

# Weekly Bulletin

*This half-term's REACH value is: Engage*

4 July 2025



## Message from the Head of School

This week at school, we were delighted to welcome students from local primary schools for our Year 7 transition days. The visiting students enthusiastically took part in a range of activities, and both days ended on a high note with a colourful and fun-filled colour run. We also held our Year 6 Transition Evening for parents, which was a great success, providing valuable information and a wonderful opportunity to connect with families ahead of next year. In addition, our school took part in the Jamie Oliver Guinness World Record cook-along event, making it an especially fun and memorable week for everyone. With only 2 weeks until the end of term we still have plenty of activities taking place in and out of school, including rewards trips and the Year 11 prom.

Have a restful weekend.

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Download the Arbor app to  
keep up to date with  
Attendance, House Points etc

### Engage

Always engage  
and be positive.



### Punctuality

To help your child start each day positively and ready to learn, please ensure they arrive at school by 8:30 AM so they can be in form by 8:40 AM. Being on time not only supports their learning but also helps them develop important life skills. Please note that if a student is late three times in a half term, this will result in an afterschool detention. Thank you for your support in helping your child build good habits and make the most of every school day!

## Well done!



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## House System Update - We Have a WINNER!

After a fantastic year of competitions, teamwork and dedication, the final house points have now been counted – including those earned during Sports Day – and the leader board has officially been frozen.

**We are delighted to announce that this year's winning house is...**



A huge congratulations to all Churchill students for your consistent effort, positive attitude, and commitment to the house community. Your hard work throughout the year has truly paid off.

While only one house can claim the top spot, we are incredibly proud of the achievements of students across all five houses. As a school, our students have collectively earned over 873,000 house points – an outstanding reflection of your enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience. To celebrate, students in Churchill who have fewer than 50 behaviour points will be invited to a special House Rewards Afternoon on Friday 11th July during periods 4 and 5. In addition, the top three point earners from each of the other four houses will also be invited to take part in the celebration.

Well done to everyone for a brilliant year of house pride and school spirit!

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## HOUSE SYSTEM

THIS WEEKS HOUSE  
LEAGUE TABLE

1st

179744



2nd

177259



3rd

176592



4th

172972



5th

166045





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## Spare Uniform?



DO YOU HAVE ANY OUTGROWN OR SPARE  
SCHOOL UNIFORM LYING AROUND?



We are kindly asking for donations of blazers, ties, PE kits, skirts, trousers — anything in good condition that your child no longer needs. These will be used as spare items in school to help students who need them. Every contribution makes a real difference!

**Please drop any donations off at the main reception.  
Thank you for your support!**

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## Summer Activities

### GetWild

Meigh Rd Playing Fields, Meigh Rd,  
Werrington, ST9 0NQ



**Staffordshire  
Wildlife Trust**

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@StaffsWildlife

@staffswt



Do you like climbing trees, building dens,  
or generally getting a bit mucky outside?  
Then leave your parents behind and  
#GetWild on Thursday during the summer!

**31 July- 1.30-3.30pm**

**7 Aug- 1.30-3.30pm**

**14 Aug- 1.30-3.30pm**

**21 Aug 1.30-3.30pm**

*Suitable for ages 8-16 years only.*

### Booking Essential:

[www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events](http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events)

For more details contact:

[getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk](mailto:getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk)

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## Free Summer Activities

### FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Multisport for ages 8 - 17, delivered by Stoke City Community Trust!

 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July (Every Tuesday throughout Summer)

 11.00am - 12.00pm

 Meigh Road Fields, Werrington

For more information, contact [callum.feeney@stokecityfc.com](mailto:callum.feeney@stokecityfc.com)



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## Sports Day

On Friday last week, Sports Day has been the highlight of the School Calendar.

The fully inclusive event included Traditional and Wacky Athletics, Rounders and fun activities including Penalty Shootouts and the Bouncy Castles.



There was something for everyone; period one involved making banners to represent forms and their respective houses, followed by the sports quiz.



Each form's finest athletes competed in 100,200,400 and 800m races, rounded off with some fantastic 4 x 100m relay races. There was added bonus points up for grabs with the spectators throwing down some cool shapes to YMCA and the Macarena in the highly competitive dance offs!



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## Sports Day

**Rounders** was a whole form event, each form competing in three matches. As always there was some serious controversy involved with the interpretation of the rules. However, with some excellent officiating from Mr Hammonds, Miss Barks and Miss Mason the final results were as follows:

### WINNERS!

7JCA

8LS

9MW

10LYR



**Wacky Athletics** is always great fun! We saw highly competitive egg and spoon races, sack races and the obstacle course. However, the highlights of the event was the Welly Wanging and the Tug of War.



After a full day of highly competitive stressful events, everyone needed some relaxation on the **Bouncy Castles**. This was provided with fun time on the bouncy castle and bouncy obstacle course; followed by a penalty shootout and most importantly Ice Cream!



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## Student Leadership

Last week, 17 students from our house system and potential prefect candidates had the opportunity to go to the Sixth Form College.

The afternoon consisted of 3 separate workshops followed by team activities. The students needed to show high levels of leadership, communication and team work to be successful in the challenges.

The students represented the school in an exemplary manner, which was even noticed by the university and college lecturers.





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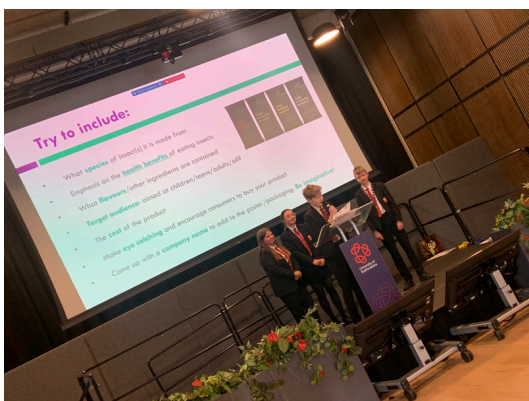


## Year 9 Staffordshire University Trip



On Monday 95 Year 9 students were invited to visit the Stoke campus of Staffordshire University. The visit included an introductory talk on university life, a Q&A session with student ambassadors from the University, a campus tour and a subject workshop on food innovation or engineering.

The students were given the opportunity to collaborate, create and present during the workshops; working in small groups to complete challenge, such as finding and promoting an alternative source of protein for the future...freeze-dried insects were involved!





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## German Exchange Teacher

We have had the pleasure having an exchange teacher from Germany, Andrea. She has spent some time at Werrington Primary School, completing cultural projects about the area where Andrea is from. She has observed German, French, History, Hospitality and Catering, and English lessons and enjoyed seeing the British style of teaching and how our lessons are planned and delivered. She has enjoyed the presentations given by our year 10 pupils about Stoke, our local area, and British culture. Pupils delivered their presentations in a mixture of German and English and the feedback was very positive- well done year 10! In her free-time, Andrea has been to a number of local attractions- Peak Wildlife Park, Tittersworth Reservoir, Chatsworth House (to see Twelfth Night) and had a chippy tea on her last evening here!

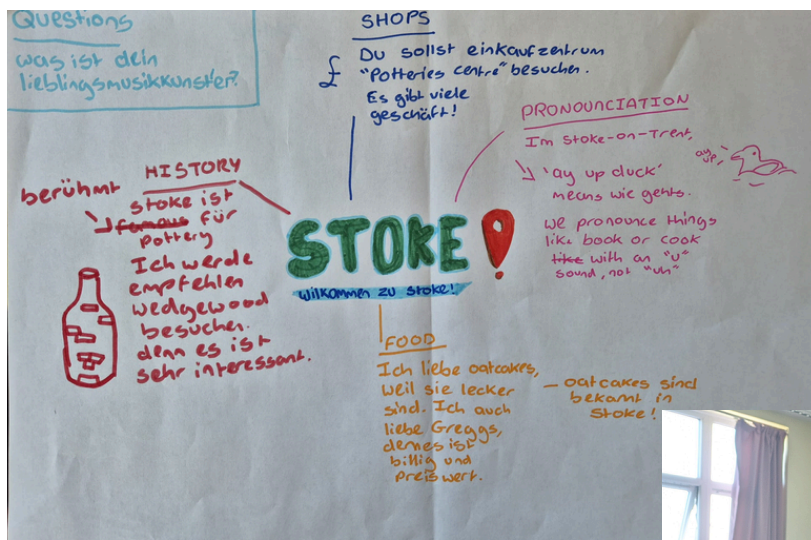


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## Auf Wiedersehen Andrea

We would like to thank Andrea and the Host a German Teacher programme, for allowing us to share in this cultural experience. Overall it has been a wildly beneficial experience for our pupils to experience speaking to a teacher from Germany. Pupils have learnt a lot about German culture, German schools and have been able to compare with how our lives are in the U.K.. It has helped bring our subject to life and provided a valuable opportunity to practise conversing in German. Thank you to all our pupils who have interacted with Andrea: listening to her presentations, asking meaningful questions, speaking to her in German, giving their presentations, allowing her to observe their lessons, showing her around or simply smiling and making her feel welcome! Thank you to all staff who have supported the MFL department with this venture.





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## Choices Magazine

Is your child considering an apprenticeship as their next step?

Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! It is completely free of charge – find this month's edition here: [amapps.uk/parent-magazine](https://amapps.uk/parent-magazine) and sign up to receive it each month, direct to your inbox: [amapps.uk/choices](https://amapps.uk/choices)

Amazing Apprenticeships' Parent and Carer zone is also a great place to explore apprenticeships and technical education:

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## Birthdays!

*Celebrate your Birthday  
with us at School*

🌟🌟 Your special day just got even better!  
Did you know that if you come to school on your birthday,  
we've got an extra surprise waiting just for YOU? 🌟🌟

Head over to Student Reception to claim your sweet  
birthday prize—a little token of celebration because YOU  
deserve it!

We enjoy seeing our amazing students shine on their  
special day, and we're so grateful you've chosen to spend  
part of it with us!

Don't miss this chance to make your birthday  
unforgettable! Stop by and let us add some extra sparkle  
to your day.

🎁 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** from The Attendance Team  
Thank you for being here 🎁

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## Attendance

As we continue our journey through the school year, let's take a moment to talk about something that's crucial for your child's success: **ATTENDANCE!**

Every day your child spends in school is an opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with teachers and classmates.

Here's why showing up matters:

**Unlock Your Potential: Each class builds on the last:** By being present, you absorb knowledge, participate in discussions, and engage in activities that enrich your understanding. Every lesson is a step toward your goals!

**Build Connections:** School is not just about academics; it's also about friendships! Your peers are your support system. Being present allows you to forge connections that can last a lifetime.

**Boost Your Confidence:** Attending school consistently helps you stay on track, reduces stress, and boosts your confidence in your abilities. You've got this!

**Prepare for the Future:** Regular attendance cultivates responsibility and discipline—key traits for success in any career. Your future self will thank you for the effort you put in today!

Let's commit to making attendance a priority!

Remember, each day in school is a chance to learn something new and create lasting memories. Show up, shine bright, and make the most of every opportunity!

### Congratulations to 318 Students for Reaching 100% Attendance in June!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our students who have shown outstanding commitment by achieving 100% attendance! Their dedication to their education, resilience, and consistent efforts are truly inspiring. This accomplishment speaks volumes about their hard work and determination. Keep it up, and continue striving for excellence!

Well done, everyone!  
**The Attendance Team**





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## Our Attendance Target is 95%



### Why is it Important?

- Regular school attendance is vital for success, relationships and development
- Excellent attendance supports learning, reliability and prepares students for life beyond education

### Absence Guide

- Phone the attendance line 01782 551200 (press 1) before 8.30 am
- Leave a message each morning your child is absent and/or if they are absent due to an appointment - *this is a safeguarding requirement*
- If we do not hear from you, then an absence email will be sent
- If no response is received, a phone call will be made and we may conduct a home visit
- Non-attendance to AM / PM form will result in an unauthorised mark which will affect your child's attendance
- We do NOT have a 24 / 48 hour sickness policy

### Medical Appointments

- Make appointments, where possible, outside of school hours
- If this is not possible students should attend school for as much of that day as possible
- Email in the appointment card/letter so the absence can be authorised

### Holidays

- Any holidays, during term time, will not be authorised unless it is an extreme circumstance
- A leave of absence request must be completed in advance. Forms can be obtained from the School website or Student Reception
- Parents / Carers may be issued with a penalty notice if your child is absent due to a holiday

0 days absent **190** - School days in each year = 100%

10 days absent **180** - Days in school = 95%

19 days absent **171** - Days in school = 90%

29 days absent **161** - Days in school = 85%

38 days absent **152** - Days in school = 80%

47 days absent **143** - Days in school = 75%

### Late to school = lost learning

Minutes late	Impact on attendance in a year
5 minutes late per day =	3 days lost each year
5 minutes late per day =	9 days lost each year
0 minutes late per day =	19 days lost each year
5 minutes late per day =	28 days lost each year
0 minutes late per day =	38 days lost each year

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!!

Empowering all to Thrive, Engage and Achieve



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**SHOW UP AND WIN BIG!**



**Be in school from January 2025 to July 2025!!**

**This is your chance to turn 100% attendance into an EPIC REWARD!**

**100 Perfect Attendance = Automatic Entry**

**🏆 Prize Draw Includes:**

**A brand-new Xbox Series X (KS3) 🎮**

**The incredible Fire Max 11 Tablet (KS4) 🔥**

- ✓ Come to school every day
- ✓ Stay committed
- ✓ Get rewarded like never before!

**📢 Don't miss out - your perfect attendance could make you the lucky winner!**

**Are YOU up for the challenge? Let's make it happen! 💪**



**GIVEAWAY**





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Who's going to  
Amazing?

100

80

60

40

20

0

94

94

91

93

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

This week, we are excited to announce that **Years 7 & 8** have achieved the highest attendance!

But the pressure is on! Who will rise to the challenge next week? Let's keep up the momentum and aim for those perfect attendance records!

Remember, every presence counts!

Let's see who can be Queen Bee and take the crown next week!

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**Tell Us!**

**We want to hear from you!**

**Your Feedback Matters!**

To improve our programs and support your child better, please take a moment to share your thoughts on:

- What's working well at our school?
- Areas where we could improve.
- Suggestions for workshops or resources you'd like to see.

You can provide your feedback by emailing us:

**[office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk](mailto:office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk)**