

Shustoke C of E Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Autumn 1: Week 2



Our Collective
Worship theme
this half term is:

Compassion



Times of the school day

Morning

Gates open @
8.38am

Registration @
8.40am

Lessons begin
promptly @
8.45am

Afternoon

Gates open
@ **3.10pm**

Dismissal @
3.15pm

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 14th September 2026

During the School Day	After School	
Monday P.E. Years 1, 2, 4	NW Active Club – Year 1 & 2 – starts 14th September Cookery Club – until 4pm – all year groups.	
P.E. Reception, 5, 6 Board Games - Lunchtime Club - all year groups	Nouveau Dance	
P.E. Years 3 & 6	Dodgeball Evolution Club Years 3 & 4 Golf Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Start date 16 th September	
P.E. Years 1, 3 & 4	Dodgeball Evolution Club Years 5 & 6	
P.E. Years 2 & 5	Lego Club -Full. Starts 18th September	

Attendance:

Congratulations to Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance during the first week of term. They were closely followed by Year 3 who achieved 98.3%. Well done.

Please note: Lessons begin @ 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.50am, they will receive a late mark. Attendance is monitored weekly, including punctuality.



Attendance
Matters



Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn term 2026

- Half term - 26 to 30 October
- Ends - Friday 18 December
- Christmas holiday - 21 December to 1 January 2027

Spring term 2027

- Starts - Monday 4 January - this is a teacher training day
- Half term - 15 to 19 February
- Ends - Thursday 25 March
- Easter holiday - 29 March to 9 April

Summer term 2027

- Starts - Monday 12 April
- Half term - 31 May to 4 June
- Ends - Wednesday 21 July

Contact details:

If you wish to contact school with a confidential matter, please use:
shustokeparents@welearn365.com

The **shustokelearning@welearn365.com** email should be used to submit examples of school work, or for general communication with teachers.
Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dates for your diary ~

Please find some provisional dates for this year. **These may change, due to unforeseen circumstances,** but 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:	Event:	Year Groups:
Autumn Term		
1st October	Harvest Festival	
2 nd October	Autumn Fayre – details to follow	All Years
7 th October	Open Day for Reception Parents for 2027	
9 th October	Staff Training Day	
14 th October	Stay & Play	New Rec 2027 children
21 st October	Reception Family Event - PM	Reception
21 st October	Parent Consultations	All years
22 nd October	Parent Consultations	All years
23 rd October	Stone age Workshop	Year 3
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term	
1st December	Movie Night	Rec, 1 & 2
3 rd December	Movie Night	3, 4, 5 & 6
8 th /9 th December	Nativity	Rec, 1, 2 & 3
11 th December	Pantomime Trip	Whole School
15 th December	Carol Service	4, 5 & 6
18 th December	Carols for Grandparents	4, 5 & 6
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	Whole School
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holiday	Whole School
4 th January	Staff Training Day	
26 th – 28 th May	Year 5/6 Residential	Year 5 & 6
11 th June	Sports Day – 1 st attempt	Whole School
19 th July	School Show	5 & 6
20 th July	School Show	5 & 6
21 st July	Leavers Assembly	Year 6

Year 3 enjoyed taking their Science learning outdoors this week as part of their Rocks and Soils topic. The children explored the school grounds, digging and investigating what nature has to offer. They carefully collected a range of stones and rocks before returning to class to observe, compare and classify their findings. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork as the children became real geologists for the day.



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

PLEASE NOTE:

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

PE Kit Reminder

The PE uniform has been chosen to be in line with the colour scheme that our 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) No branded t-shirts please
- Plain royal blue hoodie (with or without school logo). No branded t-shirts please
- Plain black trainers (no stripes, symbols or soles in different colours)
- Plain black plimsolls (pumps) for indoor PE – these should be kept in school at all times.

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.

Please label all your children's clothes, lunch boxes and water bottles. We can return items to children when they are named. Thank you.

Please send your child with a waterproof coat. If it is raining, children can come to school in wellies and then change into their shoes.

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.

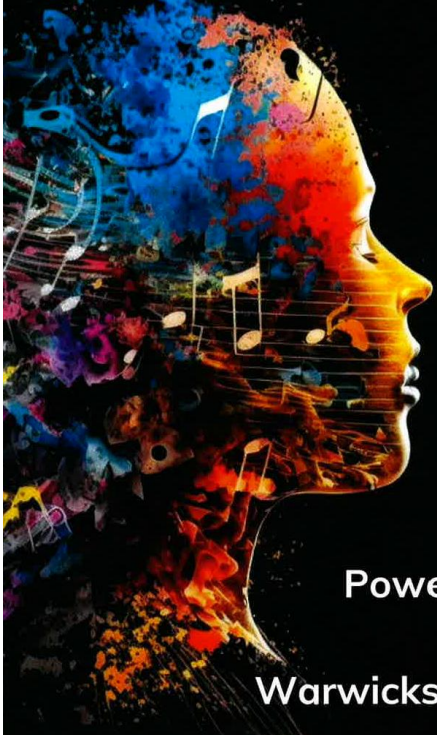
However, we do permit a watch and one pair of small, plain stud earrings (such as the type used when ears are first pierced). These should be removed at home on the days when your child has swimming or P.E. lessons. Novelty watches including Sports Performance Watches, or fashion earrings cause distraction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

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 driving carefully and for your cooperation in this matter.

We would like to respectfully remind all families that any outstanding monies owed should be settled as soon as possible. school is currently holding a debt of £2724.39 Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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**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!

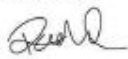
Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There'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-8pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com



Find out what some parents
have said about Rocksteady! ➔

Applying for Free School Meals:

For the new school year starting in September 2026, there will be two categories of free school meal eligibility depending on your financial circumstances:

- **Targeted free school meals** for those getting Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less, or another qualifying benefit
- **Expanded free school meals** for anyone getting Universal credit whose annual earnings are above £7,400.

Households in **both categories** will benefit from the financial savings of getting free school meals.

Households who fall into the **targeted category** will get access to additional benefits:

- **Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme** is for children aged 4 to 16 in reception to year 11 in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in the targeted category. HAF offers eligible pupils access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays
- **Pupil premium** is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals in the Targeted category. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

If you have already received a notification from us to confirm your child/ren's free school meal eligibility status for the 2026/27 school year, then you do not need to do anything, unless your child/ren attend a school on our list of [schools we are unable to process free school meals for](#). If they are at one of these schools, you will need to contact the school directly to ensure they have re-checked your child's entitlement to free school meals and if this will continue.

If your child has never received free school meals before, then please [apply online](#), as long as your child attends a school who works with us on free school meals.

Once you have applied for free school meals, if your child is eligible, they will remain eligible for that whole school year, regardless of any changes to your circumstances.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals - you do not have to apply for these. However, if you do meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply as you may receive the additional benefits described above.

[Apply online](#)

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>

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

SPRING / SUMMER Weekly Menu

All our fish is natural whole
fillet and although great care
has been taken to remove all
bones, some may remain

CHOICE/JKT/COLD
APRIL 2026

Warwickshire, Coventry,
Oxfordshire

WEEK ONE

20/04/2026
11/05/2026
08/06/2026
29/06/2026
20/07/2026
07/09/2026
28/09/2026
19/10/2026

MAIN

Pork Meatballs in a Rich
Tomato Sauce with Pasta (G)

(v)(h) Vegetable Cottage Pie
with Crusty Bread (G,D,SB)

Jacket Beans VG

Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F,E,G)

DESSERT

(v)(h) Honey and Ginger
Cookie (G)

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

(h) Mild Chicken Curry
with Rice

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Wedge with Diced Potatoes
(G,D)

Jacket Cheese D

(v) Egg Mayonnaise Bap (G,E)

(vg)(h) Chocolate Cracknell (G)

British Roast Pork Slice, Apple
Sauce & Gravy with Roast
Potatoes

(vg) Classic Quorn Roast with Gravy
and Roast Potatoes (G)

Jacket Tuna FE

British Ham Soft Bap (G)

(vg)(h) Jam Tart (G)

(v) Frozen Swirl Mousse (D)

(v)(h) Broccoli & Sweetcorn
Pasta Bake with Malted
Wheat Baguette (D,G)

(v) Plant Power Sausages in
Gravy with Mashed Potato (D)

Jacket Cheese D

(v) Cheddar Cheese Bap (G,D)

(v)(h) Eves Pudding (G,E,D)
(vanilla apple sponge cake)

(msc) Fish Fillet Fingers with
Chips (F,G)

(v)(h) Cheese & Baked Bean
Pasty with Chips (G,D)

Jacket Cheese D

British Roast Chicken Bap (G)

(vg)(h) Floppjack (G)

(vg) Jelly with Fruit

WEEK TWO

27/04/2026
18/05/2026
15/06/2026
06/07/2026
14/09/2026
05/10/2026

MAIN

British Pork Sausages & Gravy
with Mashed Potato (G,SB,SU,D)

(v)(h) Chinese Style Quorn with
Noodles (E)

Jacket Beans VG

Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F,E,G)

DESSERT

(vg)(h) Chocolate Shortbread
with Orange Wedge (G)

(h) British Beef Bolognese with
Garlic Bread (G) Cheese (D)

(v) Crispy Quorn Dippers with
Rainbow Rice (G)

Jacket Cheese D

(v) Egg Mayonnaise Bap (G,E)

(v)(h) Lemon Drizzle Cake (G,E)

British Roast Chicken fillet, Sage
& Onion Stuffing & Gravy with
Roast Potatoes (G)

(vg) Classic Quorn Roast Sage &
Onion Stuffing & Gravy with
Roast Potatoes (G)

Jacket Tuna FE

British Ham Soft Bap (G)

(v)(h) Apple Charlotte &
Custard (G,SU,D)

(v) Ice Cream (D)

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Wedge with Herby Diced
Potatoes (G,D)

(v)(h) Vegetable Pie, Gravy with
Herby New Potatoes (G)

Jacket Cheese D

(v) Cheddar Cheese Bap (G,D)

(v) Strawberry Whip
with Fruit (D)

(v)(h) Crunch Cookie (G)

(msc) Battered Fish Fillet with
Chips (F,G)

(v)(h) Cheesy Omelette with
Chips (E,D)

Jacket Cheese D

British Roast Chicken Bap (G)

(v)(h) 'School Favourite'
Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G,E)

WEEK THREE

13/04/2026
04/05/2026
01/06/2026
22/06/2026
13/07/2026
31/08/2026
21/09/2026
12/10/2026

MAIN

(v)(h) Macaroni Cheese with
Crusty Bread (D,G)

(vg) Plant Power Burger in a
Bun with Diced Potatoes (G)

Jacket Beans VG

(v) Cheddar Cheese Bap (G,D)

DESSERT

(v) Strawberry Whip
with Fruit (D)

(h) Beef Lasagne with Garlic
Bread (G,D)

(vg) Country Garden Vegetable
Fingers with Seasoned
Wedges (G)

Jacket Cheese D

Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F,E,G)

(v)(h) Apple Cookie (G,E)

(v) Ice Cream (D)

British Roast Chicken Fillet,
Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy with
Roast Potatoes (D,E,G)

(v) Plant Power Toad in the
Hole with Roast Potatoes (G,E,D)

Jacket Tuna FE

(v) Egg Mayonnaise Bap (G,E)

(v) Pancake with Fruit (G,E,D)

Pork Hot Dog with Herby Diced
Potatoes (G,SU,SB)

(v)(h) Vegetable Curry
with Rice

Jacket Cheese D

British Ham Soft Bap (G)

(v)(h) Jim Jam Chocolate
Brownie (G,E,D)

(msc) Salmon Fishcake with
Chips (F,G)

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Wedge with Chips (G,D)

Jacket Cheese D

British Roast Chicken Bap (G)

(v)(h) Carrot & Orange Cookie
(G)

(vg) Jelly with Fruit

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

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caring is our secret ingredient

Planet Friendly
Hidden Vegetables

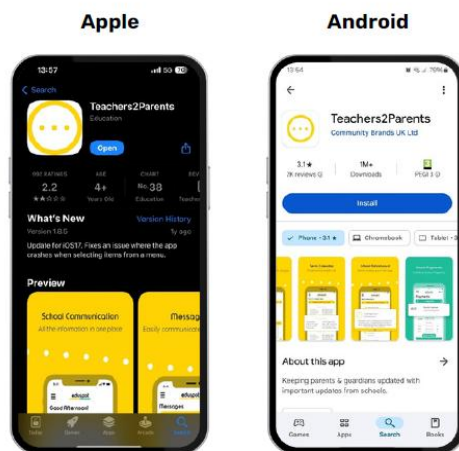
ALLERGEN KEY
VG-Vegan, V-Vegetarian, H-Homemade,
G-Gluten/Wheat, C-Celery, S-Sesame,
F-Fish, M-Mustard, SU-Sulphites, D-Dairy
E-Eggs, SB-Soyabean.



Downloading and registering for the Eduspot app

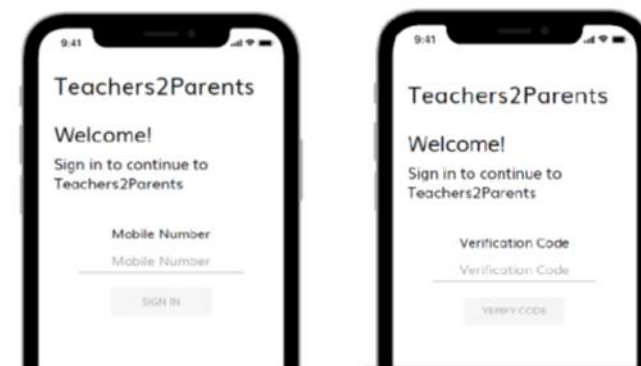
You will only need to register and login to the Eduspot App once. Once you have done this, the app will remain permanently logged on, unless you delete the app.

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.

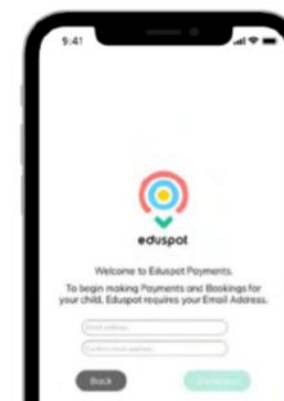
If your mobile number is not recognised, please contact the school and ask them to check the number registered to the account.



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.