



# HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Spode Avenue, Handsacre, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 4EU

'Be the Best We Can Be'

## Newsletter

September 2024



### Diary Dates

18 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery breakfast 8.15-8.45
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Photos Reception – Y6 Families starting at 8.30, Individual and Sibling
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Preschool breakfast 8.15-8.45
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y6 – The Garrick Theatre
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 – Cannock Chase Toy Museum
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday

#### 2024/25 Inset Days:

2<sup>nd</sup> September 24  
4<sup>th</sup> November 24  
14<sup>th</sup> February 25  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 25  
21<sup>st</sup> July 25

Please see the last page of our newsletter for full term dates for the next academic year. These dates can also be found on our school website under the calendar section.

# REMINDER

- New school finish times from September:
  - Nursery and Pre-school – finish at 3pm
  - Reception – 3.05pm
  - Year 1 and Year 2 – 3.10pm
  - KS2 – 3.15pm
- Please keep your ParentPay account up to date and pay for items on a weekly basis. Due to unpaid amounts on ParentPay accounts we will now be closely monitoring payment of accounts for School Meals, Toast/Snack, Afterschool Club and Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, should your account be unpaid for 5 days we will no longer be able to offer this service until this balance is cleared. Please check ParentPay and clear any outstanding debts to ensure that services can be used. Reminders will be sent weekly as normal but if this balance is not cleared by the end of the week the service will not be available for the following week.
- A variety of snack options are now available daily, such as toast, raisins or pancakes, these will be 30p per item payable via ParentPay.
- Reception children have had new ParentPay login details please activate your account if you have not already done so, ParentPay is used to pay for school trips as well as lunch and snack.
- Nursery and preschool parents please return your Parent Declaration funding forms to us as soon as possible.
- Reception – Year 6 parents please return your data collection sheets this week.
- Please see our new school lunch menu attached for your information.



## **Income assessed free school meals – are you eligible?**

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 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)

For further information please go to the Staffordshire county council website and search free school meals or use the following link:

[Apply online - Free School Meals - Staffordshire County Council](#)

## HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024/25

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

INSET:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
School opens:	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Half term holiday:</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
INSET:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November (school closed for pupils)
Pupils return to school:	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November
School closes end of day:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holiday:</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January

### SPRING TERM 2025

School reopens morning of:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
INSET:	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February (school closed for pupils)
<b>Half term:</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
School closes end of day:	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Easter Holiday:</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM 2025

School reopens:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
INSET:	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (school closed for pupils)
<b>May Day:</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half term:</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
School closes end of day:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET:	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (school closed for pupils)

