



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3
September 2023

Dream, Believe, Achieve

SCHOOL NEWS

Phonics meeting - Thank you to all the reception parents that came along to the phonics meeting on Wednesday. We hope that you found it interesting and informative.

Jeans for Genes - Thank you to everyone that has made a donation towards the Jeans for Genes charity. We have raised £93.52 so far. Please make your donation of £1.00 using the ParentMail app. Thank you.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 98.89% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 95.71% Class 2 - 97.14%
Class 3 - 90.37% Class 4 - 95.56%
Class 6 - 92.00%

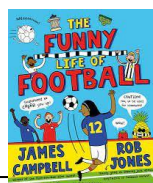
Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 95%

James Campbell - Author visit.

We are very pleased to let you know, that James Campbell will be visiting our school next Tuesday, 26th September. James is an author, storyteller and a comedian.

James' books are available to buy in bookshops and online, including his own website www.jamescampbellauthor.com where any books that are purchased, can be signed by him and dedicated to your child.

James will be reading to the children and we hope that it will be an exciting experience for the children to meet a real author.



DIARY DATES

September

Tue 26th	Governing Body Meeting
Tue 26th	James Campbell - Author visit
Thu 28 th	Open day for prospective parents 9.30am and 1.30pm
Fri 29th	Macmillan coffee morning 9.00am

October

Wed 11th	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Thu 12th	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Fri 13th	Non-uniform day for Harvest gifts
Wed 18th	OAP Harvest Assembly - 1.30pm
Wed 18th	Reception autumn disco
Thu 19th	KS1 autumn disco
Fri 20th	Class 5 assembly for parents
Thu 26th	Harvest Assembly at Church 9.15am
Fri 27th	Teacher Training Day (School closed)

Mon 30th - Half Term holiday
Fri 3rd Nov

November

Mon 6th School opens

Teacher training days

Friday 27th October
Monday 8th January
Friday 24th May

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children, who have been chosen "Star of the Week"

Class 3 - Abraham and Freddie

Class 4 - Willow and Bevan

Class 5 - Finley and Madeline

Class 6 - Ohene and Olivia



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ATTENDANCE

As some of you may have heard on the news over the past few weeks, school attendance has become a high priority for the government, due to the poor attendance levels in schools, since the Covid pandemic.

At Galley Common Infant School, we monitor attendance and absences very closely. Including absence patterns and children who are persistently absent from school.

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend school regularly to allow a child to fulfil their full potential.

As a school we want all our children to achieve and we are constantly looking at ways of improving our systems for that to happen.

For a school to be considered to have good attendance we must have attendance of at least 97%.

Our current school attendance is 96.23%.

We are very concerned about this as we are only 3 weeks into a new school year. We have made attendance a key target for our school to improve on. We can only achieve this by working together.

Important facts

- **Pupils attend school for 190 days each year. There are 175 days holiday each year.**

Over a school career:

- **1 day per week of absence = Two and a half years of missed education**
- **10 days per year of absence = Two terms of missed education**
- **15 minutes of lateness per day = One year of missed education**

We understand that children may be ill and will not be able to attend school, and this is an authorised reason for absence. Holiday's during term time should not be taken unless there is an exceptional circumstance that has been agreed by the Head Teacher.

Please help us and your child fulfil their full potential whilst at Galley Common Infant School by ensuring that they attend school every day.

Thank you.

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THRIVE



SAFEGUARDING

“The safety of the child is the first and paramount consideration”

Child protection concerns - If you have any child protection concerns, or wish to raise any issues, please feel free to call into school and speak to Mrs Middleton, Mrs Newman, or Mrs Salmon. You can also email safeguarding2107@welearn365.com You can also speak to a member of the Social Care Emergency Duty Team on 01926 886922.



ONLINE SAFETY

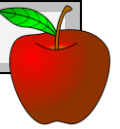
Please have a look at our school website for lots of online safety information.

[LINK](#)



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HEALTHY SCHOOLS



ILLNESS - If your child is ill and not able to come to school, please telephone the school office by 10.00am to give a reason for their absence. If we do not hear from you by 10.00am, Mrs Arkinstall will be ringing you to find out why your child is absent. If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea, they should not come back into school, until they have been clear for **48 hours**.

Please **send a note** with your child when they return to school, explaining their absence. Thank you.

COVID 19 - We have had several cases of Covid 19 in school. Please follow the links below for new guidance regarding Covid 19.

Children should be kept away from school for 3 days after testing positive, and only if they are feeling well enough to return.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/how-to-avoid-catching-and-spreading-covid-19/>



Tuesday 19th September 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Young Poet Laureate, support with utility bills, the latest SEND newsletter and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to our [Facebook](#) to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

Please click the [LINK](#) to access the newsletter

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LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/2024

OUR SCHOOL RULES

KEY PRIORITIES	PRIORITY
PRIORITY 1.	Continue to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of the school community
PRIORITY 2.	Improve the writing practice and progress so that most children meet or exceed the expected standard for their age.
PRIORITY 3.	To embed the consistent approach to Learning Behaviours across the school
PRIORITY 4	Maximise the capacity of the teaching team so that progress and attainment of children is maximised



1. Listen Carefully
2. Take Care
3. Try your best



VACANCY - We have a vacancy for a relief mid-day supervisor to cover for staff absences at short notice.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this role, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office for an application form and more information about the role.

More information can be found on our school website. [LINK](#)

Free School Meals

Schools should provide meal options for all children attending school. Meals are available free of charge to:

- All infant pupils (reception, year 1 and year 2) - known as universal FSM
- Pupils who meet the free school meals [eligibility criteria](#) - known as benefits - related FSM

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals. However, if you do meet the benefits - related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits:

- [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\)](#) programme is for children aged 4 to 16, in reception to year 11, in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupil's access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- [Pupil premium](#) is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online by clicking the following link:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or need support with applying, please contact the team by emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 359189.



OPEN DAY

At
GALLEY COMMON INFANT SCHOOL

Thursday 28th September

9.30am and 1.30pm

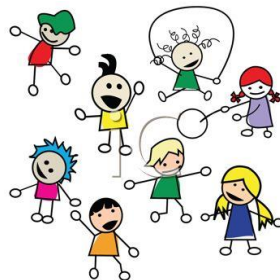
By appointment only.

Please contact the school for further details and to book a tour.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2024

We are an outstanding school!

*"The children make **excellent progress** in the Early Years Foundation Stage so that a large majority reach levels that are above those expected by the time they enter Year 1. The children **settle quickly** to the **welcoming atmosphere** because personal development is very good, relationships are strong and the children are cared for very well. " Galley Common Infant School Ofsted Report*



**Please come along and find out more about our school.
Our contact details are below...**

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



GOVERNORS

Please meet our Governors – If you need to contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Christine Paremain, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office on 02476 392219 or Admin2107@welearn365.com



Mrs C Paremain - Chair of Governors
Mrs K Middleton - Head Teacher
Mrs Gordon - Staff Governor
Mr J Price - Co-opted Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor
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Mr R Scott - Parent Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor