



Dove Bank Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 16.10.2026

Aspiration Week 19th to 22nd October

It has finally arrived! Next week is Aspiration week, and we have lots of volunteers who are coming to talk to the children about their career paths. We are particularly looking at how their learning in school relates to a world of possibilities! Please make sure you ask your children who they have seen next week. It's not too late to volunteer to come in! Please contact Mrs Woodward if you are able to share your journey with some of our children,.

TT Rock Stars Day Tuesday 10th November!

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an exciting online maths programme that we use to help children practise and improve their times tables through fun, fast-paced games.

On this day, we're inviting all children and staff to come dressed as rock stars! Think rock star hair, sunglasses, bandanas and plenty of rock 'n' roll attitude! We'll also be holding class battles on TTRS, so get practising those multiplication facts and get ready to battle it out for rock star glory!



INSET DAY

A reminder that next week there is an Inset day Friday 23rd October, when the school will be closed to pupils. We will be back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Year 4 Assembly 9am, Monday 19th October

Our Year 4 class are excited to share with you what they have been learning throughout the start of this year.

Our digital ambassadors will be presenting an E-Safety talk to parents too, so be sure not to be late.

REMINDER

We are looking forward to seeing Y3 and Y4 parents on Wednesday for our 5 ways to wellbeing session, held by Jess, our mental health practitioner.

Parents' Evening

Reminder: Parents' Evening is next week!

It's not too late to book your parents evening appointment on Arbor. If you are having any difficulties with this, please contact the office team who will be happy to help.

You're invited!

Join your child in school to learn about **5 ways to wellbeing** delivered by our MHST Jess.

Stronger Happier Brighter Together

Connect Be Active Take Notice Keep Learning Give

Date	Time	Year
14th October	1-2pm	Year 6
	2-3pm	Year 5
21st October	1-2pm	Year 4
	2-3pm	Year 3
4th November	1-2pm	Year 2
	2-3pm	Year 1
11th November	2-3pm	Reception

Small steps make a big difference!

Happy Minds Brighter Futures

Together we learn, grow and belong

Dove Bank PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO

Wednesday 21st October

KS1	KS2
3.15pm to 4.15pm	4.30pm to 5.30pm

£2 ENTRY

TUCK SHOP AND GAMES

Zena will also be selling her handmade bracelets

Come along for a spooky afternoon of fun!

Halloween Disco

We cannot wait for our annual Halloween disco!

Rec and KS1 children will go to the disco straight after school. Please can parents send children into school with their costume and some money in a named purse/wallet. They will need £2 entry plus tuck shop money.

The team are still in need of volunteers to support the KS2 disco. If you are able to help, please complete [THIS FORM](#).



**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE
SCHOOLS & GPs**

NHS

CAMHS

CRISIS & INTENSIVE SUPPORT TEAM

Support • Advice • Guidance



**AVAILABLE
7 DAYS A WEEK**



9:00am – 10:00pm



CALL NHS 111 →

OPTION 2

Before directing any child or young person under 18 to A&E



STOP & CALL FIRST

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child or young person under 18, please contact our CAMHS Crisis & Intensive Support Team to speak to a CAMHS Practitioner **before** directing them to hospital.



OUR AIM

To reduce avoidable attendances at local A&E departments and ensure children and young people receive the **right support**, in the **right place**, at the **right time**.

HOW WE CAN HELP



Mental health advice and guidance



Risk assessment support



Clinical support and intervention



Assistance in determining whether an A&E attendance is appropriate



AFTER 10PM

Calls will be answered by a call handler who will ensure CAMHS receives the information for appropriate follow-up the next morning.



NHS 111 – OPTION 2

CONTACT CAMHS BEFORE REFERRING UNDER 18s TO A&E



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Together we are making life better for our communities

COFFEE MORNING DROP-IN SESSIONS

**CAUDWELL
CHILDREN**

Empowering Disabled &
Neurodivergent Children



**MONDAYS
9.30AM - 11.30AM**

**Join us for our weekly Monday
morning Drop-in session**

Who can visit us?

- ✱ Parents and carers of disabled and /or autistic children
- ✱ Health, education, and care professionals
- ✱ Anyone looking to learn more about Caudwell Children's services



WHERE

**Caudwell International Children's Centre
Innovation Way
Keele Science and Innovation Park
Newcastle-under-Lyme
ST5 5NT**



Registered Charity Numbers: RCN 1079770, SC043874

HOW CAN I APPLY?

We're here to help! You can apply by filling in the form on our website or if you have any questions, please get in touch with our Workshops Team by calling 0345 300 1348 or email us.

0345 300 1348

workshops@caudwellchildren.com

GET INVOLVED

Get involved with our exciting calendar of events and challenges, explore volunteering opportunities, and discover fun ways to fundraise and make a difference.

To find out more, visit caudwellchildren.com



HOW YOU CAN DONATE

Around 80% of our income comes from donations like yours. Please consider donating and help us continue our important work:



OUR SERVICES



Autism Services: Providing diagnostic assessments, practical and emotional support for autistic children and their families.



Equipment: Supporting families with mobility and sensory equipment to help children and young adults with their development, mobility and independence.



Workshops: Providing families with a range of resource sessions that focus on raising a child with a disability or an autistic child.



Kids' Activities Club: Hosting activities for children and young people with SEND. These sessions are fun, help with social skills and build their confidence.



Occupational Therapy: Helping children and young people build everyday skills, supporting confidence and independence, whether it's getting dressed, making friends, or doing their best at school.



Family Support: Providing families caring for a disabled or neurodivergent child or young person with vital support and information in person, over the phone, email, or via live chat.



Sensory Packs: Supporting families to access a range of portable sensory support packs.



Shaping Futures: Supporting young neurodivergent people who are not in Education, Employment or Training with vital employability and life skills to help shape their futures.

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CAUDWELL
CHILDREN

WORKSHOPS

HELPING YOUR FAMILY GROW TOGETHER



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INTRODUCTION

Caudwell Children's Workshops offer valuable practical and accessible resources, that focus on some of the key challenges families may experience when raising a disabled or neurodivergent child.

Developed in direct consultation with autistic and disabled people, parents and clinicians, these sessions are designed to share helpful knowledge, offer practical strategies, and help families understand and support each other better.



Eligibility Criteria

- Each application must be submitted on behalf of an individual young person.
- Workshops are designed for families of children and young people aged 4-18 years.
- The child and their parent(s) or guardian(s) must be living legally in the United Kingdom.

WHAT WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE?



VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Autism Next Steps: Parents and Carers

A relaxed, supportive session just for parents and carers to learn about autism, celebrate their child's strengths, and explore practical tips for supporting communication, emotions, and sensory needs, while connecting with other families on a similar journey.

*Autism diagnosis required

Meeting Sensory Needs

An introduction to sensory processing, with simple strategies to help you support your child in everyday life.

*No diagnosis required

Language and Communication

Suitable for parents of children just starting to develop language, this session helps you support your child in using the communication method that works best for them.

*No diagnosis required

Forming Relationships

This session explores how play helps children build friendships and offers simple strategies to support them in learning how to interact with others.

*Autism diagnosis required

Supporting Emotional Regulation and Behaviour

All behaviour is a way for children to communicate, and there are helpful strategies to understand what your child might be trying to tell you.

*No diagnosis required

Autism and Wellbeing

Learning about common mental health and wellbeing challenges can help you better understand and support autistic children and young people.

*Autism diagnosis required

Change and Transition

You'll find helpful advice and strategies to support your child through everyday changes and important life transitions.

*No diagnosis required

Eating and Nutrition

A session discussing the environmental, sensory and emotional factors which may affect a child's eating. The session offers a range of strategies to support children who experience difficulties affecting eating and mealtimes.

*No diagnosis required

Sleep

A session discussing some common difficulties children may experience with sleep as well as practical advice and strategies to support healthy sleep.

*No diagnosis required

IN PERSON WORKSHOPS



Autism Next Steps: Ages 4-7 and 8-11

Fun, friendly sessions where kids enjoy supportive play while parents learn about autism, celebrate their child's strengths, and discover simple ways to help with things like communication, emotions, and sensory needs.

*Autism diagnosis required

Autism Next Steps: Teenagers

This session is designed for autistic teens aged 13-15 or 16-18, offering a supportive space to explore important topics like self-advocacy, emotional resilience, social media and online safety, and sensory preferences. Through engaging activities and presentations, young people will build confidence, connect with others, and gain tools to better understand and express themselves.

*Autism diagnosis required

For more information on eligibility criteria, please visit www.caudwellchildren.com/workshops

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.

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visit staffordshire.gov.uk/haf

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD**

HAF



**Free
Activities**

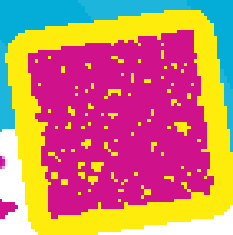
**Aged
5-16**

FUN

IN STAFFORDSHIRE



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Looking for free activities in the school holidays?

Holiday Activities and Food is funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals*

staffordshire.gov.uk/haf

*Paid for places are also available

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) - Fun for every school holiday!

All HAF clubs are completely free for young people who are eligible for targeted free school meals. Many clubs offer paid places, so just get in touch for your child to explore what's on offer and make the most of the school holidays.

When are the sessions?

Activities are available during every school holiday.

What's on offer?

Pick and mix from lots of exciting sessions, including:

- Sports and outdoor fun
- Arts, crafts, Lego and creative clubs
- Dance and drama
- Seasonal activities
- Animal care and horse riding
- Sensory and calming sessions
- Sports coaching (teen offer)

...and plenty more to keep them happy and active!

For more information and bookings visit:
staffordshire.gov.uk/haf or scan the QR code.

Contact your friendly HAF team:
staffordshirehaf@staffordshire.gov.uk





SHOOTING STARS NETBALL HOLIDAY CLUB



Our holiday camp offers expert coaching, exciting activities and lots of fun. Learn new netball skills and make new friends. £15.00 per session



Tuesday 27 October 2026 | 10.00-13.00: School years 1, 2, 3

Tuesday 27 October 2026 | 13.00-16.00: School years 4, 5, 6



Keele University Sports Hall, Keele, ST5 5BG

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