ACHIEVEMENT & PRIDE

A sense of achievement is incredibly important to all of us and can be particularly valuable to someone who's feeling unhappy or distracted. It's easy to get caught up in our thoughts, which can sometimes take a negative turn. So even achieving something small – like finishing a difficult level in a Mario or Sonic game – can feel like conquering Everest and give us renewed optimism.

SOCIAL SALVATION

Gaming can be an incredibly social activity. When playing online with trusted friends, what usually start out as chats specifically about the game can often develop into conversations about school and life. Even if they've had a bad day, simply knowing that a friend is there, on the other end of their headset, can provide young gamers with a sense of security and some welcome laughs.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

In many online games, teamwork is crucial to winning. Often, people who are struggling with their mood tend to feel like they fail or let others down a lot. Working as a team with trusted friends or family in a game can reinforce a young person's self-importance: striving for a common goal and succeeding together can remind them that they're an integral part of something bigger.

REAL-WORLD RELATABILITY

Because many major releases are shooting or action games, when some people hear "gaming" they think of guns, explosions and violence. What's less recognised is how many titles explore relatable issues such as overcoming anxiety or coping with grief. These games allow young players to understand their emotions more deeply and realise they aren't alone in how they might be feeling.

A DIGITAL COMFORT

Video games can provide a reliable constant. No matter what happens in school or between friends, playing a favourite game is something that youngsters can look forward to all day and can help them de-stress. Let's not forget, games are fun – and, when approached safely, an interactive activity in which the player has a degree of control over what happens next can feel immensely reassuring.

PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE

It can be difficult for young people to handle the feeling that nothing is going right or that their problems are insurmountable. Gaming can help alleviate that by presenting challenges to be overcome, either solo or alongside trusted friends. Defeating a powerful monster or solving a tricky puzzle reminds young gamers that even the most daunting obstacles can be faced and conquered.

THE GREAT ESCAPISM

A certain amount of escapism is fabulous – allowing us to temporarily park some stress while exploring a world other than our own. For children, gaming can be like reading a novel or watching a film: a moment in the day when the fantastical becomes real, firing their imagination and immersing them in a story. Who wouldn't want to venture to the stars? Or battle monsters to save the planet?

TRIED & TRUSTED

There can be reassurance in repeating tasks. It often promotes a controlled outcome, which is ideal when life feels overwhelming or out of control. Replicating an experience, such as playing the same level of a game over and over to perfection, gives the player a sense of control and familiarity. It's like listening to a favourite song that always makes you feel happy or confident.

ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY

Inventiveness is a huge part of many modern games: in Minecraft and Roblox, for example, players regularly dream up amazing structures or new ways to play. Using our imagination to create something (whether digitally or physically) is massively beneficial for the brain; that's why Lego is sometimes used in the medical sector as both a stress reliever and a brain injury rehabilitation tool.

Meet Our Expert

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**Any questions or concerns regarding Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?
Please speak to our SENDCo, Miss Miller, or drop-in to see Mrs Palmer on Friday mornings
between 9.15-9.45am.**



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Menu

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	Gammon and sweetcorn pasta with garlic bread and peas	BBQ chicken pizza served with potato bites and a vegetable medley	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and gravy	Mince Beef Burritos served with vegetable rice and nachos.	Chicken nuggets served with baked beans or peas
Vegetarian Option	Macaroni pasta served with garlic bread, peas and sweetcorn	Margherita pizza served with potato bites and a vegetable medley	Quorn roast served with roast potatoes, fresh vegetables and gravy	Quorn Burritos served with vegetable rice and nachos	Cheese and bean wrap served with chips and beans or peas
Pudding	Iced shortbread	Toffee apple crumble with custard	Fruit cheesecake	Brownie	Crispy cookie and magic milkshake

Available Daily

Jacket Potato with fillings: tuna, cheese or baked beans. Sandwich or bap with fillings: ham, tuna or cheese
Fresh bread, salad, fruit, milk & yoghurt



Positive Global Citizen

What is a positive global citizen?

A positive global citizen is someone who actively contributes to making the world a better, more equitable, and sustainable place, recognising their role within the global community. This means being aware of global issues, respecting cultural differences, and taking responsible actions that benefit people and the planet.

Key qualities of a positive global citizen:

- **Awareness:** Understands global issues like poverty, climate change, human rights, and inequality.
- **Empathy and Respect:** Appreciates diverse cultures, beliefs, and perspectives.
- **Responsibility:** Recognises how personal choices (e.g., consumption, travel, communication) impact others globally.
- **Action-Oriented:** Engages in activities that support positive change—volunteering, ethical consumerism, advocacy, or education.
- **Collaboration:** Works with others, across borders and cultures, to solve shared problems.
- **Sustainability-Minded:** Supports practices and policies that protect the environment and promote long-term well-being for all.

Examples of positive global citizenship:

- Donating to or volunteering with organisations addressing global issues.
- Reducing carbon footprint and supporting sustainable brands.
- Speaking out against injustice or discrimination.
- Learning about and celebrating cultures different from your own.



Anne Frank

Anne Frank was a young Jewish girl who lived during World War II. When her family had to go into hiding to stay safe, Anne kept a diary where she wrote about her life, her dreams, and her hope for a better world.

Even though she faced very difficult times, Anne's words remind us about the importance of kindness, courage, and standing up against unfairness. Her diary has been read by millions of

people all over the world and continues to inspire others to treat everyone with respect and compassion.

Anne showed that even in the darkest times, we can still believe in the goodness of people and hope for peace.



Meet The Teaching Team



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