



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 4 who have achieved 97.62% attendance this week.



Class 1 - 86.31% Class 2 - 96.43%

Class 3 - 96.30% Class 5 - 92.59%

Class 6 - 92.31%

Our DfE target is 96%

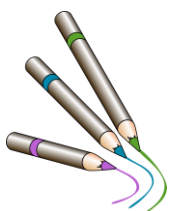
Whole School Attendance this week is 93.60%

Unauthorised Term-time Absence

There are 190 statutory school days a year; so, there are 175 other days (weekends and school holidays) available for holidays which would not have a negative effect on a child's education. For this reason, and in line with regulations that came into force on 1st September 2013, no holidays will be authorised in term time except in very exceptional circumstances.

From January 2024 the school will move to referring unauthorised absence to the Local Authority. This means that if a holiday or leave is taken without the school's permission the school can consider a variety of initiatives, one of which may be a penalty notice. The penalty notice fine is £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 28 days. This will be charged to each parent and for each child within the family at the school. If a penalty notice is not paid or more than 3 referrals for term time leave are made, there may be a prosecution in court.

Harvest Colouring Competition - Thank you to all the children that took part in the colouring competition. Our winners are:



Class 1 - Willow

Class 2 - Betsy

Class 3 - Freddie

Class 4 - Carter

Class 5 - Karter

Class 6 - Peggy

DIARY DATES

October

Mon 30th - Half Term holiday

Fri 3rd Nov

November

Mon 6th School opens

Fri 10th KS1 Remembrance Service 10.45am

Fri 17th Children In Need

Thu 16th Coffee Morning (Lost at school presentation) 9.00am

Fri 17th Class 6 assembly - 2.30pm

Tue 21st Full Governor Meeting

Fri 24th Non-uniform for Christmas Bingo

Fri 24th KS1 Christmas Film Night 3.15pm

December

Fri 1st Christmas Bingo 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Sat 2nd St Peter's Christmas Fayre

Mon 4th Year 1 Christmas Performance 6.00pm

Tue 5th Year 2 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Tue 5th Reception Christmas Performance 6.00pm

Wed 6th Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am

Wed 6th Year 1 Christmas Performance 1.45pm

Wed 6th Year 2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm

Thu 7th Year 1 Christmas Performance for grandparents 9.30am

Thu 7th Year 2 Christmas Performance for grandparents 1.45pm

Fri 8th Reception Christmas Performance for grandparents 9.30am

Fri 8th OAP Christmas Assembly 10.30am

Thu 14th Coffee Morning 9.00am

Mon 18th Reception Christmas Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Tue 19th Helpers Assembly 9.00am

Tue 19th KS1 Christmas Disco 3.15pm - 4.30pm

Tue 19th School Christmas Dinner

Thu 21st Christmas buffet and party

Fri 22nd Christmas assembly at church

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.



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.

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



ONLINE SAFETY

Competition - We are asking children to create an online safety song, poem or phrase to start the online safety lessons - you can present this any way you want - for example - video, poster, voice recording or model.

These can be sent to: class6GCI@welearn365.com

Or bring them in on Monday 6th November 2023

There will be a prize for the winning submission.

Good luck.

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 6th November**.



Tuesday 24th October 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Halloween activities in Warwickshire, the October edition of the SEND newsletter, extra support for school applications 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.

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an [online FIS discovery session](#).

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

Baby news! - We are very pleased to announce, that Mrs Gordon, Class 1 teacher, is expecting her first child in April 2024. I am sure you will join us in congratulating both Mr and Mrs Gordon.



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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
Mrs K Gilbert - Co-opted Governor
Mr J Parr - Co-opted Governor
Mr R Scott - Parent Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor