



Shustoke C of E Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Autumn 1: Week 8



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 2nd November 2026

During the School Day		After School
Monday	P.E. Yrs 1, 2, 4	NW Active Club - Year 1 & 2 Cookery Club - until 4pm -
Tuesday	P.E. Rec, Yrs 5, 6 Lunchtime Club - Board Games - all year groups Cadbury World Trip - Year 4	Nouveau Dance
Wednesday	P.E. Yrs 3, 6	Dodgeball Evolution Club Years 3 & 4 Golf Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	P.E. Yrs 1, 3, 4	Dodgeball Evolution Club Years 5 & 6
Friday	P.E. Yrs 2 & 5	Lego Club

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

Attendance:

Congratulations to all the classes who achieved good attendance last week.
Rec = 99.3%, Year 2 = 98.8% and Year 4 = 99.2% 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



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.

Our 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.

Reminder

The children break up for half term on Friday 23rd October and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Autumn Fair update

We are delighted to announce that our Autumn Fair raised an amazing **£1051.27**. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

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:
3 rd November	Cadbury World Trip	Year 4
9 th November	Autumn Walk - PM	Reception Class
1 st December	Rock Steady Concert – 10.00 am	For children who take part
1 st 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
10 th December	Journey to the Stable	Year 2
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	
27 th January	Tamworth Castle Trip	Year 1
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

Parking 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.

We would like to respectfully remind all families that dogs are not allowed on school site.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Second-Hand School Uniform Shop

Donations Welcome!

We are pleased to announce that we are setting up a second-hand school uniform shop to help families access good-quality school uniform at a low cost, while also promoting sustainability and reducing waste.



To help us get started, we are asking for donations of any school uniform that your child has outgrown but is still in **good, clean and wearable condition**.



During the week commencing

Monday 9th November,

there will be a collection box in the bandstand before and after school each day for you to place your donations in.



The second-hand uniform will be available for families to purchase in exchange for a small donation, with the shop running **once every half term**.



Reduce waste



Support families



Help our planet

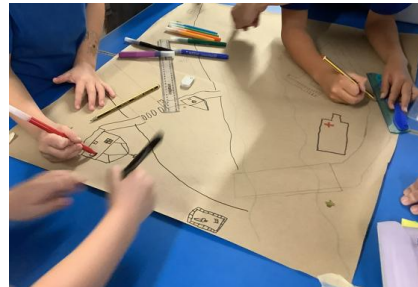
Thank you for your support!

Year 3 News

We have continued our careers focus this week with a visit from Laura of the Canal & River Trust. During a whole-school careers talk, Laura shared the wide range of roles available within the organisation and explained how the Trust operates as a charity, supported by volunteers, rather than being fully government funded.

Year 3 then took part in an exciting workshop where they became landscape architects, learning about the role before designing their own towns and communities. The children carefully considered how to create spaces that met the needs of both people and nature, including green spaces, wildlife habitats and areas for recreation.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their creativity, teamwork and environmental awareness. A huge thank you to Laura for such an informative and inspiring visit!



For our recent careers session, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were visited by two paramedics. They shared information about their role, explaining why they chose this career and what inspired them to help others. The children also enjoyed learning about the day-to-day responsibilities of a paramedic, including responding to emergencies, providing medical care, and supporting people in a variety of situations. It was a fascinating and inspiring experience that helped the children learn more about careers within the NHS, and the important work paramedics do in our community.



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>

We are on week 3

All food is cooked fresh on site daily. We now have a Jacket Potato option available.

Dinners cost £2.87 per day. £14.45 per week.

New dinner menu starts this week.

AUTUMN / WINTER MENU 2026/27					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	MAIN Pork Sausages in Gravy with Diced Potato (G.SB.SU) (v) Vegetarian Hotdog with Diced Potatoes (G.SB)	MAIN Chicken Pie with New Potatoes (G) (v) Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread (G.D)	MAIN Yorkshire Pudding filled with Diced Chicken & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (D.E.G)	MAIN (v) Mac 'n' Cheese with Malted Wheat Baguette (G.D)	MAIN Salmon Fishcake with Chips (F.G)
09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Petit Pain (D.G) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato	COLD Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F.G) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD Chicken Mayonnaise Wrap (G.SU) Tuna Jacket Potato	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Crunch Sandwich (G.D.SB) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD Ham Sandwich (G.SB) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato
	DESSERT (vg) Flapjack (G)	DESSERT (v) Peach Cobbler & Custard (G.D.E)	DESSERT (v) Cornflake & Apple Flan with Custard (G.D.SU)	DESSERT (v) Lemon Drizzle Cake (G.E)	DESSERT (v) Chocolate Orange Sponge (G.D.E)
WEEK TWO	MAIN Italian Pork Meatball Sub with Diced Potatoes (G.D) (v) Tomato Pasta Bake with Malted Wheat Baguette (G.D)	MAIN (v) BBQ Quorn Fillet in a Wrap with Rainbow Rice (G) (v) Vegetarian Chilli Taco with Noodles (D.SB.G.E)	MAIN British Roast Chicken fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (G) (v) Plant Power Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes (G.E.D.SB)	MAIN Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread (G.D) (vg) Plant Burger in a Bun with Diced Potatoes (G)	MAIN (msc) Battered Fish Fillet with Chips (F.G) (v) Cheese & Baked Bean Pasty with Chips (G.D)
16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	COLD Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F.G) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Petit Pain (G.D) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Crunch Sandwich (G.D.SB) Tuna Jacket Potato	COLD Chicken Mayonnaise Wrap (G.SU) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD Ham Sandwich (G.SB) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato
	DESSERT (vg) Lemon Shortbread (G)	DESSERT (v) Ginger Cookie (G)	DESSERT (v) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G.E)	DESSERT (vg) Apple Enchilada (G)	DESSERT (v) Ice Cream (D)
WEEK THREE	MAIN (v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Potato Wedges (D.G) (vg) Saag Aloo Curry with Rice	MAIN Chicken Fillet Wrap with Herby Diced Potatoes (G) (v) Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn with Malted Wheat Baguette (D.G)	MAIN Pork Toad in the Hole & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (G.SB.SU.E.D) (v) Quorn Fillet in Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes (D.E.G)	MAIN Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G) Cheese (D) (v) Vegetable Burrito with Rice (G.D)	MAIN (msc) Fish Fillet Finger with Chips (F.G) (vg) Crispy Quorn Dippers with Chips (G)
02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Petit Pain (D.G) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato	COLD Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F.G) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD Chicken Mayonnaise Wrap (G.SU) Tuna Jacket Potato	COLD (v) Cheddar Cheese Crunch Sandwich (G.D.SB) Cheese'D'Jacket Potato	COLD Ham Sandwich (G.SB) Cheese'D'Beans'V' Jacket Potato
	DESSERT (v) Carrot & Orange Cookie (G)	DESSERT (v) Caramelised Banana Waffle (G.E.SB)	DESSERT (vg) Chocolate Cracknell (G)	DESSERT (v) Apple Crumble & Custard (G.D)	DESSERT (v) Spiced Pear Muffin (G.E.D)

Available Daily:
 Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F) or (vg) Baked Beans
 (vg) Fresh Bread Basket.
 Daily Salad Selection.
 Vegetables of the Day.
 Fruit Cordial or Water.
 (v) Semi Skimmed Milk.
 (v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or (vg) Jelly or Fresh Fruit.

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

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



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ALL DATES - AUTUMN HALF TERM 2, 2026

MON 02 NOV	MON 09 NOV	MON 16 NOV	MON 23 NOV	MON 30 NOV	MON 07 DEC	MON 14 DEC
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Runs every week until school breaks up for Christmas.

W WHEN

Mondays

Straight after school

W WHERE

School grounds

Outdoor sessions

W WHO

Girls aged 5-11

All abilities welcome

BRING: WATER BOTTLE | SUITABLE CLOTHING | TRAINERS

FULL HALF-TERM FEE

£28

7 SESSIONS AT £4 EACH

Payment is required for the full half term and must be paid in advance.

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Schoolreaders

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We are delighted to have welcomed Barry Wiltshire into school as a School Reading Volunteer.

Mr Wiltshire has spent much of his retirement engaged in community life, particularly within his local village. He has a German Shepherd Dog and previously spent many years supporting German Shepherd Dog Rescue.

Mr Wiltshire will be reading with children across the school each Wednesday and Friday morning.

