



Shustoke Primary School

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Our assembly theme this half term is: Compassion



REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13th October 2025

Day	During the School Day	After School
Monday	Monday P.E. Years 1 & 2 Guitar Lessons	NW Active Sports Club Years 1, 2 & 3
Tuesday	P.E. Reception & Year 5 Violin Lessons Rock Steady	Noveau Dance
Wednesday	P.E. Years 3 & 4 Rocks & Soils Virtual Workshop – Year 3 Open Day for New Reception Parents 2026 Reception 2026 Stay & Play 10.00 – 11.15	Dodgeball – Evolution Club Years 3 & 4
Thursday	P.E. Years 1, 3 & 6	Dodgeball – Evolution Club Years 5 & 6
Friday	P.E. Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 Non-Uniform for a bottle donation	Lego Club – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Scarecrow Festival 3.00 – 4.00

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

27 th Oct – 31 st Oct	Autumn Half Term
19 th December	Break up for Christmas
5 th January 26	Children return to school
16 th Feb – 20 th Feb	Spring Half Term
27 th March	Break up for Easter
30 th Mar – 10 th April	Easter Holiday
25 th May – 29 th May	Summer Half Term
16 th July	Children Break up

Times for the Day

Morning	The gates will be opened at 8.38am each morning so that lessons can begin promptly at 8.45am . Collective Worship/assembly starts at 8.55am . Children who are late will join the other children in the hall.
Afternoon	The gates will be opened at 3.10pm ready for dismissal from classroom doors at 3.15pm .

Scarecrow Festival

We have had lots of fantastic prizes donated for our Scarecrow Festival on Friday.

Please bring your Scarecrows and bottle donation for non-uniform to school on Friday morning.

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Dates for your Diary

Please find some provisional dates for this year. **These may, due to unforeseen circumstances, change** and we will inform you if we have any new information to share. However, so that families can try to plan, we wanted to give you as much information as we have.

Dates	Venue	Year
Au 1		
Wednesday 15 th October	Rocks & Soils Virtual Workshop	Year 3
Wednesday 15 th October	Open Day for Reception 2026 Reception 2026 Stay & Play 10.00 – 11.15	
Friday 17 th October	Scarecrow Festival/Autumn Craft Fayre	All classes
Tuesday 4 th November	Fire Service Safety Talk	Years 1 and 5
Thursday 13 th November	Cadbury World Trip	Year 4
Friday 14 th November	Remembrance Coffee morning	Year 6
Tuesday 19 th November	Mental well-being Workshops	Years 1-6
Thursday 20 th November	Flu vaccination - Nasal Spray	All classes
Wednesday 26 th November	Movie Night	Years Rec -2
Thursday 27 th November	Movie Night	Years 3 - 6
Thursday 4 th December	Reception Vision Screening	Reception
Wednesday 10 th December	Journey to the Stable Trip	Year 2
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity Performance	Years Rec -3
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity Performance	Years Rec -3
Wednesday 17 th December	Carol Service at St Cuthbert's	Years 4-6
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 19 th December	Carol Service for Grandparents	Years 4-6
Sp 1		
Thursday 8 th January	The Animal Man	Year Reception
Friday 9 th January	Young Voices 30 th Anniversary Concert	Choir Years 4-6
Tuesday 3 rd February	Individual Photos (Tempest)	All classes
Tuesday 10 th February	Chinese/Luna New Year workshops	Years Rec -2
Thursday 12 th February	Tamworth Castle Visit	1
Monday 23rd February	Staff Training Day – School closed	
Tuesday 24 th February	Height & Weight Check Health Survey	Reception and Year 6 Year 6
Sp 2		
Friday 27 th March	Easter Service	Whole School led by Year 4. Year 4 parents invited.
Su 1		
Tuesday 19 th May	Class Photos (Tempest)	All classes
Su 2		
Monday 1 st June – Wednesday 3 rd June	Residential Visit to Whitmore Lakes	Years 5 and 6
Friday 12 th June	Belgrade Theatre – The Enormous Crocodile	Reception
Week beg 13 th July	Summer Show	Years 5 and 6
Friday 17th July	Staff Training day – School closed.	

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School Vision

At Shustoke, all are encouraged to flourish and let their light shine. Passionate staff guide and support children to become compassionate, respectful, forgiving and confident individuals equipped to persevere when faced with challenges and to serve their community as Jesus taught us. Like a tree planted by streams of water, Children grow strong in wisdom. They explore talents, interests, and spirituality through opportunities to live life in all its fullness. Through our shared values, loving relationships are nurtured, and doors are opened to a future filled with hope, joy, and peace. Together, we all thrive.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families for your kind donations for Harvest Festival. These will be distributed in the local area to the older members of our local community.



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Scarecrow Festival

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our Scarecrow Festival on Friday 17th October. We can't wait to see the entries for the Scarecrow Competition. We have some great prizes on offer for our raffle and auction. The children have been busy making crafts to sell. We will have refreshments, cakes and biscuits available to buy. The event will run from 3.00 – to 4.30.

Event Schedule

After School 3.00 – 4.30

Craft Fayre	3.00 onwards
Refreshments	3.00 onwards
Bottle Tombola	3.00 onwards
Scarecrow Festival	3.00 to 3.50 judging and Prizes

Barn Dance Demonstration 3.30

	4.00
Raffle Drawn	
Prize auction	4.15
Event ends	4.30

Auction Prizes:

Red Kangaroo Trampoline Park Family Voucher
Inflation Nation Voucher for a family of 4
Four Ball Golf Voucher for Maxstoke Golf Course
Family Entry for four to Lower Drayton Farm

Raffle Prizes:

4 Tickets for Snowdome activity of your choice.
Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens 2person entry - including Toastie & a hot drink.
Entry to Lichfield Maize Maze.
Wine Bag from Buzzard Valley
Luxury Hamper
Cream Tea.
6 hand decorated cupcakes.
Large Reed diffuser.
Handbag.
Autumn Gonk.
Kardean Floor care kit.
Family Ticket for Stratford Butterfly Farm
More prizes to be announced.

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If you have not purchased raffle tickets in advance they will be available to purchase on the day or pop into the school office.

Reception - Family Morning

Reception had a wonderful time during our recent Family Morning! The children were full of excitement as they explored a range of fun, hands-on learning activities with their grown-ups. The hall was buzzing with energy and filled with smiles as families came together to share in the joy of learning.

During the morning there was a lively dance workshop, where the children retold the story of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* through movement and expression, which they performed to their parents.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us and helped make the morning so special. Your presence and enthusiasm made it a memorable experience for everyone involved!





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Collective Worship - Open the Book

Last week we welcomed back Open the Book.
They told us the story of Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus told a story about **two men** who went to the **temple** to pray.

- One was a **Pharisee**—a religious leader who thought he was very good.
- The other was a **tax collector**—someone people didn't like because he often took too much money.

The Pharisee stood tall and prayed like this:

"God, I'm glad I'm not like other people. I'm not bad like that tax collector. I fast and give money to the temple!"

But the tax collector stood far away. He didn't even look up. He felt sorry for the wrong things he had done.

He prayed:

"God, please forgive me. I'm a sinner."

Jesus said,

"The tax collector went home right with God, not the Pharisee."

Then Jesus added:

"If you think you're better than others, you'll be humbled. But if you're humble, God will lift you up."

God loves a humble heart.

Even if someone has made mistakes, like the tax collector, God listens when they are truly sorry and ask for forgiveness. But if someone is proud and thinks they're better than others, like the Pharisee, they miss the chance to grow closer to God.

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me.

Help me to be humble,

Not to brag or think I'm better than others.

Teach me to say sorry when I do wrong,

And to be kind and honest every day.

Thank You for forgiving me and helping me grow.

I want to follow You with all my heart.

Amen.



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World Mental Health Day



The children came into school today wearing a combination of **blue and green** to raise awareness and show support for World Mental Health Day.

During the day, all children have been decorating their own wellbeing peg in class. These pegs will represent ways to pause, reflect, and support mental wellbeing, and will be displayed in school to remind us all that it's okay to talk and take care of ourselves

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School Uniform

We want our pupils to regard their time in school as important and believe that wearing sensible and suitable clothes is a mark of respect for themselves and their school. With parental support, we can encourage our pupils to adopt the right attitude to learning and to school. Dressing appropriately is part of that process.

Part of our responsibility is to ensure that our children are "Secondary Ready," and this includes the wider aspects of school life as well as the taught curriculum. Secondary schools, and many work places take a very firm approach to compliance with uniform rules and codes, and it is important that children follow these. Having chosen Shustoke C of E Primary School, parents are 'signing -up' to all of our expectations for school uniform – including acceptable hairstyles, jewellery and accessories.

Please clearly label all clothing. Lost property is retained for half a term. Unclaimed property is then disposed of.

The school uniform is:

Boys

- ✓ Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- ✓ Grey trousers (or smart knee length shorts)
- ✓ Royal blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- ✓ Black sensible shoes (no sandals or trainers)
- ✓ Plain black grey or white socks
- ✓ A warm winter coat
- ✓ A sun hat

Girls

- ✓ Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- ✓ Grey skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- ✓ Grey trousers (no logo, sequins, or patterns)
- ✓ Smart knee length shorts in the (Summer only, and not with tights)
- ✓ Royal blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- ✓ Blue and white check dresses (Summer)
- ✓ Black sensible shoes (no sandals or trainers or heeled shoes)
- ✓ Plain black grey or white socks or tights
- ✓ A warm winter coat
- ✓ A sun hat

Boots may be worn to school in poor weather; however children will be required to change in to shoes once inside the building.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to contact school with a confidential or sensitive matter, or a hometime arrangement please use the Shustokeparents@welearn365.com email address.

The shustokelearning@welearn365.com email address should be used to submit examples of work to teachers or for general communication directly with the class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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PE Kit Reminder.

The PE Uniform has been chosen to be in line with the colour scheme that children wear on non-PE days so that they look smart and in uniform at all times.

Staff have noticed that some children are coming into school in black tracksuits and trainers in a range of colours. There are many advantages to the children arriving in their PE kit, but if this is to be successful, it is important that the PE uniform is followed in the same way as the regular uniform.

Please could you ensure that your child wears the correct kit.

The PE Kit is:

Plain Black Joggers (no logo)

Plain Black Shorts (no cycle shorts please) for indoor PE

Plain Royal Blue round necked T shirt (with or without School Logo only)

Plain Royal Blue Hoodie (with or without School Logo only)

Plain Black Trainers (no stripes, symbols or soles in different colours)

Plain Black Plimsolls (Pumps) for indoor PE – kept in school.

Hairstyles

We have noticed that there are a few children with hairstyles that do not comply with the dress code.

- Boys and girls hairstyles need to be traditional rather than fashion statement hairstyles – no shorter than No.2 grade clipping.
- We do not accept shaven tramlines/patterns/shapes/ shaved partings.
- Large hair accessories should not be worn (e.g. **large** flowers/bows/clips/headbands worn in the hair and wraps and beading that could get caught in equipment and apparatus).
- Wide headbands or headscarves, although not part of the general school uniform, are acceptable in place of a sun hat as part of sun protection during the Summer Term.
- Long hair needs to be tied back for PE (boys and girls).
- Hair colouring is not acceptable.

Jewellery

Safety standards are important in school and jewellery presents a safety hazard. We would prefer children not to wear any jewellery whatsoever in school for health and safety reasons.

However, we do permit a watch and one pair of small, plain stud earrings (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons.

Novelty watches including Sports Performance Watches, or fashion earrings cause distraction and are not appropriate.

If you do decide to have your child's ears pierced, may we request that this is done **at the beginning of the Summer Holidays** so that they are sufficiently healed for the earrings to be removed for P.E. and swimming at the beginning of the Autumn Term.



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The Coleshill Grammar School Trust

To qualify from our individual grant funding applicants must be **aged 25 or younger**, **attend one of the schools in the Coleshill Cluster** (or have attended The Coleshill School), and **be in financial need**. All applications will be considered on their 'educational merit' and impact against the long term aspirations and goals. As a charity we are required to carefully consider each application to ensure that it meets its objectives, but also to apply the available funds in a way that makes the biggest impact.

If you are struggling to pay for uniform or school trips please look on The Coleshill Grammar School Trust website and you can apply for a grant.

educaterers  **A FOOD STORY**

We are on week 3

Menus are at the end of the newsletter. All food is cooked fresh on site daily by our Cook Mrs Ross.
We now have a Jacket Potato option daily.

Dinners cost £2.75 per day. £13.75 per week

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Due to the current situation many families are finding themselves in a difficult situation financially. Please see the link below which will direct you to information regarding eligibility for free school meals.

You may apply, even if your child already receives a free school meal through the Government universal scheme for children in Early Years and KS1.

Any application will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Free School Meals Free School Meals give you extra money in your pocket, extra money for your child's school and a healthy balanced meal for you child! What's not to like! Applying for one is quick and easy.....Check it out - What have you got to lose?!

[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)

Website - www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm

Join us this Sunday in THE TIN HUT, Nether Whitacre for our Big J's Cafe
- breakfast when you arrive along with simple worship, singing, activities





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School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189




Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm






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Workshops and Programmes for parents and carers. Online guides, virtual and face to face sessions.

Empower your parenting journey with our insightful workshops and programmes. Join our virtual and face to face events to gain practical skills and supportive community for navigating the joys and challenges of parenthood.





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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides

Further information:
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk





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School Debt

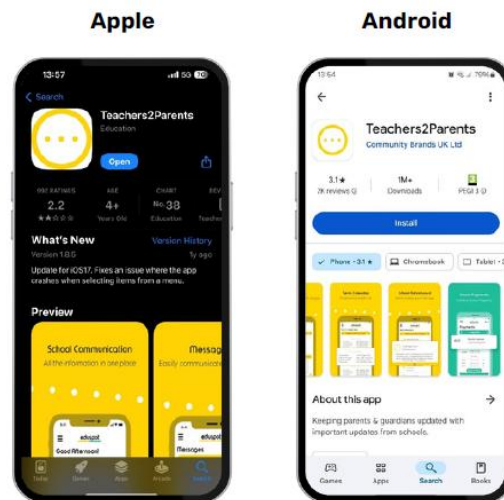
We are currently running at over £2600.00 outstanding on School Money. If you have any outstanding payments please pay them promptly. Thank you for your support.



Downloading and registering for the Eduspot app

You will only need to register and login to the Eduspot App once. Once you have done this, the app will remain permanently logged on, unless you delete the app.

First, you will need to download the app onto your device through the relevant app store; it is compatible with both Android and Apple iOS. Please search for 'Teachers2Parents' in the Google Play or Apple App Store.



Once opened a screen will pop up, this screen will ask you to register your mobile phone number. It will match that phone number with the one on record at the school, so please ensure the school has your correct details.

If your mobile number is not recognised, please contact the school and ask them to check the number registered to the account.



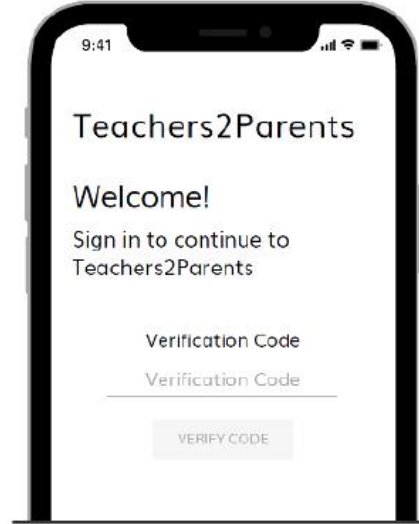
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After your phone number has been entered, you will be asked for a verification code. This will be sent via SMS to the mobile number you entered.

Enter the code and press Verify Code.

If your email address isn't registered with SchoolMoney a second screen may pop up. This will ask you to confirm your email address so that when you make a payment a receipt can be sent out to you. Enter your email address in both boxes and press Continue.



You will then be sent to the homepage.

For further information about using the App, please ask your child's school for our full App Guide.



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Warwickshire Music

Bring the Magic of Music into your home with instrumental or vocal lessons with Warwickshire Music.

Playing an instrument or learning to sing helps young people to unlock their imagination, boost confidence, lift spirits and improves literacy, numeracy and listening skills. With our specialist music teachers, your child will develop their love of music and learn creative skills for life.

With FREE instrument hire for your first year of learning, and opportunities to join a range of ensembles and performance events, start your child's musical journey now!

For more information and to sign up for lessons, please scan the code below or follow the link:

<https://warwickshiremusic.paritor.com>

Contact Us:
www.warwickshiremusicclub.org
01926 742630

Warwickshire Music
MUSIC FOR LIFE

Discover the Power of Music with Warwickshire Music

Violin and Guitar lessons are available in school.
These take place during the school day.

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Hi Parent or Guardian,

Is your child more excited about music this evening?

Apologies, that might have something to do with **Rocksteady Music School!**

Today your child got a taste of what it's like to perform in a band, and this letter tells you how they can be part of the fun every week.

What is Rocksteady?

Rocksteady band lessons give children the chance to play in their very own band through weekly rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect way to **learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun** - all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost **confidence, wellbeing, social skills** and even **academic achievement**.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There is no music theory involved and lessons are fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an **Ofqual-regulated music qualification**, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are **professional musicians** who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Lessons are £44.68 per month with nothing to pay in August. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Visit rocksteadymusicschool.com to sign up.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker
Director of Education



**BOOK YOUR
CHILD'S PLACE
ONLINE!**

0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com



Find out what some parents
have said about Rocksteady! →



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■ Join The Build Barn's After School LEGO® Club!

Build, create, and play every Friday!

■ Day:	Every Friday - FIRST SESSION FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
■ Time:	15:15 – 16:15
■ Location:	Shustoke Primary School
■ Age Group:	1st Term - years 4, 5 & 6
■ Price:	£5.00 per session



- Build awesome Lego creations with friends!
- Challenges, Free Building, Set Builds, Prizes.
- Book & pay for sessions directly online.



- Email: thebuildbarn@outlook.com
- Phone: 07774 658129
- www.thebuildbarn.co.uk

Spaces are limited – book your place now!

Let's get building!

LEGO Club has been extended to include Years 2 & 3

Data Protection and GDPR:

The Data Protection and GDPR Policy and Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils have been updated and are available on the Policies section of the School website.

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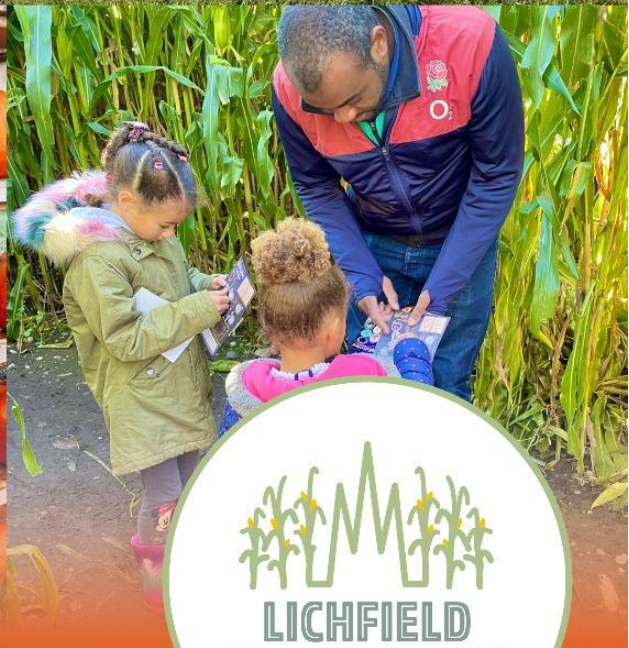
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This October

Spooky games in our 'amaizing' 10 acre maize maze.
Over 3 miles of paths to explore or a mini maze for little legs!
Family friendly pumpkin picking with lots of spooky surprises!

Pre book your tickets ↗

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