



# Shustoke Primary School

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Forgiveness



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Autumn 1: Week ending 23rd January 2026

**Our assembly theme this half term is: Forgiveness**



## REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Day	During the School Day	After School
Monday	Monday P.E. Years 1 & 2 Netball Club – KS 2 Lunchtime Guitar lessons	NW Active Club Years 1, 2 & 3
Tuesday	P.E. Reception, Year 5 Mindfulness – KS1 Lunchtime Rock Steady Violin lesson Year 4/5/6 County Final Football	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 Year 5/6 Indoor Cricket	Lego Club – All years

## Term Dates 2025 - 2026

16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Half Term
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Children Break up

## *Times for the Day*

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

## Year 5 & 6 Residential

**Please complete the online form to say your child is interested in going on the residential trip this year. The deposit of £100 is payable on School Money. We will let you know the final cost when we have the details. Thank you.**

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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
<b>Sp 1</b>		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Individual Photos (Tempest) & Sibling groups	All classes
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese/Luna New Year workshops	Years Rec, 1 & 2
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Tamworth Castle Visit	Year 1
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Staff Training Day – School closed</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Height & Weight Check Health Survey	Reception and Year 6 Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices Concert - rescheduled	Years 4, 5 & 6
<b>Sp 2</b>		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service	Whole School led by Year 4. Year 4 parents invited.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Centre Derby	Years 1 and 4
<b>Su 1</b>		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos (Tempest)	All classes
<b>Su 2</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Residential Visit to Whitemoor Lakes	Years 5 and 6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Belgrade Theatre – The Enormous Crocodile	Reception
Week beg 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Show	Years 5 and 6
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Staff Training day – School closed.</b>	

## 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 in Reception, the children have enjoyed making bird feeders using apples and sunflower seeds. They carefully prepared the apples, and hung their feeders from branches in our outdoor area, showing great focus and enthusiasm.

They talked about why birds need extra food, especially at this time of year, and how we can help look after wildlife. The children created these bird feeders as part of the preparation of taking part in the Big Bird watch. They are very excited to see which birds might visit!



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## MP Rachel Taylor Visit

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Rachel Taylor MP to our school. She was given a tour and then she spoke to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 about her role in parliament. She then asked the children what they would like to say to the Prime Minister if they could ask him a question.



## Year 3's Incredible Egyptian Day

Year 3 stepped back in time this week as they travelled to Ancient Egypt to help Howard Carter uncover the *Tomb of Wonders*! The children immersed themselves in a lively Egyptian marketplace, trading and negotiating to gain the resources needed for their expedition.

They learned all about the mummification process, created their own shabti figures, and even wrote their names on real papyrus using hieroglyphs. A favourite activity was working in groups to recreate hieroglyphic symbols using their bodies, leaving their peers to guess the letters and decode the mystery words.

The day was filled with creativity, teamwork, and discovery as the children explored Egyptian traditions and beliefs about the afterlife. A fantastic experience all round!





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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 1 = 99.1%, Year 2 = 99.3% & Year 4 = 99.1% attendance.  
Excellent attendance this week from these three classes.**

**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](mailto:Shustokeparents@welearn365.com) email address.**

**The [shustokelearning@welearn365.com](mailto: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.**

<https://www.coleshillgst.org.uk/individual-applications>

**educaterers**  **A FOOD STORY**

**We are on week 1**

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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**WINTER Weekly Menu**

**WEEK ONE**  
10/11/2025  
01/12/2025  
05/01/2026  
26/01/2026  
16/03/2026

**WEEK TWO**  
17/11/2025  
08/12/2025  
12/01/2026  
02/02/2026  
23/03/2026

**WEEK THREE**  
03/11/2025  
24/11/2025  
15/12/2025  
19/01/2026  
09/02/2026  
09/03/2026

**MONDAY**  
**MAIN** (V)(n) Tomato Pasta Bake with Mashed Wheat Baguette (G,D)  
 (Vg) Plant Power Burger in a Bun with Diced Potatoes (G)  
**DESSERT** (V) Cheddar Cheese Bop (G,D)  
 (V)(n) Chocolate Cracknell (G)

**TUESDAY**  
**MAIN** Chicken Fajita Wrap with Cous-Cous (G)  
 (V)(n) Hearty Roots Chili with Rice  
**DESSERT** (Vg) Jelly with Fruit  
 (V)(n) Banana & Raisin Cookie (G)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAIN** British Roast Chicken Filler, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy with Roast Potatoes (D,E,G)  
 (V)(n) Plant Power Tord in the Hole with Roast Potatoes (G,E,D)  
**DESSERT** (V) Egg Mayoonaize Bop (G,E)  
 (V)(n) Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (G,D)  
 (V) Ice Cream (D)

**THURSDAY**  
**MAIN** British Pork Sausages & Gravy with Mashed Potato (D,SB,SU)  
 (V)(n) Cheese & Potato Pie served with Vegetables (D,E)  
**DESSERT** (V) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)  
 (Vg)(n) Flapjack (G)

**FRIDAY**  
**MAIN** (msc) Salmon Fishcake with Chipped Potatoes (F,G)  
 (V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Chipped Potatoes (G,D)  
**DESSERT** (V) British Ham Soft Bop (G)  
 (V) Frested Carrot Cake (G,E)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAIN** (V)(n) Rustic Pizza Wedge with Herby Diced Potatoes (G,D,SB)  
 (V)(n) Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry with Rice (D)  
**DESSERT** (V)(n) Cheddar Cheese Bop (G,D)  
 (V)(n) Vanilla Cookie with Fruit Slice (G)

**THURSDAY**  
**MAIN** British Roast Chicken Filler, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (G)  
 (Vg)(n) "Meat" Loaf with Gravy & Roast Potatoes  
**DESSERT** (V)(n) Jam Sponge with Custard (G,D,E)  
 (V)(n) British Roast Chicken Bop (G)

**FRIDAY**  
**MAIN** (V)(n) Filled Pastry Crown with Potato Wedges (G,E,D)  
 (V)(n) Crispy Quorn Dippers in a Wrap and Tomato Salsa with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)  
**DESSERT** (V)(n) Chocolate Flapjack with Orange Wedge (G)  
 (V)(n) Rainbow Risotto with Crusty Bread (D,G)  
 (V) Waffle with Fruit (G,E,SB)

**MONDAY**  
**MAIN** (n) British Beef Bolognaize with Garlic Bread (G) Cheese (D)  
 (Vg) Country Garden Vegetable Fingers with Seasoned Wedges (G)  
**DESSERT** (V) Egg Mayoonaize Bop (G,E)  
 (V)(n) Zesty Orange Cookie (G)

**TUESDAY**  
**MAIN** (V)(n) Garden Vegetable & Baked Bean Stock with Spicy Wedges (G,D)  
 (V) Cheddar Cheese Bop (G,D)  
 (V)(n) Ginger Cookie (G)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MAIN** (V) Classic Quorn Roast with Gravy and Roast Potatoes (G)  
 (V) Egg Mayoonaize Bop (G,E)  
 (V)(n) Jam Sponge with Custard (G,D,E)

**THURSDAY**  
**MAIN** (V) Crispy Quorn Dippers in a Wrap and Tomato Salsa with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)  
 (V)(n) British Roast Chicken Bop (G)  
**DESSERT** (V)(n) Chocolate Flapjack with Orange Wedge (G)

**FRIDAY**  
**MAIN** (msc) Fish Filler Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (F,G)  
 (V)(n) Golden Meccaroni Cheese with Mashed Wheat Baguette (D,G)  
**DESSERT** (V)(n) School Favourite Sprinkles Sponge Ckce (G,E)

**ALLERGENS**  
 Please contact your school cook for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

**ALLERGEN KEY**  
 VG-Vegan, V-Vegetarian, H-Homemade, G-Gluten/Wheat, C-Celery, S-Sesame, F-Fish, M-Mustard, SU-Sulphites, D-Dairy, E-Eggs, SB-Soyabean.

**Available Daily:**  
 Fruit Cordial or Fruit Water from the Hydration Station  
 (V) Semi Skimmed Milk, & (Vg) Homemade Fresh Bread  
 Daily Salad Selection, Vegetables of the Day, (V)Yoghurt  
 (D,SB) and Fresh Fruit

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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?



**To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)**







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Further information:  
[ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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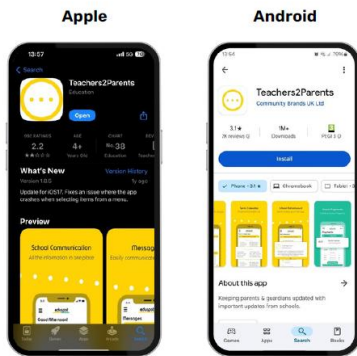
## School Money



### Downloading and registering for the Eduspot app

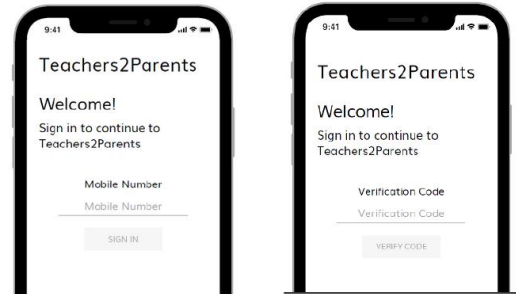
You will only need to register and login to the Eduspot App once. Once you have done this, the app will remain permanently logged on, unless you delete the app.

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.



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.

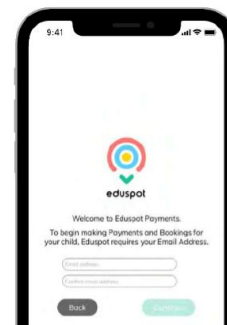
If your mobile number is not recognised, please contact the school and ask them to check the number registered to the account.



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  
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Discover the Power of Music with Warwickshire Music

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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](http://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org)  
01926 742630

**ROCK STEADY**

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND AT SCHOOL?

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 is **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 £44.58 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](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com) to sign up.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker  
Director of Education

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

0330 113 0330  
(Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm Fri 9am-5pm, local rate)  
[rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com)

Find out what some parents have said about Rocksteady!

The Build Barn  
imagination set free

The LEGO Foundation

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**AT SHUSTOKE PRIMARY**

**LEGO CLUB**

★ **EVERY FRIDAY** ★  
**3:15 - 4:15** ★

**BOOKINGS DIRECT**

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

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## What's on in **January and February**

24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 10:30

### **Introductory Gardens Tour**

A time to explore the Gardens on a guided walk taking you through their 350-year old history.

25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 11:00

### **Winter Falconry Experience**

Get close and personal with some amazing birds of prey. £30 per person, tickets on our website.

14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10:30 AND 13:00

### **'Love Birds' Falconry**

Perfect for couples to spend S.t Valentine's day doing something different! A hands on experience with some beautiful raptors.

15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ALL DAY

### **Potato Day**

A day of learning and growing with the versatile spud!

17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race, Craft Sessions, Hapa Zome Unplug and Play and Forest School**

**VISIT US** Wednesday - Sunday

**HOURS:** 11:00 - 15:00. Cafe at weekends only

SCAN ME



Check the website for new events and tickets