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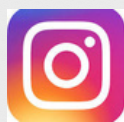
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COMING SOON

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Inset Day

As we approach the end of term and look forward to the Christmas holiday, we would like to remind families about our return date in the New Year.

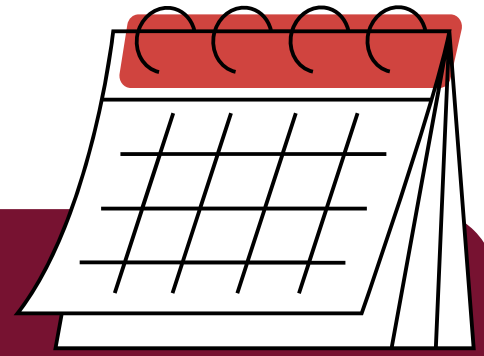
School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 6th January.

Please note that Monday 5th January is an INSET day, so the school will be closed.

We hope all our families enjoy a happy, safe, and restful Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for a new term.



Dates For Your Diary



JANUARY

Monday 5th - INSET DAY (school closed)

Thursday 8th - PTFA Meeting (2.30pm)

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 10th - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th - Valentine's Discos (KS1 3.30-4.45pm / KS2 5.00-6.15pm)

Saturday 17th - Chinese New Year

MARCH

Wednesday 4th - Holi Festival

Thursday 5th - World Book Day

Friday 6th - Progress Reports Home @3.30pm

w/c Monday 9th - Science Week

w/c Monday 9th - Year 6 at Standon Bowers

Thursday 12th - Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens

Monday 16th - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 17th - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th - Year 5 to Laches Wood

Thursday 19th - SEND Parent Consultations – (9.30 – 3.30pm)

Friday 20th - Red Nose Day

Monday 23rd - KS2 Easter Egg Competition entries in

Tuesday 24th - KS2 Easter Egg Competition judged

Tuesday 24th - Easter Bonnet Parade @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th - Year 4 trip to Wroxeter

Thursday 26th - Rocksteady Concert @ 2.30pm

Friday 27th - Easter Service - St Augustine's @ 10am



**WHAT'S
NEW?**



A Christmas Message From Mrs Palmer



As we come to the end of a busy and festive autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on some of the wonderful events that have taken place in recent weeks.

The Christmas season has truly come alive across our school. It was a joy to watch our EYFS and KS1 children perform in their Christmas production, and Year 2 impressed everyone with their fantastic Christmas Extravaganza. Our whole school Christmas concert at St Augustine's Church was a very special occasion, where we were also proud to announce our Stars of the Term. I would like to thank the church for welcoming us so warmly.

Our choir has represented the school superbly, singing at the Rugeley light switch-on and at Wolseley Garden Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in festive activities such as KS1 Tea with Santa, KS2 Movie Munch, our visit to see the Robin Hood pantomime at the Rugeley Rose Theatre, Christmas Jumper Day, and the ever-popular Christmas raffle. These experiences help to create lasting memories for our pupils and make this time of year so special.

I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication, and our families for your generosity and support throughout the term. We are incredibly proud of our children and all that they have achieved.

A reminder that school will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 6th January. Please note that Monday 5th January is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to children on this day.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you all a very happy, peaceful, and safe Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.



KS2 Tuck after Christmas

We are excited to announce that our Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop will reopen after Christmas with a simple, delicious menu available every day. Children can enjoy a warm snack or a healthy treat during break time, all at pocket-friendly prices.

Here's what's on offer:

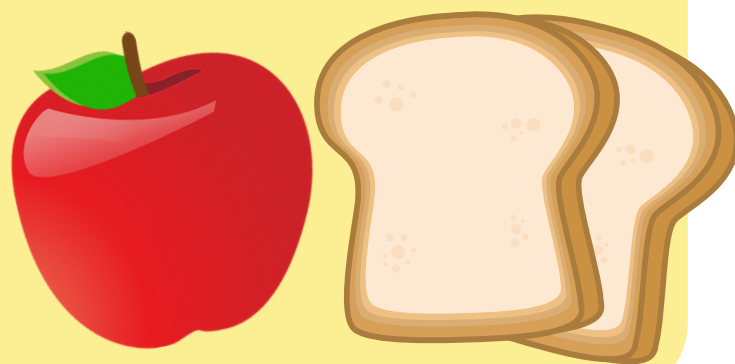
Hash Brown – 50p

Toast – 30p

Milkshake – 70p

Piece of Fruit – 50p

Thank you for supporting our school tuck shop!



BASC Christmas Window Display

If you're passing, don't forget to take a look at the Christmas artwork that the children in BASC have created and is on display in the ExtraCare Charity Shop in Rugeley Town.

Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to share that this year's PTFA Christmas Raffle was a great success, raising £309 for our school

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our community, we were able to offer some fantastic prizes. These included a £100 cash first prize, along with a variety of vouchers and festive hampers, which created lots of excitement among the children and families.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets, donated prizes, and helped organise the raffle. Your continued support makes a real difference and helps the PTFA fund activities and resources that benefit all our pupils. We are very grateful to our parents and carers for helping make this year's raffle such a success.



Phonics Workshops

What Ofsted says...

“Pupils from the two-year-old provision through to Year 6 progress well through the curriculum. They gain a love of reading and secure a range of knowledge and skills that are needed to prepare them well for their next steps.” - March 2025

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers of children in Ducklings, Puffins and Reception to our upcoming Early Years Phonics Workshops. These sessions are designed to help you understand how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child as they begin their exciting journey into early reading and spelling.



During the workshop, we will explain the key stages of phonics learning, demonstrate some of the strategies we use in class, and share practical ideas you can use at home to help build your child's confidence and enjoyment of reading.

To make it easier for families to attend, we are offering two workshop times. You are welcome to come to either session:

Wednesday 14th January at 9:15am

Wednesday 14th January at 6:00pm

We hope you will join us for one of these informative sessions. Working together, we can give our youngest learners the strongest possible start with their reading skills.



Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk during the Spring term, please be aware of the following information. Milk will be provided daily from Tuesday 6th January to Friday 27th March.

Costs for the term are as follows:

Years 1–4: £18.36

Year 5: £17.35 (due to their residential visit to Laches Wood)

Year 6: £16.66 (due to their residential visit to Standon Bowers)



Reception children and children eligible for free school meals will receive a text message with further details.

Please note that orders cannot be accepted after Monday 15th December 2025, so make sure to arrange payment before this deadline if you would like your child to take part.

Changes to Lunch and BASC Prices

We would like to let parents and carers know about some upcoming changes to the cost of school lunches and our Before and After School Club (BASC) sessions.

Over the past few months, we have been reviewing the prices charged by other local schools, as well as the rising cost of food. After careful consideration, we have made the decision to adjust our prices from 1st April 2026.

School Lunches - To ensure we can continue providing nutritious, high-quality meals, the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.75 per meal.

As part of our review, we compared our prices with nearby schools:

- Hob Hill: £3.00
- Chase View: £2.76
- The Croft: £3.20
- St Joseph's: £2.70

We have aimed to keep our new price as affordable as possible while still covering increased costs.

Before and After School Club (BASC) - The rise in food and running costs has also affected our BASC provision. To continue offering a safe, welcoming environment for children before and after school, the fees will be updated as follows from 1st April 2026:

Morning session: £6.00

Half session (3:30–4:45pm): £6.00

Full session (3:30–5:45pm): £8.00

We remain committed to providing high-quality care and activities for all children who attend BASC.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



Clubs - Spring Term 2025

Day	Club	Times/Dates	Run By
Monday	Alternative Sports (Rec-Y2) Paid	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Monday 12th January (see link below)	Progressive Sports
Tuesday	Dance Club Free	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Tuesday 13th January	Mrs Wakelam and Miss Jones
Wednesday	KS2 Choir Free	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Wednesday 14th January	Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Year6 SATs Club	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Wednesday 14th January	Mr Newton
Thursday	Alternative Sports (Years 3-6) Paid	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Thursday 15th January (see link below)	Progressive Sports
Thursday	First Aid Club (Year 3) Free	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Thursday 15th January	Mrs Corbett
Friday	Netball Club Free Invite only – waiting list in operation	3.30 – 4.30pm Starts Friday 12th September 2025	Mrs Watson and Miss Jones



Progressive Sports Clubs

Here are the booking links for next half term's sports clubs run by Progressive Sports (charges apply).

Term topic - Alternative Sports

During the 5 weeks, children will be given opportunities to experience emerging, niche or even unusual sports that take the session focus. There is plenty of chance to try something different that just might become your new favourite!

Monday 3:30-4:30pm w/ Mr Littler - Rec-Y2

<https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-staffordshire/book-now/198-Chancel-After-School-Club--Spring-1--Alternative-Sports-Club-KS1>

Thursday 3:30-4:30 w/ Mrs Sheridan - Y3-Y6

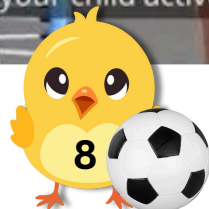
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[Week commencing 12th Jan]

Book soon to avoid missing out as there are only 16 spaces available!

If there are any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact the school office or Mr Leese directly.

Who are Progressive Sports?



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

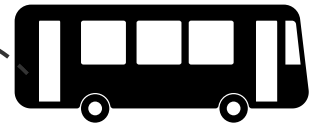
Please remember:

- 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.



Trips



Year 4

Wroxeter Roman City

As part of their exciting History topic, Year 4 will be visiting Wroxeter Roman City on Wednesday 25th March 2026. This trip will provide pupils with a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life as they explore one of the most significant Roman sites in Britain. The cost of the visit is £21, payable via ParentPay.



During the spring term, the children will be studying “The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.” The trip will support their understanding of: Julius Caesar’s attempted invasions in 55–54 BC; The Roman Empire by AD 42 and the strength of its army; The successful invasion by Claudius and subsequent Roman conquest; The building and purpose of Hadrian’s Wall; British resistance to Roman rule.

This visit promises to be an engaging and memorable part of the children’s learning. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of discovery at Wroxeter!

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.



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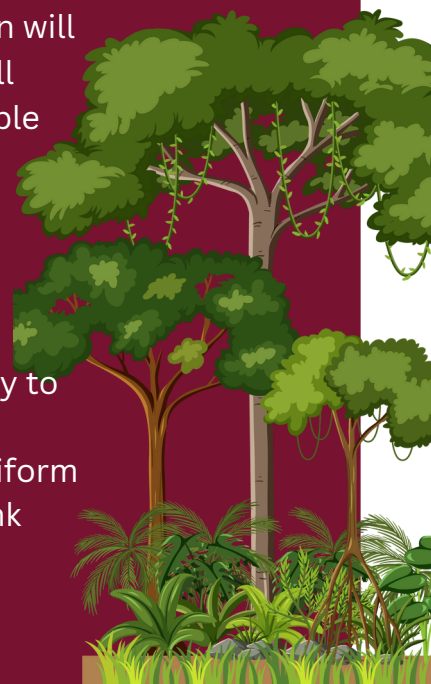
Year 3

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.



More trips coming 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 was 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 was 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.





Stars Of The Term



Each term, we celebrate our Star of the Term awards to recognise children who consistently demonstrate our school values. One pupil from each class, from Reception through to Year 6, is chosen by their class teacher for a range of reasons, such as showing kindness, having an excellent work ethic, being a positive role model, or making a special effort with their learning and behaviour.

This term's Stars of the Term were proudly presented at our Christmas concert at St Augustine's Church, making it a particularly special occasion. We are very proud of all the children who received this award and the positive example they set for others.



Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

LSA



Malia

Harper

Coral

Esme

Sylvie

Bertie

Harrison

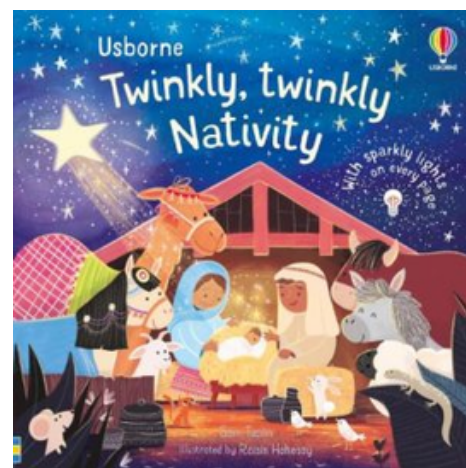
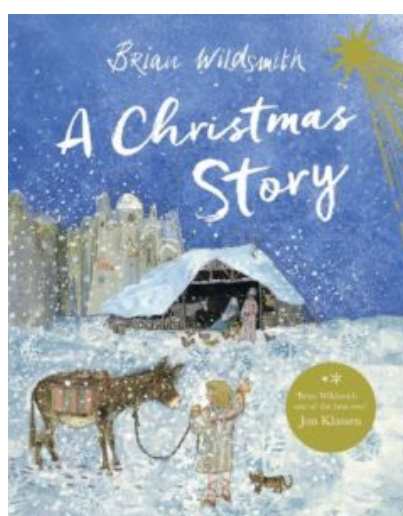
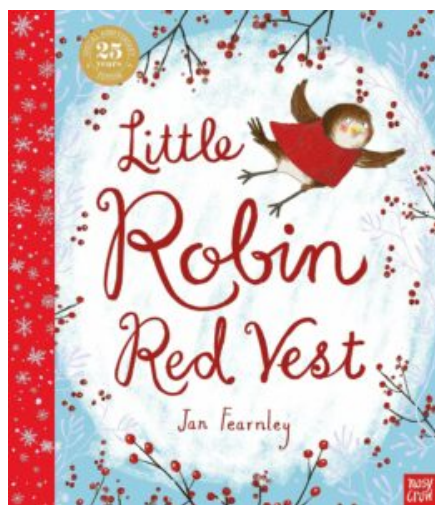
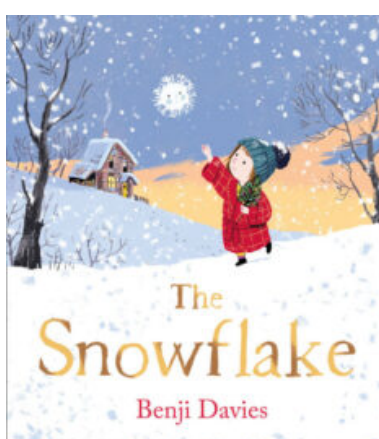
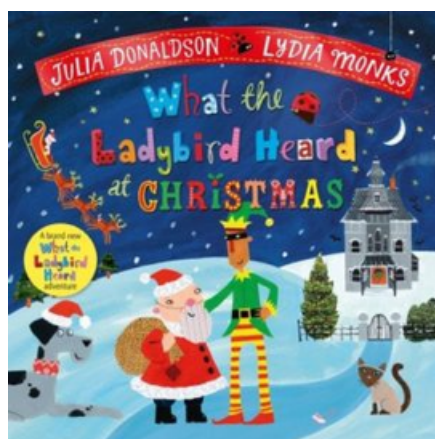
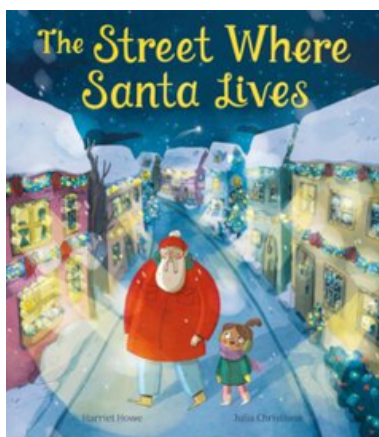
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Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1

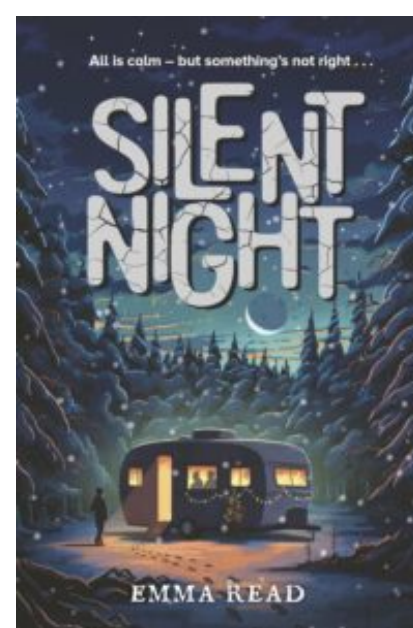
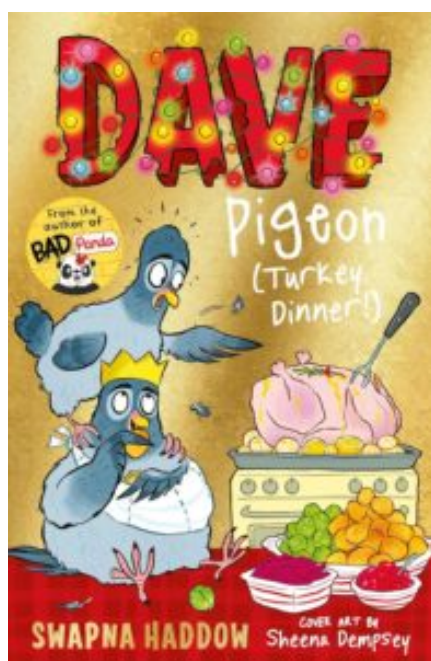
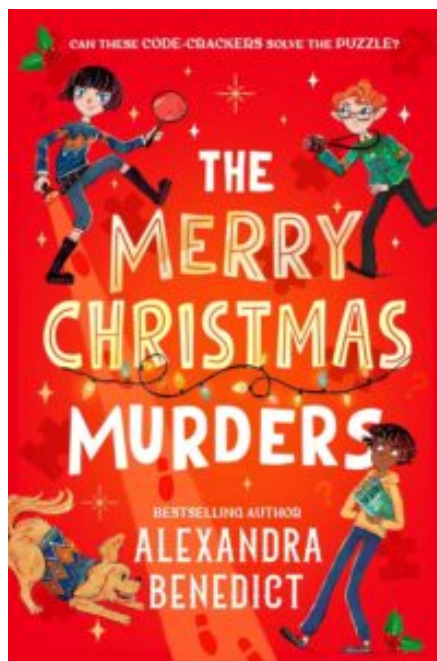
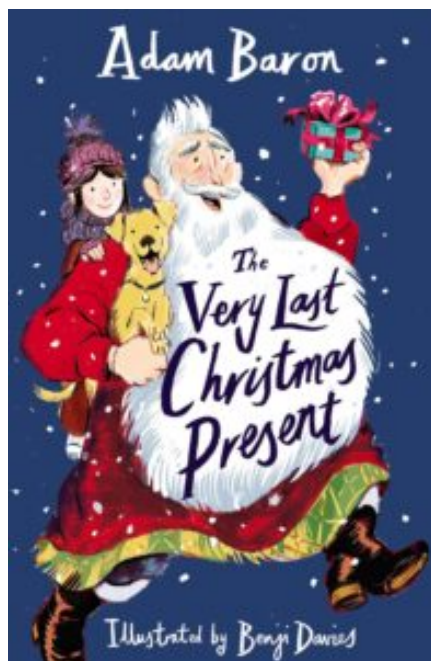
Christmas Edition!





Recommended Reads - KS2

Christmas Edition!





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.



New tech? No problem: Help to keep your kids safe online at Christmas

Giving the kids tech for Christmas? This explainer helps you navigate getting them online and keeping them safe from inappropriate content

 [ofcom.org.uk](https://www.ofcom.org.uk) / Dec 17



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

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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.



A Community Guide To A Happy Neurodivergent Christmas

Click the image to be taken to a Community Guide to a Happy Neurodivergent Christmas, a 78-page ebook featuring dozens of neurodivergent advocates, parents and professionals. It's packed with ideas and validation for a festive season that works for you.



Menu

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	Creamy bacon and cheese pasta with garlic bread, peas & sweetcorn.	Pepperoni pizza served with wedges and mixed vegetables or salad.	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Chicken noodles with prawn crackers and sweetcorn.	Fish fingers and chips served with baked beans or peas.
Vegetarian Option	Cheese and tomato pasta served with garlic bread, peas & sweetcorn	Margherita pizza served with wedges and mixed Vegetables or salad	Quorn roast served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables & gravy.	Quorn noodles with prawn crackers and sweetcorn.	Cheese and bean wrap served with chips and beans or peas.
Pudding	Chocolate orange shortbread	Toffee apple crumble with custard	Fruit cheesecake	Brownie	Crispy cookie
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.



Sir Edmund Hillary

Sir Edmund Hillary was a famous explorer from New Zealand who is best known for being one of the first people to reach the top of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. He achieved this amazing goal in 1953 with his climbing partner, Tenzing Norgay. After his climb, Sir Edmund did not just enjoy his fame. He wanted to help others,

especially the people who lived near the mountains he loved. He worked with communities in Nepal to build schools, hospitals, and bridges so children could learn and families could stay healthy.

Sir Edmund Hillary showed the world that true success is not just about personal achievement, but about using your skills to help others. He is remembered as a brave adventurer with a kind heart who made a positive difference around the world.



Meet The Teaching Team



Mrs Allerton



Miss Jones



Mrs Wakelam



Miss Miller



Mr Newton



Mr Wincup



Mr Leese



Mrs Watson



Mrs Gamble



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