



Shustoke Primary School

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Our assembly theme this half term is: Forgiveness



REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 12th January 2026

Day	During the School Day	After School
Monday	Monday P.E. Years 1 & 2 Guitar lessons	NW Active Club Years 1, 2 & 3
Tuesday	P.E. Reception & Year 5 Rock Steady Violin lessons	Noveau Dance
Wednesday	P.E. Years 3 & 4	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	Lego Club – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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 .

Snow Day

Thank you for all the great pictures of the children enjoying the snow.

We will let parents know as soon as we find out when the Young Voices postponed concert will take place.

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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
Sp 1		
Monday 19 th January	Egyptian Workshop – In school	Year 3
Monday 19 th January	Phonics Screening Parents Meeting – 3.15 pm	Year 1
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.
Tuesday 28 th April	Open Centre Derby	Years 1 and 4
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.	

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.

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Reception News

This week Reception had a very exciting visit from *The Animal Man*! The children loved meeting a fascinating range of animals and learning all about them, including a spectacled owl, tarantula, royal python, legless lizard, gecko, Madagascan hedgehog and even a honey bear. They impressed everyone by asking thoughtful questions and making careful observations about the animals. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that sparked curiosity, confidence and lots of smiles – a truly unforgettable experience.



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Reverse Advent Calendar



We are writing on behalf of the North Solihull Foodbank for your kind donation on the 16th December, 2025 of food

The total amount of food that you brought in weighed 38.1 kg.

You can be sure that this food will go straight to those that need it most in our community.

We are a small but impactful local charity and last year we helped over 1000 local households.

Book Fair



Thank you very much to all of the families who were able to attend the book fair and made purchases on Friday 12th December. We are delighted that we have **£93.30** to spend on Usborne books in school, as a result of the purchases made by our families.

Many thanks once again and we hope that the children thoroughly enjoy their reading books.

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Parking of cars in the local area

May we respectfully request that cars are parked considerately and that road markings are observed to ensure the safety of all of our school community, and residents of Shustoke. The parish car park is available for use at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please send your child in with a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves.

Please can all uniform, coats, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottle be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance Matters

One class achieved the 97% attendance target last week.

Well done Year 3 with 99% attendance.

The Government target for attendance is 97%.

School attendance is very important. Please could we ask you not to book a holiday during term time. If there is an exceptional circumstance and you have completed a Leave of Absence request form, Miss Wall will consider your request.

Holidays in term time will not be granted unless the exceptional circumstance criteria are met.





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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.



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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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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.

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 2

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

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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?

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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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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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School Money



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.

Apple



Android



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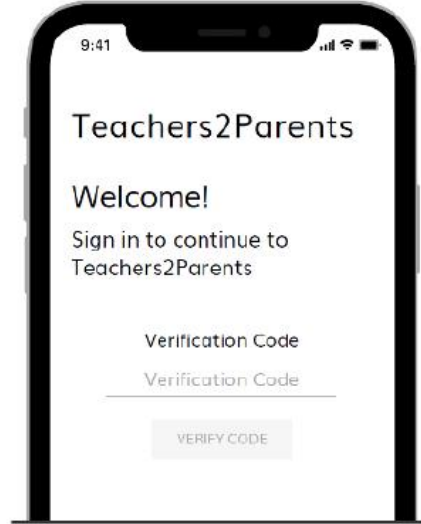
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After your phone number has been entered, you will be asked for a verification code. This will be sent via SMS to the mobile number you entered.

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.warwickshiremusichub.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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Lego Club has been extended to include Years 1 to 6

The Build Barn
imagination set free

The **LEGO** Foundation

STARTING IN JANUARY
AT SHUSTOKE PRIMARY

LEGO CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY
3:15 - 4:15

BOOKINGS DIRECT

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE SCAN BELOW
AND CLICK ON 'BOOK ONLINE'

SCAN HERE

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