



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 97.41% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 97.14% Class 2 - 85.71%
Class 3 - 94.44% Class 4 - 92.45%
Class 6 - 93.41%



Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 93.40%

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Class 3 - Harley and Isabelle

Class 4 - Eric and Lucy

Class 5 - Kohen and Thomas

Class 6 - Layla and Coen



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Interviews - Parent interviews will be taking place on the 11th and 12th October. Please ensure that you have booked a slot on the ParentMail system. If you are unable to book using ParentMail, please contact the school office, and we will be able to book a time for you. Thank you.

School Uniform - Children should wear sensible black shoes for school. Please DO NOT send your child to school in boots, these are not school uniform. 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
Tue 24th KS1 Phonics, Spelling, Handwriting meeting 9.00am
Wed 25th 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

Non-Uniform day - On Friday 13th October we will be having a non-uniform day. In return we are asking that food donations are sent in for us to donate to the Nuneaton Food bank. Thank you.

Autumn Disco's - Tickets for the autumn disco are available to buy on ParentMail.

Reception - Wednesday 18th October

KS1 - Thursday 18th October

Please ensure you buy a ticket before Friday 13th October. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Car Parking - We have received a number of complaints from local residents regarding cars being parked across driveways, and cars being parked inconsiderately along Cabinhill Road and Plough Hill Road. Could we please ask that cars are parked with the consideration of other road users, local residents and pedestrians in mind. Thank you.



the GIRLS' BRIGADE
ENGLAND & WALES



Camps and Day Trips



Sections
Explorers: Reception to year 3
Juniors: Year 4-6
Seniors: Year 7-9
Brigaders: Year 10-13

Meeting times
Explorers and Juniors
Thursdays 18:00-19:30
Seniors and Brigaders
Thursdays 18:00-20:00

At: St John's church Anasley Common

CRAFTS *GAMES*
BIBLE STORIES
DofE and Queens Award

For more information contact Captian Ruth
Call: 07752468142
Email: 1stchapelendgirlsbrigade@gmail.com

October Half Term 2023



Get ready for a family friendly bone-chilling experience at ST JOHN'S HAUNTED HOUSE! Bring your friends and family for screams and thrills!

Saturday 28th - Tuesday 31st October
10am - 4.30pm

Get spooked as you explore rooms at St John's House, see them as you've never seen them before.

Discover the creepy story of Hansel and Gretel, go on a trail and hope the witch isn't in the kitchen!

Make slime and get messy making potions and enjoy messy play.

Tickets: £12 children, £6 adults, 2 and under free. Spaces limited so book soon.
Adult tickets includes a hot drink. Book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice



2go!
Raring2go!


WHAT'S ON P4-5
THE BIG DRAW P7
COMPETITIONS P20
WIN

COVENTRY & NUNEATON

Learn to Read in 30 Days!

Reading **eggs**

BONUS Rewards Book!



MAGAZINE & WEBSITE
THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD
raring2go.co.uk
AUTUMN 2023

[Raring2go magazine](http://raring2go.co.uk)



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

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 "Among Us"



Tuesday 3rd October 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Fun Palace event at Stratford Library, Warwickshire Youth Council, new timetables for Warwickshire mobile libraries 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

www.galleycommoninfschool.co.uk

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



VACANCIES

SEN Teaching Assistant - We have a vacancy for a SEN Teaching assistant to start as soon as possible. The post is for 27.5hour per week, term time only.

Relief Midday Supervisor - We have a vacancy for a relief midday supervisor.

If you would like more information regarding either of these positions, please follow the links below:

[SEN Teaching Assistant](#)

[Relief Midday Supervisor](#)

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 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