

Headteacher's Message

We have reached the end of the first half term in which we have achieved so much.

All of the children have settled so well into their new classes and routines. Thank you for supporting your children at home with their learning. We have appointed our House Captains, Ambassadors, School Councillors and Digital Leaders who are the voice of the pupils in school. Each week we have been handing out our Values certificates for those children who have demonstrated all of our values throughout the week.

I am so proud of everyone and the start we have made to this academic year.

Mrs C Farish
Interim Executive Headteacher



POPPY APPEAL

We will be taking part in the poppy appeal to give our children and the wider community the chance to remember those who serve and support those who need it most today.

Poppies and smaller items will be available in school and at the school gates.

Please help us fundraise by donating what you can. Thank you.

FAREWELL MRS MARSH

We would like to let our school community know that Mrs Marsh will be leaving West Hill at the end of this half term to pursue new challenges.

Mrs Marsh has been a valued member of our West Hill family, and we would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication and the care she has shown to our children over the years.

She will certainly be missed by staff and children alike, and we wish her every happiness and success as she begins her next chapter.

Thank you for everything, Mrs Marsh!



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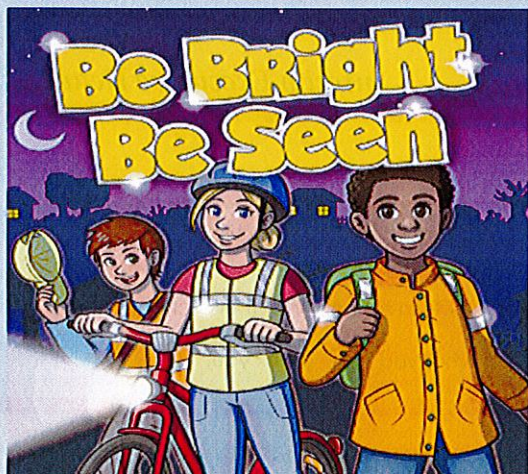
Reception 2027 Applications

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, parents need to make an application to the Local Authority for a school place.

The closing date is 15 January 2027.

Please visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions to do this.

The local authority, not primary schools, is responsible for allocating school places.



When the clocks go back at the end of October it gets darker much quicker and earlier during the winter.

Remember to dress smart for your journey to and from school to ensure you are visible to other road users.

PUMPKINS!!

Well done to everyone who brought in a carved pumpkin....they were all fantastic!!
Congratulations to all the winners too.



Olivia W's (1S) pumpkin as she was too poorly to bring it in.



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Reporting Absence

Regular attendance can only be achieved when parents and school work together and build a trusted relationship.

We would therefore respectfully ask that parents are honest with their explanation of absence and follow the correct procedures. Please do not report your child as sick when they are on holiday; this is both an embarrassing and unnecessary situation for all parties concerned.

Please collect a leave of absence form and be honest....it is the best policy! Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You will have received a letter to register your child with the local authority for the High School of your choice. The deadline to submit your application on line to the local authority is

31st October 2026.

It is a parent's responsibility to make this application by this date. The local authority will notify you directly of the school your child has been allocated.

ATTENDANCE MONITORING

Attendance can have an impact on children's learning, as any time lost makes it difficult for them to catch up. We understand that every family has its own personal circumstances and we are here to support you in getting your child to school if you are having difficulties.

We would respectfully ask that parents support us so that ALL children are in school and on time unless they are too unwell. We will continue to monitor those children whose attendance falls below our 96% expectation as well as our persistent absentees from last year. If you are invited to an attendance meeting please come along for an informal chat so we can help address any issues your child may have. Our aim is to build relationships with parents so that we can avoid statutory intervention where possible.

Parents are expected to notify school EVERY DAY and provide medical evidence after 5 days of illness. If not, the absence will be unauthorised as will lateness after 9:15 a.m. Unauthorised absences may be subject to a penalty notice if your child's attendance becomes a concern.

Parents should request any leave of absence by completing the necessary form for headteacher's approval. We would ask you to avoid requesting leave of absence in term time, particularly during assessment weeks in May and June. Thank you.



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SAFEGUARDING

Please remember that if you ever have a safeguarding concern regarding your child, or another child, you can speak to a member of our safeguarding team. For further safeguarding information you can visit:



www.nspcc.org—National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

www.saferinternet.org.uk—Parent information online

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

If parents have any concerns regarding their child's behaviour, or require counselling for any issues, please visit the SEND padlet or the Staffordshire Wellbeing Service. Parents are able to complete self-referrals into the service.



Families Health and Wellbeing (School Nurse)

Freephone 0808 178 0611 Text Chat 07520 615722

Face to face drop in Cannock Chase Children's Centre Wednesdays (term time only)

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

- Common condition Patient eligibility
- Earache 1 to 17 years
- Impetigo 1 year and over
- Infected insect bites and stings 1 year and over
- Sore throats 5 years and over
- Sinusitis 12 years and over



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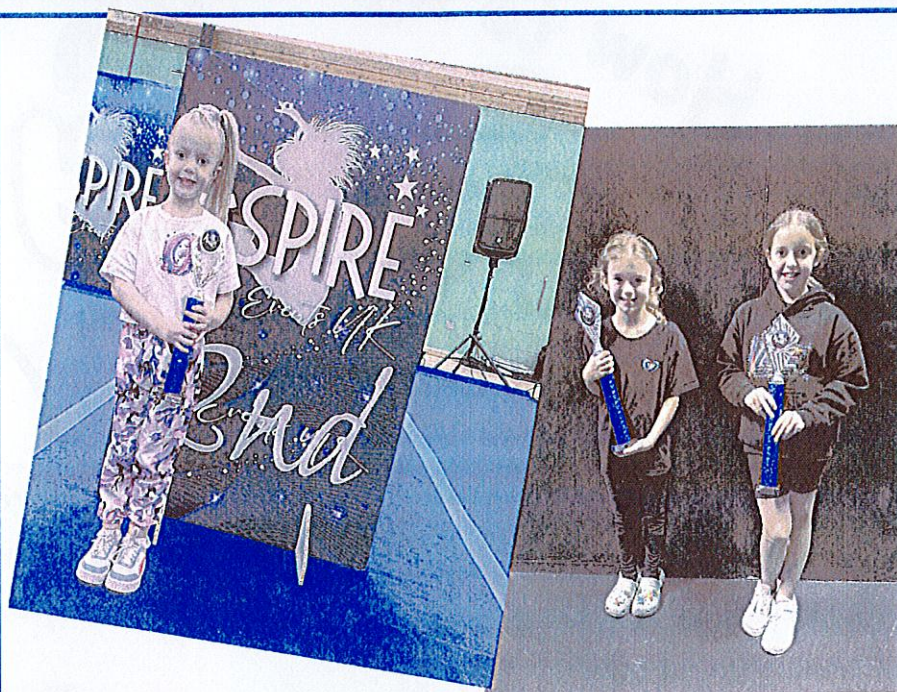
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Well done to Georgie, Isabelle and Poppy who are amazing dancers!

Georgie placed 2nd in her Street Dance Solo.

Isabelle placed 2nd in her Acro Solo.

Isabelle and Poppy won a trophy for their Lyrical and Jazz dance.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

23rd October	Half Term—School Closes
2nd November	School Re-opens Y6 Bikeability starts
3rd November	Bonfire Bash Discos
4th November	Flu Immunisations
13th November	Children in Need—Run with Pudsey Fundraiser!
20th November	Enrichment Day
30th November	Christmas Decorations Competition
17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
18th December	School closes at 1:30 pm



How to sign up online for Run with Pudsey

Together we can make a difference
- ♡ -

It's quick, easy and a great way to support Children in Need!



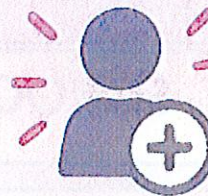
- 1** Go to our school fundraising page



www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/west-hill-primary-school

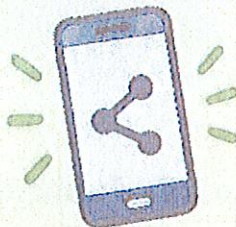
This is our unique school page for Run with Pudsey.

- 2** Create your own fundraising page



Click 'Sign up' and follow simple step. create your own personal fundraising page.

- 3** Share with family and friends



Once your page is set up, share it with your family and friends to help you raise money.

- 4** Start fundraising!



Every donation makes a difference and you'll receive a special Run with Pudsey medal for taking part!

Thank you!

Your support helps change young lives across the UK.





WEST HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Pupil Voice

OUR PUPILS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



House Captains

Leading with pride, teamwork and kindness

Water



Huthayfa
Erick
Jaxson
Flossie

Fire



Paige
Harleen
Lucas
Oscar

Earth



Savannah
Emily
Nancy
Ella

Air



Felicity
Lydia
Harry
Marcel



Well-being Ambassadors

Supporting happy, healthy and confident learners

Year 4



Paisley
Poppy
Lily
Skye

Year 5



Abdul
Hanzala
Pixie
Isabelle F



Year 6



Felicity
Marnie
Isobel
Frishta



School Councillors

Sharing ideas for a brighter West Hill



George 6R (Representing Butterflies)
Eva 6J (Representing Ladybirds)
Rory 1B
Imogen 1S
Myla 2H
Logan 2R
Harvey 3G
Roan 3W
Harrison 4D
Thomas 4N
Mollie 5F
Olivia 5P
Isla 6J
Nancy 6R



Digital Leaders

Using technology to make a positive impact



Jackson 1B
Alexander 1S
Oscar 2H
Ella 2R
Miley 3G
Dylan 3W
Billy 4D
Skye 4N
Imogen 5F
Alfie 5P
Erick 6J
Jessie 6R



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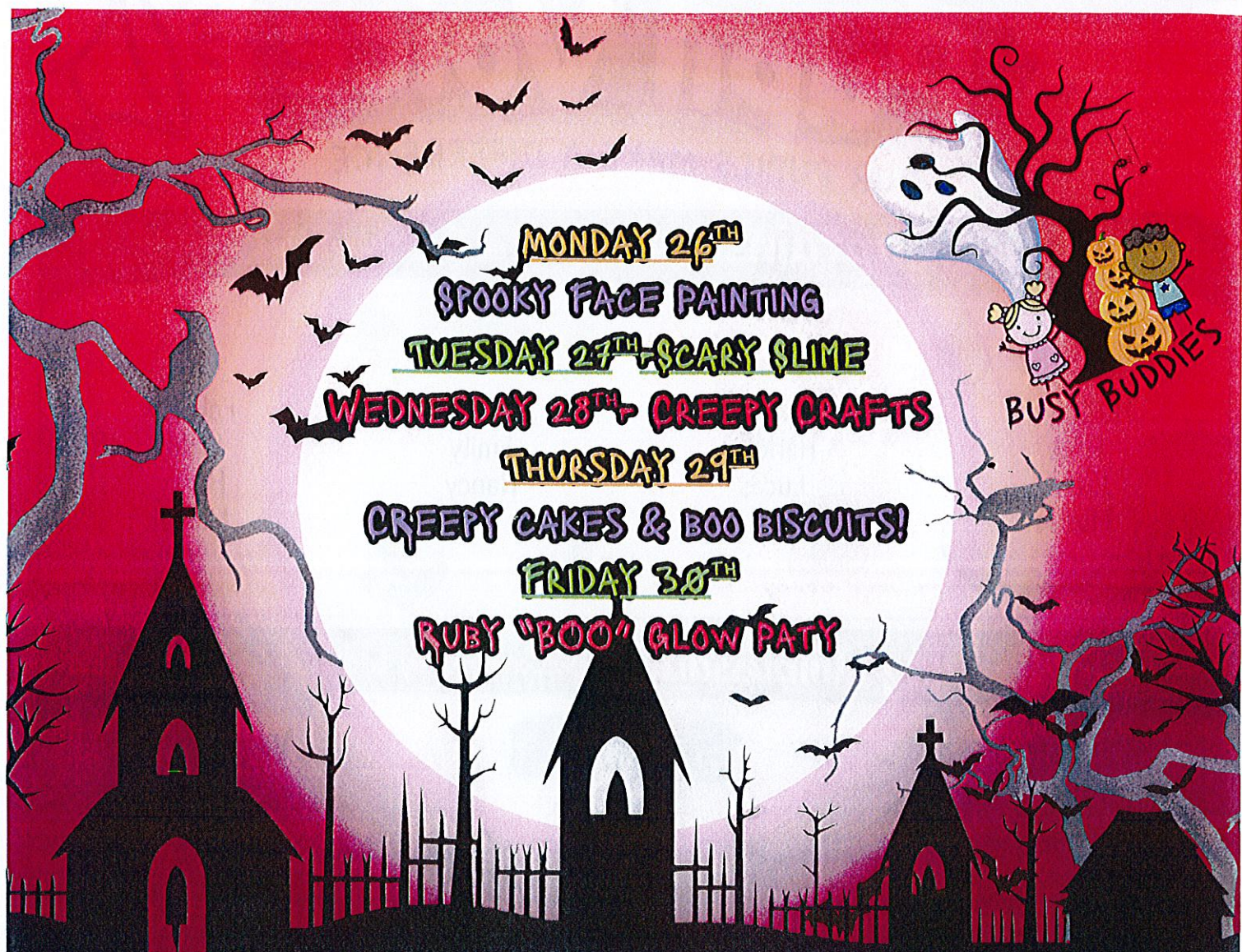


Learn



Achieve





MONDAY 26TH
SPOOKY FACE PAINTING
TUESDAY 27TH - SCARY SLIME
WEDNESDAY 28TH - CREEPY CRAFTS
THURSDAY 29TH
CREEPY CAKES & BOO BISCUITS!
FRIDAY 30TH
RUBY "BOO" GLOW PARTY



JOIN US FOR HALLOWEEN FUN

OCTOBER HALF TERM

WEST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
26TH OCTOBER - 30TH OCTOBER
7:30AM-6PM - £28 PER DAY
BOOKINGS -
BUSYBUDDIES@WESTHILL.STAFFS.SCH.UK

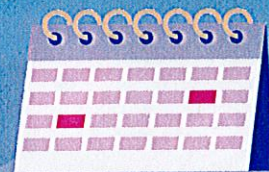
NUT FREE PACKED LUNCH MUST BE PROVIDED.

Consultation: School Admission Arrangements 2028/29

Staffordshire County Council is consulting on school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools. The arrangements set out how school places are allocated when there are more applications than places available.



NO changes are proposed
to the current arrangements



Consultation is open from
1 October - 1 December 2026

Send your comments to:
admissionsconsultation@staffordshire.gov.uk



To find out more, search 'admission arrangements' on [staffordshire.gov.uk](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk)

October Tour 2026



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SUNDAY 11th OCT - CREWE

Sir William Stanier School

SUNDAY 18th OCT - WOLVES

Our lady & St Chad Academy Sports Centre - WV10 8BL

TUESDAY 20th OCT - COALVILLE

Castle Rock High School

SATURDAY 24th OCT - BURTON

Shobnall Leisure Complex

SUNDAY 25th OCT - STAFFORD

Stafford Manor High School

MONDAY 26th OCT - SOLIHULL

North Solihull Sports Centre

TUESDAY 27th OCT - BLOXWICH

Bloxwich Active Living Centre

WED 28th OCT - STOURBRIDGE

Crystal Leisure Centre

THURSDAY 29th OCT - CANNOCK

Cannock Chase High School

FRIDAY 30th OCT - WALSALL

Oak Park Active Living Centre

SATURDAY 31st OCT - BIDDULPH

MyActive Biddulph Leisure Centre



CALL OR TEXT: 07542534657

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Community Food Table

Opening on the 15th of July 2026!

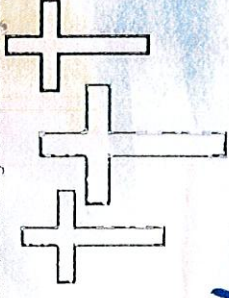
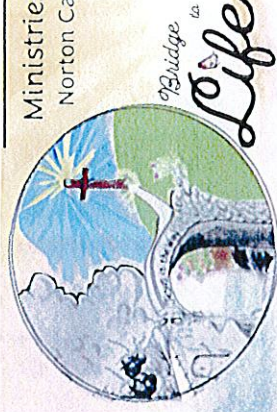
Norton Canes Community Centre
Brownhills Road, Norton Canes, WS11 9SF
Wednesday 6-7:30pm



Everyone welcome! Fill a bag, free of charge.

Providing healthy, free food for our community whilst reducing food waste.

Ministries of: GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Norton Canes Community Centre, Sunday Service 11:30am



*Community Together —
Free Groups & Support*

Free Parent and Toddler Group

Heath Hayes Library

10:30—12:30pm Every Friday

*Little Angels
Out'n'About*

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Free Afterschool Club

Norton Canes Community Centre

3:30—5:30pm Last Friday every month

Foodbank Distribution Centre

Norton Canes Community Centre

6:00—7:30pm Every Wednesday

In need? Pop in and have a chat with us.



Cannock & District
Foodbank
Together with Thurstall
Norton Canes Distribution Centre

Wednesday 9-1:30pm Community Food Table

Norton Canes Community Centre

Helping stop food waste and provide healthy food for our community.

Pop in and fill a bag free of charge.

Hang around for a cuppa and a chat.

Contact us for more details:

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