

25/09/2026



Reginald Mitchell's NEWSLETTER



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A message from Miss Rourke

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic week we have had at Reginald Mitchell!

It has been wonderful to see so many children demonstrating our school value of **Respect**. Across the school, pupils have shown respect in a variety of ways, whether on the playground, in the corridors or within their classrooms.

We are also delighted to announce our new school leaders. Congratulations to **Freddie**, who has been appointed **Head Boy**, and **Taylah**, our **Head Girl**. A huge well done also to **Ralph** and **Summer**, who will take on the roles of **Deputy Head Boy** and **Deputy Head Girl**. We were incredibly impressed by all of the applications and presentations, and every pupil who applied has been given an important leadership role within school. We look forward to seeing all of our pupil leaders make a positive difference this year.

A special well done must also go to our **Year 6 pupils**, who have been fantastic role models since returning to school. This week they also enjoyed a taster day at **The King's School**, which provided an exciting opportunity to experience secondary school life.

In **Emotions Explorers Club**, the children took part in an emotions hunt around school, finding out how different children and adults were feeling and discussing the reasons behind those emotions. This was a brilliant activity to develop empathy, emotional literacy and understanding of others. Our **Super Spitfires** also received training from the Mental Health Support Team, helping them develop the skills and confidence needed to support their peers on the playground.

Finally, I would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who donated cakes and attended our **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of our families. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rourke and the Reg Mitch Team.

Important dates coming soon...

School at work EY/KS1 & Y5
30/09/26 2 pm - 3 pm
(Please sign up on Arbor)

School at work — Y3 & Y4
01/10/26 2 pm - 3 pm
(Please sign up on Arbor)

PTFA Non uniform day 02/10

Academy photos 05/10/26

Parents evening 06/10/26
(Please sign up on Arbor)

Halloween disco 21/10/26
EY/KS1 2:45 – 3:45 pm

KS2 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Harvest assembly 22/10/26

EY/KS1 09:15 – 10 am

KS2 10:15 – 11 am

(Please sign up on Arbor)

Half Term 26/10/26 - 30/10/26

Inset day 02/11/26

Return school 03/11/26

For all other calendar dates
please click on the link below
<https://reginaldmitchell.co.uk/my-calendar/>

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: **96.67%**

**This Week's
winner is:
Class 5**

Please follow the following link to RM Autumn School Menu 2026

to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 2** of the new **Autumn** menu.

Class	Attendance
Reception	98.29%
Year 1	92.59%
Year 2	98.29%
Year 3	98.72%
Year 4	91.19%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	97.62%

Rewards and Celebrations

EYFS — Poppie

KS1 — Jasper

KS2 — Enya

Nursery — Gracie-Mae

Reception — Skyla-Rose

Year One — Thomas-Junior

Year Two — Rose

Year Three — Willow F

Year Four — Amber

Year Five — Hunter

Year Six — Joseph

Nursery — Darcie

Reception — Hudson

Year One — Nancy H-J

Year Two — Cody

Year Three — Lillybelle

Year Four — Aili

Year Five — Jack

Year Six — Charlize



Team Points

Red	Update
Blue	is
Yellow	next
Green	week.

Year One — George

Year Two — Elijah

Year Three — Bailey

Year Four — Alfie

Year Five — Kolby

Year Six — Heidi



Census day Menu - Thursday 01 Oct 26

Nugget Nation

Crispy Quorn Nuggets (ve)

or

Chicken Nuggets

—★—
Chips

BBQ Beans or Golden Corn

—★—
Vanilla Sprinkle Sponge



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a recipe for success

Friday 02/10/26—Menu change -

Fish fingers /Crispy garden fingers with chips with veg, fruit jelly.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Just a reminder about Operation Encompass....

Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools, and it is now in place in all 43 police forces in England and Wales. It is a police and education early information-sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to any child experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures there is a phone call or notification to a trained member of school staff on the next school day after an incident of police-attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at our school gates, are of a positive nature.

Makaton Sign of the Week

We have introduced a Makaton 'sign of the week' to strengthen communication across school, using a shared visual support that helps our pre-verbal learners express themselves with confidence to not just their teachers but to their friends.

This week we will be learning how to sign '[Autumn](#)'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week.



Please ensure that all consent forms and permissions on Arbor have been completed and kept up to date. This information helps us to keep your child safe and ensures we have the correct permissions in place.

We would also like to remind families that we are a mobile phone and smart device free school. Pupils should not bring mobile phones or smart devices onto the school site unless there is a specific safeguarding or medical reason.

If you feel your child needs to bring a mobile phone or smart device to school, you **MUST** complete the relevant consent on Arbor and provide a clear reason for the request.

Without adding a reason, the request will be denied in line with statutory guidance.



Parent Governor Opportunities

— The Reginald Mitchell Primary School

The Reginald Mitchell Primary School is seeking to appoint two committed and skilled parent governors to join our governing body. These are pivotal leadership roles that play a vital part in shaping the strategic direction, effectiveness and continued success of our school.

As a governor, you will work collaboratively with school leaders to provide challenge, support and oversight, ensuring high standards of education, strong safeguarding practices and the very best outcomes for all pupils.

Following a recent skills audit, we are particularly keen to hear from parents with education and curriculum knowledge and experience, and/or expertise in finance, operational management or human resources.

This is a rewarding voluntary role offering the opportunity to:

Make a meaningful contribution to the local community

Influence the future of the school

Use your professional skills to support school improvement

An induction and training support package will be available. If you are interested in making a difference at The Reginald Mitchell Primary School, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please provide a short paragraph, addressed to the Chair of Governors, Mr John King, outlining your experience, skills and knowledge by 2nd October via email to the school office on: office.reg@cflptrust.co.uk

This weeks Spotlight is:

Anti-Bullying

At Reginald Mitchell, we are committed to ensuring that every child feels safe, happy and supported in school. We take all concerns raised by children and families seriously and encourage pupils to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else.

As part of our work around Anti-Bullying, we are reminding children of the **STOP** principle:

Several
Times
On
Purpose

Several
Times
On
Purpose



Start
Telling
Other
People

This helps children understand that bullying is behaviour that is repeated and intentional. We also encourage children to:

Start
Telling
Other
People

Bullying is not...

Falling out with friends - Sometimes we need a bit of time with different people

When something happens only once - This is isolated but can still be dealt with
Accidents - Because this wasn't done on purpose

Misunderstandings - Sometimes we don't fully understand what someone is saying to us and we need it explaining in a different way

It is important for children to understand the difference between bullying, friendship fallouts, misunderstandings, accidents and one-off incidents. Whilst these situations can still be upsetting and will always be addressed by staff, they may not meet the definition of bullying.

When concerns are raised, we listen carefully, investigate thoroughly, communicate with parents and take appropriate action where needed. Our aim is to educate children, promote positive relationships and ensure that Reginald Mitchell remains a happy place to learn and grow.

If you have any concerns regarding bullying, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Please find our anti-bullying policy and child-friendly anti-bullying poster on the website using this link — [Policies - Reginald Mitchell Primary School](#)



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC ACADEMY
Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove, ST17 1EH

OCTOBER 26 HALF DAY: 09:00-13:00

FREE PLACES

WE'RE GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 2 HOURS

We are excited to welcome you all to our action-packed holiday club during the October half-term. Our program of sports, games, crafts and special events will give every child an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

**MULTI-SPORTS · SPECIAL EVENTS · GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS · INFLATABLES · COMPETITIONS**

Available to children receiving Targeted Free School Meals
Households receiving universal credit and annual net earnings of £7,400 or less

HAF CODE

Access through your school or Staffordshire County Council.

REGISTER

Login to the EEOU website to register your child's details.

BOOK

Locate your venue on the ASM Sports page to secure a place.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

This program provides children who are eligible for free school meals with the opportunity to access physical activity, alongside receiving snacks, a nutritious lunch and drinks.



Each eligible child will be able to access only one funded place (one day) during this holiday period.

SECURE MORE DASH...
Add to your booking via myasm.co.uk

Call: 01782 366332 Website: asmssports.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING

Outlined as 'ragging' (harsh verbal interaction towards someone online) cyber-bullying means to victims fear, upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has a much wider reach than traditional bullying as it can be accessed from anywhere at any time. Cyber-bullying can be a serious problem for children and young people, leading to them being out of school, sharing embarrassing images or videos of themselves, or spreading rumors about them. Cyber-bullying can also have a lasting impact on a child's mental health. In support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

- 1. GET CONNECTED**
Establishing a good relationship with your child is the first step. Talk to them about their online life and what they are doing. Encourage them to share their online life with you.
- 2. KEEP TALKING**
Regular check-ins with your child are important. Talk to them about their online life and what they are doing. Encourage them to share their online life with you.
- 3. STAY VIGILANT**
Be aware of the signs of cyber-bullying. These can include changes in behavior, mood, or academic performance. If you notice any of these signs, talk to your child about what might be happening.
- 4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE**
Let your child know that you are there for them. Encourage them to come to you if they are being bullied or if they are worried about someone else being bullied.
- 5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN**
If your child tells you they are being bullied, listen to them without judgment. Encourage them to tell you what happened and how they are feeling.
- 6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD**
Encourage your child to stand up for themselves. Teach them how to respond to bullying in a confident and assertive way.
- 7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE**
If you see someone bullying someone else online, report it to the platform. Most platforms have a reporting system in place.
- 8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY**
Encourage your child to be empathetic towards others. Remind them that bullying is wrong and that everyone has the right to be treated with respect.
- 9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE**
If you are unsure what to do, seek advice from a professional. There are many organizations that can help you with cyber-bullying.
- 10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES**
If the bullying is severe or persistent, involve the police or other authorities. They can help you take action against the bully.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah-Jane Smith, a leading expert in cyber-bullying, shares her top tips for parents and carers. She explains how to recognize the signs of cyber-bullying and how to support your child if they are being bullied.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Notice board

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 2nd October

Our PTFA are asking for a donation of sweets - one portion per family to support our PTFA events in school!

A big thank you for all of your support!

STOKE CITY 1863 FOUNDATION

OCTOBER HALF TERM - POTTERS SOCCER SCHOOLS

MIXED, GIRLS ONLY & GOALKEEPERS ONLY CAMPS AVAILABLE AT CHESTERTON COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE, CASTLE STREET, ST5 7LP

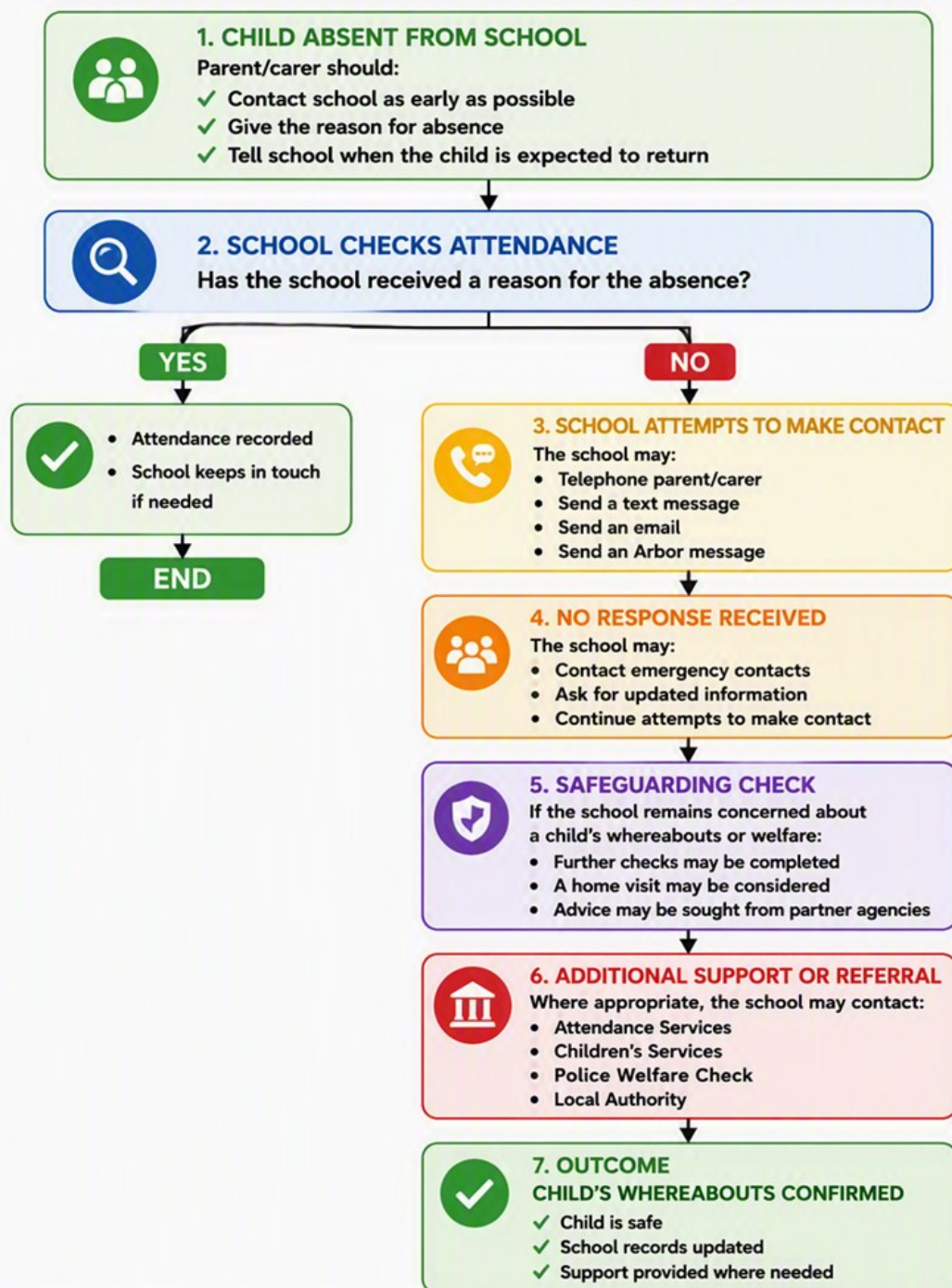
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HAF fun this half term

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals. Paid places also available.

visit staffordshire.gov.uk/haf

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE: WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP



Contact school on the first day of absence



Keep contact details up to date



Ensure emergency contacts are available



Respond to calls, texts or messages from school



Inform school of any change in circumstances



Work with school to support regular attendance



Working together helps keep children safe and supports brighter futures.