



PICKNALLS PAGES



End of Half Term News

What an **amazing start** to the year we've had! All the children have settled into their new classes quickly which gives them the **best possible start** to their learning journey for the year to come. We are especially pleased with how well the youngest members of our school have established themselves into the Picknalls family. **We are looking forward to sharing another amazing year with you!**

Mrs Tapp
Headteacher



Harvest Festival

Thank you once again for your **extremely generous donations** especially in the current financial climate. **Renew Church** are really grateful for your support and will ensure all contributions are given to anyone referred to them.



Volunteers

Thanks to all the family members who have already begun to volunteer. You offer an **invaluable service** and **support** our teachers immensely. If you haven't yet volunteered but have **time to spare**, please **contact** either Mrs Cornes (FS2) lcornes@picknalls.co.uk or Mrs Tapp headteacher@picknalls.staffs.sch.uk and we can do all the relevant paperwork and checks.



Girls Football Champions

Congratulations to our year 3/4 girls football team who recently became **East Staffordshire Champions!**

Our **young Lionesses** continue to make us [#proudtobepicknalls](https://www.instagram.com/proudtobepicknalls)

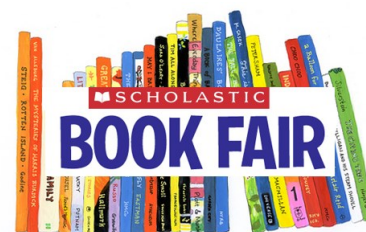
We are sure we will share many more sporting success story's (and trophies!) through the year!

See inside this newsletter for **more sports photos**.



Book Fair

We hope you had a chance to look at the **Book Fair during Parents' Evening**. If you purchased a book we hope the children enjoy it alongside their Little Wandle reading book.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our school was filled with **sunshine** during our recent **World Mental Health Day** where everyone was invited to wear yellow!

Thank you for your donations, we raised an amazing of **£323.01!**

The proceeds will be used by the Wellbeing Champions to purchase resources to support wellbeing in school.



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First Aid Update

As a result of a recent training course, we have been asked to remind parents of the importance to reduce the risk of choking by **cutting grapes into quarters** if they are sent in as part of their child's packed lunch. This is particularly important if your child is **under 5 years** as young children have small airways, may not have developed their back teeth and are still learning to chew food properly. For **further advice** on preventing choking please see this [Child Accident Prevention Trust's](#) page.



Defibrillator

We would like to make everyone aware that **we have a defibrillator** on site which is **accessible to anyone in the event of an emergency**.

It is located on the **wall next to the main entrance** and has the **entry code** on the side.

Having access to defibrillators in school **drastically increases** the chance of pupils, teachers and visitors **surviving a cardiac arrest**.



Parent Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent **Early Years and Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshops**, we hope you found it useful in supporting your child's learning at home.

The **next workshop** will be on **Maths** and is for **Reception** parents on **Tuesday 21st November at 2.00pm**.

Parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning, and levels of **parental engagement** are consistently associated with **better academic outcomes**.



Uttoxeter Lion's Fireworks

We've had some new visitors in school this week. They took up residence in the staff room and we're glad to say that they were well-behaved and very quiet! They waited very patiently until they were collected by members of the **Uttoxeter Lion's** as they have a very important role to play in the forthcoming fireworks display at **Uttoxeter Leisure Centre** on **Saturday 4th November** from **6.15pm onwards**.



We are, of course, referring to the Guy's some of you have taken the time to make. Well done to everyone who took part, and we hope you enjoy your free ticket!

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent **Parents' Evenings** and for completing our annual **Parent Questionnaire**.



Once the **School Leadership Team (SLT)** have collated the whole school answers the Governing Body will **discuss the responses** and any appropriate action needed at their next meeting in November.

Remembrance Poppies

Our **Remembrance Assembly** is on the 10th November and we have a limited amount of **Royal British Legion** merchandise which will be on sale from Monday 6th November.

The following price list is suggested:

- Poppy —£1
- Snap Band —£1
- Wristband —£1
- Zip Tie —50p
- Reflector —50p

All proceeds will go directly to the **Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal** charity which supports serving and ex-serving men and women, and their families.

If your child would like to purchase an item please send them with cash, preferably in a **named envelope**, from **Monday 6th November**.



UTTOXETER LIONS PRESENT THEIR
48th ANNUAL
BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY
SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER 2023
UTTOXETER LEISURE CENTRE
Gates Open 6.15pm - Children's Fireworks 6.55pm
Bonfire Lit 7.00pm - Main Display 7.30pm

Admissions September 2024



Reception and Middle School

Applications for Reception and Middle School places from September 2024 open during the half term holiday on **Wednesday 1st November 2023** and close on **15th January 2024**.

Residents in Staffordshire will need to apply through [Staffordshire County Council Admissions](#), use this link for more information. The easiest way to do this is online when application process is open.

Nursery

Applications for **Nursery places** from September 2024 open on **16th January 2024**.

Nursery applications must be made **directly through the school** and anyone wishing to apply can register their interest to do so before the 16th January. We will add you to our waiting list and then send details on how to apply once the process begins.

Nursery, Reception and Middle school parents are **informed of the outcome after 16th April 2024**.

The tables below gives more information on when your child is eligible to join the Nursery or Reception classes and when they will move on to Middle school and the table on the right is a **quick reference timetable** for the admission process.

Child's date of birth is between	Start Nursery	Start Reception	Start Middle School
01.09.2019–31.08.2020	Sep-23	Sep-24	Sep-29
01.09.2020—31.08.2021	Sep-24	Sep-25	Sep-30
01.09.2021–31.08.2022	Sep-25	Sep-26	Sep-31
01.09.2022-031.08.2023	Sep-26	Sep-27	Sep-32

Date	Event
01.10.2023	Applications for reception and middle school open
15.01.2024	Applications for reception and middle school close
16.01.2024	Applications for Picknalls Nursery open
16.04.2024	National Offer Day

Emergency Closure Procedure

Our weather has been pretty unpredictable recently so we thought you may like to know our **Emergency Closure Procedure**.

If after **severe weather** it looks as if staff from outlying areas will have **difficulty in getting to school** a decision to close the school will be made as quickly as possible by the Headteacher and Chair of Governors. This decision will be made after consultation with other local schools.

- Closure will be the last resort
- A notice will be posted on the [school website](#)
- Priority one parents will be made aware of the closure **via text message** from 'Teachers2Parents' (**Please make sure we have up-to date mobile phone details**)
- The [Staffordshire County Council School Closure](#) list will be updated
- Parents can sign up on the [Staffordshire County Council](#) website for free email or text message alerts



EARLY CLOSURE

If the school has to close early – due to a breakdown of the heating system, flooding, emergency etc., a decision to close the school early will be made by the Headteacher with the approval of the Chair of Governors and the ULT.

As many parents as possible will be contacted.

Parents are requested to consider this possibility and make the school aware of alternative arrangements should they be unable to take their children home themselves.

No child will be sent home unaccompanied.

Flu Vaccination

If your child has not received their flu vaccination either in school or from their GP surgery you can now book your child into one of the [School Age Immunisation Service's](#) community flu vaccination clinics.

There is a clinic scheduled for:

Tuesday 31st October Uttoxeter Library 9.30am-3pm

****The clinics are appointment only and are not able to support drop ins.****

Please **call 0300 124 0366 to book** an appointment or with any enquires regarding your child's flu vaccination.



Midlands Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

Help Get Extra Funding for Our School

Did you know that we can receive extra funding to support eligible families? Some of the funding can be used to directly help those families **pay for school trips, uniform, and peripatetic music lessons**, please speak to the office to discuss the options. We also **use the funding to help accelerate progress and raise the attainment of all our pupils** throughout the school. Specifically, in the previous academic year, the money was used to purchase extra resources and training including an extra **class set of iPads, additional hours** for school staff to provide **small group interventions**, intervention resources and Little Wandle training for staff. You can see a breakdown of how we used the income on our [Pupil Premium](#) page on the school website.

How do we receive Pupil Premium funding?

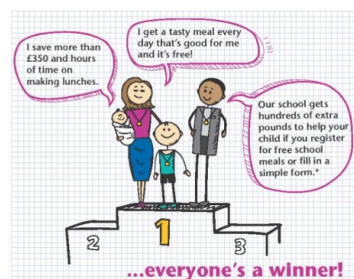
Families who are eligible to receive funding include:

- [Service children](#) – use the link to check the criteria and notify us if you are eligible.
- [Looked after children](#) – including children who are (or have been) adopted, fostered or subject to a child arrangement order. You will need to complete a form and provide evidence of relevant documents to verify the child's status.
- [Families in receipt of certain benefits](#) – you can check if you are eligible and apply online. You don't need to provide paper evidence and you only need to apply once.
- [Early Years Pupil Premium \(EYPP\)](#) is extra funding that is available to support eligible 3 and 4 year olds who access the universal 15 funded hours per week – completing your Parent Declaration form will allow us to claim on your behalf if you are eligible.

Please use the links above for more information and please consider applying if you fit any of the criteria.

We understand that some parents may be put off from applying for many reasons but please be reassured that your claim will be treated **confidentially** and your child will not be singled out or treated any differently to their peers.

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



Mini-bus

Mrs Tapp and Mr Cope have aimed for some time to acquire a **Picknalls mini-bus** and we are very excited to announce that its highly anticipated arrival is expected to be in the **new year!!!**

This will enable us to offer **even more opportunities** to our children in the form of **trips, activities and sporting events**.

If your child attends an after school club, 25% of the income will go towards the running and upkeep of the bus.



Communication with Teachers

Mrs Tapp has sadly had growing numbers of incidents where members of staff are experiencing hostility directed towards them from a few parents. Some of which have been received in the form of emails.

We are all human and sometimes say hurtful things in the heat of the moment which we would not use in normal correspondence and then, possibly, regret.

If you have any form of grievance, we ask that you come and talk to us, face-to-face, so that we can deal with your complaint swiftly and in a calm manner.



Oh, Yes They Are!!

On **Thursday 7th December 2023** Reception and Year 1 are planning a trip to the theatre to see **Santa's Christmas Wish** at the [Mitchell Arts Centre](#), Hanley. If you haven't already done so please ensure payment is made through your ParentPay account by **26th October 2023**.

Parents of children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** should already know that they are going to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime at the [Regent Theatre](#), Hanley, on **Wednesday 20th December**. If you haven't already paid for this via ParentPay please make sure you do by **10th November 2023** as we must submit payment to the theatre by their deadline.



Half Term

The fliers below show information about the childcare provision we have available over half term. Click the flier to link to their website's.

October Half Term Activities

27th October – 3rd November 2023



Full day 7am-6pm £21.00 Mid-day 9:00am-3:30pm £18.50 Half Day 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm £14.50

All that's required is a packed lunch, breakfast and an afternoon snack are provided.

Friday 27 th Inset Day	Monday 30 th	Tuesday 31 st	Wednesday 1 st	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
Games day Enjoy some board games, electronics, quizzes and more!	Halloween crafts Join us in making some spooky creations to hang around the home.	Fancy dress Halloween party Come dressed in your costume for some party fun and prizes	Breakfast morning No need for breakfast at home, we've got the continental breakfast selection for you! <i>Child's Choice of activity voted last half term!</i>	Awesome Autumn Bring your coats and wellies as we take a walk to see how the seasons change to Autumn from Summer!	Movie morning Sit back and enjoy a morning of films and games.
			French afternoon Following on from our continental breakfast, France and Paris activities and exploring their country.		Bonfire night From Pumpkin volcanos to fruit rockets.

Along with the activities listed children will be able to choose other games/toys to play with throughout the day also playing in our outside area.

Sessions are now available to book on magicbooking.
Happyhours.magicbooking.co.uk

Please can we remind you that we are a NO NUT setting.



How to book

It's super fast and easy to book!

1. Go ONLINE and book through our website:
www.progressive-sports.co.uk

2. Or Call **01889 343120**

Act quickly as spaces are limited!

Discounts

The earlier you book the bigger the discount you will receive. Scan our QR code and visit our website for more details.



Progressive Active Camps

Be happy, healthy and active!

30th October - 3rd November
8.30am - 5.30pm
For Children 4-13 years old



Terms and conditions: 1. All applications must be accompanied by payment in full for the appropriate course. 2. Any cancellations made 7 days prior to the course starting are non-refundable. 3. Any cancellations made before the 7 days prior to the course starting will carry a \$1000 admin fee. 4. For the avoidance of doubt, no refund is permitted for any failure to attend the course. 5. In the event that a participant needs medical attention during any course then you agree to us arranging for any appropriate and necessary treatment. 6. We do not accept responsibility for any death, personal injury or loss of or damage to property other than to the extent that it results from our negligence. 7. The cost of any damage caused by you or any participant you have booked on the course to any property or facilities will be passed on to you. 8. These terms and conditions and your booking shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

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Let us know if you're in financial difficulty

We know that many families are going through a tough time financially and we want to do everything we can to help you and your child. If you're struggling with your finances, please get in touch to let us know, as there may be things we can suggest which will help.

In the meantime here are some things you may find useful:

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or organising other financial support
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the [Citizens Advice website](#) or contact your local branch to book an appointment.

Citizens Advice, Unit G3 Daisybank Business Centre, CHEADLE, Staffordshire, ST10 1JE



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advice

Family Hub

Contact your local [Family Hub](#) to get help accessing all the support you might need as a family. Find your local hub here [Evergreen, 42 Kingshurst Way, Birmingham, B37 6DX](#)

Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's free tax code calculator](#) to find out.



MSE

MoneySavingExpert.com

Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use one of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

[Turn2us](#)

[Policy in Practice](#)

Support for [migrant families – use this calculator](#) if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds (meaning you're not entitled to the majority of welfare benefits)

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you need cash urgently – this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance'. You will need to contact the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office at Burton On Trent Jobcentre, Crown House, New Street, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 3SN or whoever is dealing with your claim.



TURN2US

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Check you've received all the government's cost-of-living payments

The government's [cost-of-living payments](#) are available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment but haven't received one, [report a missing payment to the government here](#).

Be aware of scams! If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost-of-living payment, do not talk to them or send a reply. Get more information on [cost-of-living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website.

Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#).

Check if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for FSM you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding (known as the pupil premium) to support your child's learning.

Go to this [Staffordshire County Council website page](#) to check if your child is eligible. If they are, or if you're not sure, [insert details of how your school can help, and how parents can register their child as entitled to FSM at your school]. If you are eligible you can [apply online here](#)

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British Gas
Energy Trust

See what other support you can get from your local authority

Staffordshire County Council's Household Support Fund aims to help families experiencing hardship particularly those who may not be eligible for other government support that has been made available but nevertheless still in need of financial assistance. Each eligible household will benefit from a ££65.00 supermarket voucher and a further £20.00 supermarket voucher per additional dependant. This may include, but is not limited to, residents who are entitled to but not claiming qualifying benefits, people who are claiming Housing Benefit and a range of low-income households in need, including children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people.

Other local schemes that you might be eligible for:

[The Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#) – access to food and activities over the school holidays. Note that if your child is eligible for free school meals (see above), they'll also qualify for this programme

[Here to help - cost of living support - Staffordshire County Council](#) – On these pages you'll find information, advice, and support to help you manage cost of living pressures.

[Help for Households](#) - Get government cost of living support – Government website to see what cost of living support you could be eligible for.

[Family Hub Cooking](#) - Find guidance on cooking for a family on a budget on the Staffordshire Connects website.

[Staffordshire Connects](#) - Find help and support locally. You can find support for families and children, adults, and people who have special educational needs (SEND). There are also family support providers who can help you with 1:1 support if it's needed.

[East Staffordshire Family Hub - Facebook](#)

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD**

26 million
Household Support Fund
awards already made
since 2021.



Connecting you with help and
support in your community

Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

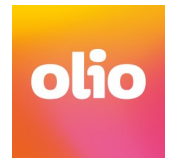
If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)

Find your local food bank here: [Bankuet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#)

Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low-cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to eat)

Become a member of a community shop. These organisations sell food to their members at a reduced price. Some shops are free to join if you meet certain criteria, and others ask for a small contribution. Find out if there's one near you by checking these websites: [Community Shop](#), [Your Local Pantry](#), [Community Grocery](#)

Get more tips on free and cheap meals from [Which](#)



Cheaper hygiene products

Find the cheapest disposable sanitary products on [Sanitary Saver](#)

Replace or repair household items at a low cost or for free

Check if you can get broken household goods replaced or repaired by your local community.

- Get free household goods on [Freecycle](#)
- Get help with DIY repairs at a [Repair Cafe](#) Globe Foundation Repair Room last Friday of every month between 1.30pm-4.30pm.



Find a warm space to beat the chill

Some community spaces open their doors to provide a safe and warm space for a few hours. Many also offer hot drinks and wifi.

Find a warm bank on:

- [Warm Welcome](#)
- [Warm Spaces](#)

Further information

- Contact [StepChange](#) for debt advice
- Contact [Shelter](#) if you're having issues related to housing
- Contact the [Salvation Army](#) for emergency assistance
- See if you're eligible for [grants from Turn2us](#)
- Single parents can get support from [Gingerbread](#)

StepChange
Debt Charity

Gingerbread
Single parents, equal families



Pupil Voice

Mrs Tapp and class teachers have been astounded by the number of children who expressed an interest in representing their peers by becoming a member of:

- School Council
- Wellbeing Champions
- Eco Committee
- Sports Leaders
- Digital Leaders



Year 4 Sports Leaders have had a day of training and are now eager to put their new skills to use with the younger pupils!

The members of the **School Council** have already started to keep Mrs Tapp on her toes by sharing their ideas on how to improve the school!

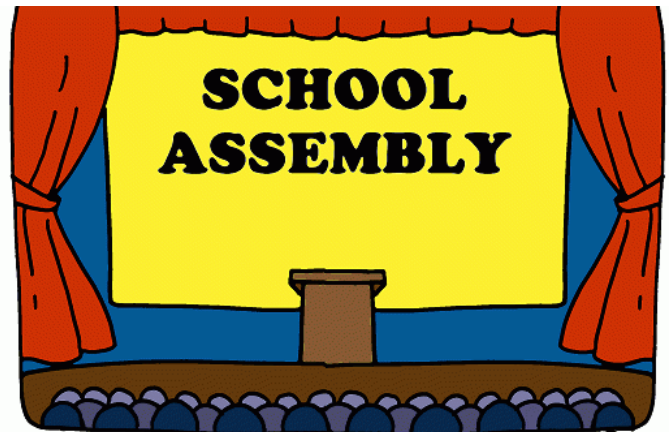
Assemblies

Mrs Tapp loves to start the week on a positive note and there is no better way to spread the positivity than having a whole school assembly!

One child from every class is nominated by their teacher to receive a **Red Merit Certificate**. This could be for an improvement in their learning, for producing some amazing work in class or for being a kind friend.

Each assembly has a theme and topics covered include Respect, Good Citizenship, Behaviour, Wellbeing, Bullying etc.

You may like to ask your child what they have learnt so that you can further the discussion and answer any questions they have.



NHS Is My Child Too Ill for School?



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

We have a brand [new website page](#) available to help answer the question above. It contains **advice and guidance about several different illnesses** including **whether they should be kept off school and for approximately how long**.

If you do keep your child at home, it's **important to let us know**.

You can

- ring **01889 228700**
- email attendance@picknalls.co.uk

PARENTS ▾ PUPIL ZONE

TERM DATES

CALENDAR

NEWSLETTER

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

UNIFORM

SNACKS AND LUNCH

LETTERS

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Nursery

If you pay for **Nursery** hours using **National Savings vouchers** via **HMRC** please ensure you **inform the office every time you make a payment** with the following information:

- National Savings Voucher used
- The amount owed
- The date the voucher was issued
- The value of the voucher

Increasing Nursery Hours

Once our Nursery children have had a couple of months to settle in we have found that parents often ask to increase their hours. If you wish to add extra sessions you please inform the office so that we can ensure adequate staffing ratios are in place.



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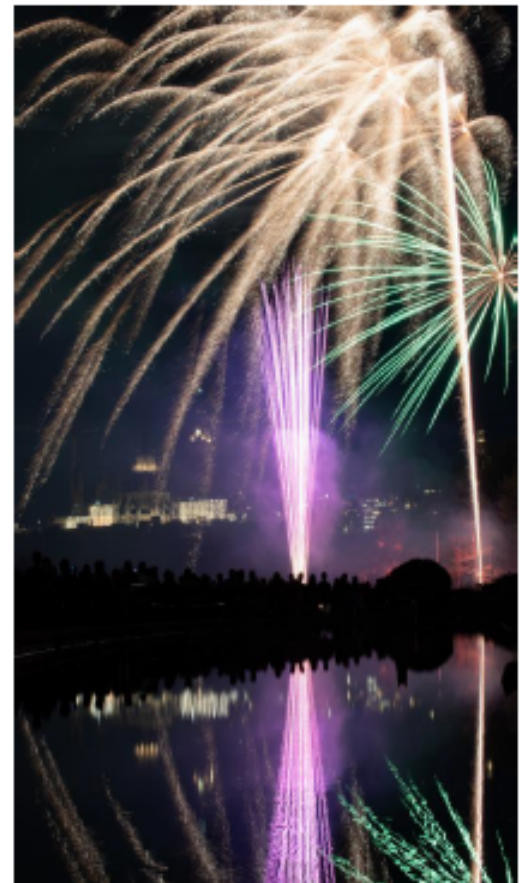
Community Safety Flash

Remember, Remember Celebrate Bonfire Night Safely.

The Firework Code

Fireworks are explosives and potentially dangerous, so they need careful handling and storage.

- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms' length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.



Sparkler safety tips

- These are often viewed as harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures and can easily cause injuries.
- Light sparklers one at a time.
- Supervise children with sparklers and never give them to children under five.
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves.
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit.
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people.
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler.
- When you have finished with the sparkler put it in a bucket of cold water.



www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk



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Fire and Rescue Service
preventing • protecting • responding

Sport at Picknalls

Cross Country, Thomas Alleynes - 28th Sept. Picknalls took over 20 year 3 and 4 pupils to the first event of the year. 'It was very nerve racking, but we were proud that we did it. We did brilliantly and our hearts were pounding at the end.'



Some super skill and sportsmanship shown at the **Y4 Boys Football at Robert Sutton**. A promising start to busy year of sport at Picknalls.



Wow! Our **Year 3/4 Girls Football Teams, also at Robert Sutton**, were amazing tonight. Enthusiastic girls playing football with a wonderful attitude and spirit. **East Staffs Champions!**




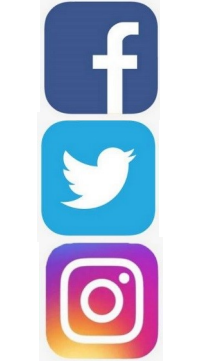


Massive well done to our **Year 4 pupils at the Boccia Tournament, Robert Sutton**, last night. Some great bowling and singing on the way home!



Useful Links

Here are some links we think you might find useful and a brief description of each:

	<p>SIMS Parent helps keep your children safe. In an emergency, up-to-date information helps schools meet their safeguarding obligations. Manage what information the school holds right from your phone. You will need an invitation from us to access this.</p>
	<p>We use ParentPay for the vast majority of payments made to school. You can also view the current menu and book your child's lunch. Read their FAQ's here.</p>
	<p>Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of our school. The questionnaire can be completed at any time.</p>
	<p>We have several social media accounts to help keep you up-to-date with what's going on in school. We love to see your photo's from home too! Email us on instagram@picknalls.co.uk</p>

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[Instagram@picknalls.co.uk](https://www.instagram.com/picknalls.co.uk)





www.picknalls.com

[Uttoxeter Learning Trust](#)



Cost of Living Support

Here are some links to places and ideas we hope you'll find useful if you are struggling with the increasing cost of living.

 <p>An online directory service and a one-stop-shop for all things health, care and events in Staffordshire</p>	 <p>Support and advice available in the East Staffs borough</p>	 <p>A scheme run by SCC to help residents to heat their homes for less using energy efficient solutions</p>	 <p>If your household income is less than £19,050 per year, you may qualify for a discount on your water charge</p>	 <p>Get free water saving devices to help lower your energy bills</p>
 <p>Facebook group for people living in Uttoxeter. A local warm place, warm clothes bank, food bank and more</p>	 <p>Facebook group with info, events and tips for East Staffs families</p>	 <p>Uttoxeter Renew Church Facebook group. Food bank, support network for people living in Uttoxeter</p>	 <p>Free 'Repair Room' - last Friday every month 1.30pm-4.30pm. You pay for materials, costs discussed upfront</p>	 <p>Star Burton Charity store sells furniture from £5-£200, home starter packs from £100 and can deliver for a charge</p>
 <p>Uttoxeter Leisure Centre offers 50% off their facilities for low income families</p>	 <p>One FREE swimming voucher per child per session, but you can apply as many times as you want</p>	 <p>Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits</p>	 <p>Staffordshire Live for all the cost of living support cash you can access in Staffordshire</p>	 <p>Money Saving Expert sign up for weekly money tips emails</p>

Picknalls First School Future Dates

Please note: all dates are subject to change. See our website's Calendar for the most up-to-date information

Nov-23

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1 Half Term Holiday Mon-Fri = 7:00am-6:00pm - Happy Hours Holiday Club Mon-Fri = 8:30am-5:30pm - Progressive Sports Holiday Club	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Assembly	11	12
13 Anti-Bullying Week	14	15	16 Ramble for Pudsey Fundraiser	17 Children in Need - dress up day	18	19
20	21 2.00pm - Reception (FS1 and FS2) Maths Parent Workshop	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Dec-23

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 3.30pm - Christmas Fayre	2	3
4	5	6	7 Reception and Year 1 - theatre trip	8 2.00pm - EYFS Christingle	9	10
11 Year 1 Christmas Performance <small>Times tbc nearer the time</small>	12 Year 2 Christmas Performance <small>Times tbc nearer the time</small>	13 Year 3 Christmas Performance <small>Times tbc nearer the time</small>	14 Year 4 Christmas Performance <small>Times tbc nearer the time</small>	15 EYFS Christmas Performance <small>Times tbc nearer the time</small>	16	17
18 Pm - EYFS Christmas Party	19 Pm - Year 2 Christmas Party	20 Am - Yr 2, 3 and 4 to Regent Theatre Pm - Year 1 Christmas Party	21 Pm - Year 4 Christmas Party	22 Christmas Jumper Non-Uniform Day Pm - Year 3 Christmas Party Last day of term	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Holiday						

Jan-24

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Holiday						
8 INSET Day - no children in school	9 Back to school STEM Activity Week	10	11	12	13	14