

Dilhorne Endowed CE Primary Spring Term Newsletter January 2026

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st January	-	Y2 Multi Skills @ TCA
Thursday 5th February	-	Parents Evening 3.00-5.30pm
Tuesday 10th February	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala*
Thursday 11th February	-	Y5/6 Netball*
Friday 13th February	-	Young Voices 2026, Manchester
Monday 23rd February	-	School closes for Half Term
Thursday 26th February	-	School Re-opens
Tuesday 3rd March	-	Chinese New Year Drop-down Day
Thursday 5th March	-	Y3/4 Netball*
Tuesday 10th March	-	X-Country @ Oakamoor*
Wednesday 11th March	-	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	-	RE Retreat Day @ Great Wood Hall*
Wednesday 18th March	-	X-Country @ Oakamoor *
Tuesday 24th March	-	KS2 Gymnastics @ Uttoxeter*
Wednesday 25th March	-	Mum's Afternoon Tea
Friday 27th March	-	Y5/6 Football Tournament*
Monday 13th April	-	Dance Festival @ TCA*
Monday 4th May	-	Y3/4 Football Tournament*
Monday 11th May	-	School Closes for Easter
Friday 22nd May	-	School re-opens for Summer Term
	-	Bank Holiday
	-	SATs Week
	-	School Closes for Half Term

***Separate letters to those involved**



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Welcome back we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to starting 2026 with a full and fun packed, busy term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

We would like to welcome Harry and Isobella (Bella) who have joined our school family. We look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks.

Love one another, Love the world

World Book Day

Advanced notice - On Thursday 5th March all our children will be dressing as their favourite character, from their favourite book. Happy costume hunting!



Spring Term PE Days

Class 1—Monday & Wednesday

Class 2 -Monday & Thursday
(Swimming Tuesday)

Class 3—Wednesday & Thursday



Snow Days

The weather is unpredictable at the moment and more snow is quite likely. In the unlikely event of a snow day, school will inform parents/carers that the school will be shut, as early as possible via email and Facebook. We always endeavour to keep the school open and if you don't hear from us, Dilhorne will be open.

Please DO NOT call school on these days to see if we are open, as this blocks the phone line for those parents trying to inform us of absences due to illness.

During snowy/icy weather, staff will be working very hard to ensure our safety, by gritting the paths into school on icy mornings. Please can all parents, children (and staff) make sure they walk only on the pathways that have been gritted.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter, we really appreciate it.



How Long Should My Child Stay Off School?

A Parent's Guide to Common Childhood Illnesses (UK Guidance, 2025)

This guide is based on advice from the NHS and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). It helps parents decide how long children should stay home from school when unwell, and when it's safe to return. If you're ever unsure, contact your GP, NHS 111, or your local pharmacist.

Illness	Time Off School	When Your Child Can Return
Coughs & Colds	Usually no time off needed	When your child feels well enough and has no fever
Flu (Influenza)	Until recovered (usually 5–7 days)	When fully recovered and fever-free for 24 hours
COVID-19	3 days from start of symptoms (if well enough sooner)	After 3 days if well and no fever
Chickenpox	Until all spots have crusted over	Usually 5–7 days after rash appears
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease	No exclusion unless feeling unwell	When feeling better
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	No exclusion unless unwell	When feeling well enough for school
Diarrhoea & Vomiting (Stomach Bug)	48 hours after last episode	After 48 hours symptom-free
Head Lice	None needed (after treatment begins)	Once treatment has started
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or 48 hours after antibiotics start	When lesions are dry or 48 hours after antibiotics
Scarlet Fever	At least 24 hours after starting antibiotics	After 24 hours on antibiotics and feeling well
Sore Throat / Tonsillitis	Stay home if fever or unwell	When feeling better and fever-free
Ear Infection	No specific time; stay home if fever or pain	When feeling better and fever-free

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW?

In a school year if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 Days	12 Lessons
10 Minutes	6 Days	24 Lessons
15 Minutes	9 Days	36 Lessons
20 Minutes	12 Days	48 Lessons
30 Minutes	18 Days	72 Lessons

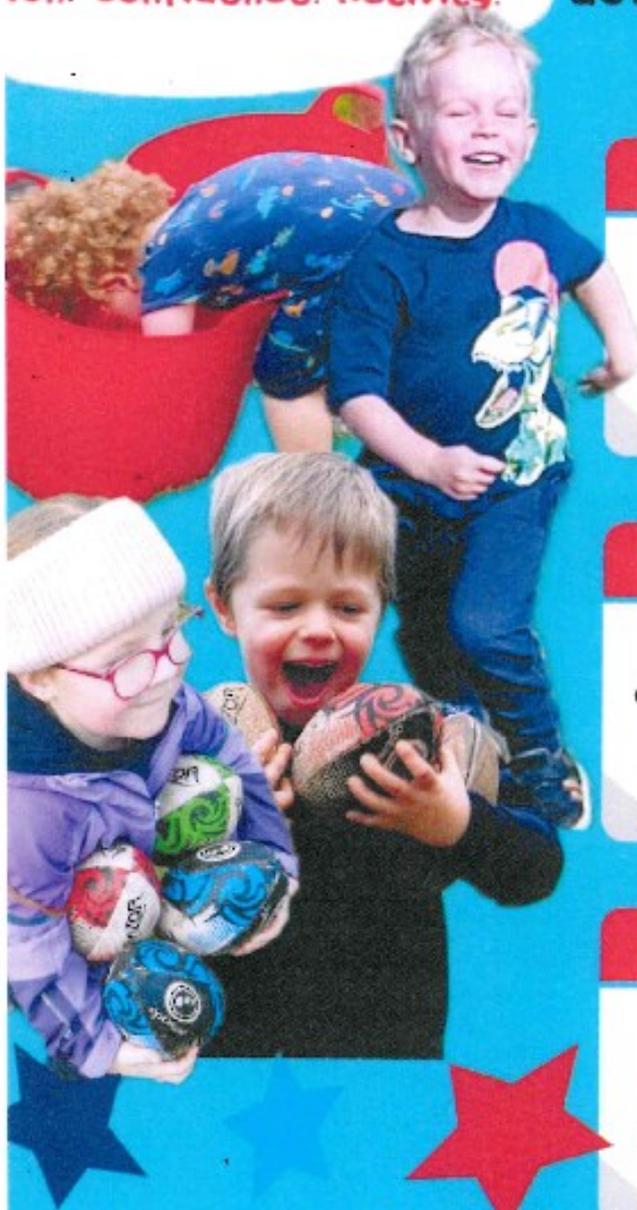
PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble



**Active classes for children from
18 months to 6 years**
**Get your didi star moving with
our fun, active classes. Build
their confidence and boost their
activity levels with our weekly
classes!!**



Monday
@Dilhorne
18 months
to 5 years

Friday
@Sandbach
18 months +

Saturday
@Newcastle
18 months
to 6 years

Saturday
@Sandbach
18 months
to 6 years

Sunday
@Stone
18 months
to 6 years

Sunday
@Leek
18 months
to 4 years

Contact Ros to book your free taster session!

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Stoke-on-Trent Football



Development

At Ormiston Meridian Academy (Sports Hall)
Sandon Rd, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 7DF
Starting on Thursday 12th February 2026

In association with First Kick Football



School years - Reception & Year 1

6:00pm - 6:45pm

School years - Year 2 & Year 3

6:45pm - 7:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Thursday at Ormiston Meridian Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Henry

0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

