



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

SCHOOL NEWS

Macmillan coffee morning - Thank you to everyone that donated cakes for our coffee morning, we had enough for our coffee morning, for the children and another cake sale after school! Thank you to the families that came to the coffee morning, it was lovely to see so many people there. So far we have raised £125.00. Thank you



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 97.78% attendance this week.



Class 1 - 97.14% Class 2 - 94.29%
Class 3 - 95.19% Class 4 - 89.63%
Class 6 - 91.20%

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 94.26%

James Campbell - Author visit.

We had a great morning on Tuesday, James Campbell who is an author came into school and read to the children, and told them some exciting stories.

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

Parent Interviews - A letter has been sent home today with information about the parent interviews that will be taking place on the 11th and 12th October. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

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
Thu 19th Reception visit to Hartshill Hayes
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 - Mia and Lily

Class 4 - Ruby and Olivia

Class 5 - Iga and Jacob

Class 6 - Wren and



THRIVE



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:
CONNECTING

Making a connection with other people can feel AMAZING! Connecting with others makes you feel like you belong, you are important and you are valued. Feeling a sense of belonging helps raise your self-esteem and is linked with increased mental health and wellbeing.

You can connect with people in lots of different ways. Try and connect with someone every day by using the tips below!

Our tips for connecting:

- 1- Encourage others to join in with you at break time. If you see someone without a friend on the playground, ask them to join in with your game, or invite them into your conversation. You might even make a new friend!
- 2- Give positive feedback to someone (e.g., say thank you when someone holds the door open for you or does something nice for you).
- 3- Ask your parent/carer to help you contact a family member or friend. Remember you can connect virtually if they live far away (e.g., video chat or phone call).
- 4- Try switching off the TV or phone for a short time while you're with your family or friends. This will help to strengthen your connections without distractions!
- 5- You could also bake something delicious to share with others (e.g., family, neighbours, or friends).

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!
thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Contacting your child's Class Teacher - If you need to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, could we please ask that you wait until all the children have been dismissed to their parents.

Alternatively, you can contact your child's class teacher by email on the class email address and they will reply to you as soon as they can. Thank you

Class1qci@welearn365.com

Class2qci@welearn365.com

Class3qci@welearn365.com

Class4qci@welearn365.com

Class5qci@welearn365.com

Class6qci@welearn365.com

Alternatively email the school office on
Admin2107@welearn365.com

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 see the attached document regarding “Upsetting Content”



Tuesday 26th September 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about fire safety, safer school streets, applying for your child's secondary school place 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](tel:08004081558) 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

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/>

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



Tel: 02476 392219

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/2024

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

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.



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 Arkininstall 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