



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 99.26% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 96.07% Class 2 - 93.57%
Class 3 - 96.30% Class 4 - 97.86%
Class 6 - 95.20%



Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is
96.38%

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy and exciting half term. We have lots of activities and events taking place over this half term, so please keep an eye on the diary dates, and for any letters that are sent via Parentmail.

Children In Need - We are once again supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children are able to come to school on this day in non-uniform but wearing something spotty for the day. The children will also be taking part in the Pudsey Bearpees challenge next week, to see which class can do the most bearpees in the week.

Please make a donation to our Just Giving page for Children in Need.

[Children In Need](#) Thank you.



Class 6 Assembly - Class 6 would like to invite their parents to their class assembly on Friday 17th November at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Coffee Morning - Please come along to our parent coffee morning on Thursday 16th November at 9.00am in the school hall. There will be a presentation on Lost at School. Thank you.



KS1 Remembrance Service - Thank you to all the parents that helped to walk the children to the church this morning for our special remembrance service. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

November

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

Teacher Training Dates

Monday 8th January 2024
Friday 24th May 2024



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



Tuesday 7th November 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Summer HAF review, new primary school options, Brake Road Safety Week 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

Warwickshire Music Hub

Our Groups are **FREE**

North Warwickshire Music Centre
Weddington Primary School, Winchester Ave, Nuneaton, CV10 0DR

Playtastic (*beginner musicians, ALL instruments welcome*)
Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:45pm



Training Orchestra (Grade 0 - 1)
Wednesday 4:15pm - 5:00pm

Area Orchestra (Grade 2 - 4)
Wednesday 4:15pm - 5:45pm

Rock Band (Guitar, Drum Kit, Keyboard & voice)
Wednesday 4:15pm - 5:00pm

Scan Me
Enrol here!

Come along and make music!



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Parent/Carer Tips for Wellness:


MANAGING ANXIETY AROUND SCHOOL

School is a place where young people often experience anxiety for several reasons. Some people may worry about making friends or fitting in, have difficulty understanding school work, or feeling exam pressure.

School-Related Anxiety Warning Signs:

- Not sleeping well
- Feeling sick or complaining of butterflies in their stomach
- Not wanting to get out of bed in the morning
- Increased anger or upset at school or home

More information about self-soothe boxes!




It is common that young people show symptoms of school-related anxiety in evenings or early mornings before school. The first step to supporting your child is to understand what is causing these feelings.

Top tip: Some children may find it difficult to be asked direct questions about their feelings. Try creating a mind map with them about school, including everything that is on their mind.

Strategies to Try at Home:

- Keep a record of patterns in behaviours to share with the school's Mental Health Lead
- Create a self-soothe box with items that your child finds relaxing
- Breathing exercises
- Create a morning routine
- Recognise small achievements



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 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



Mr J Price - Chair of Governors
Mrs K Middleton - Head Teacher
Mrs Gordon - Staff Governor
Mrs C Paremain - 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