



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 4 who have achieved 98.93% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 97.14% Class 2 - 97.86%
Class 3 - 98.52% Class 5 - 96.67%
Class 6 - 90.00%



**Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is
96.71%**

We are really pleased to see that our attendance has improved significantly over the last few weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

DIARY DATES

November

Tue 21st Full Governor Meeting
Fri 24th Non-uniform for Christmas Bingo
Fri 24th KS1 Christmas Film Night 3.15pm

December

Fri 1st Reception visit to Polesworth Abbey
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



Children In Need - Everyone looked amazing today in their spotty clothes. Thank you to everyone that has made a donation using our Just Giving page, so far we have raised £175.00 for Children In Need. If you would still like to make a donation, please click on the link.



[Children In Need](#) Thank you.

All week the children have been doing Bearpees as part of Children In Need activities. We are pleased to announce that the winning class that has done the most Bearpees is: **Class 3** with **1015**. Well done to all the children for taking part. The winning class will get a special Pudsey Bear sticker.

Class 6 Assembly - We hope that the parents of children in class 6 enjoyed their assembly today. Thank you for coming along to see them.

KS1 - Christmas Film Night - Please remember to purchase your child's ticket on ParentMail if they would like to attend the Christmas film night on Friday 24th November, before Wednesday 22nd November. Thank you.

Teacher Training Dates

Monday 8th January 2024
Friday 24th May 2024



Christmas Performances - A letter has been sent home today with information about the children's Christmas performances. Can we please remind parents that there are only 2 tickets available in total for either the evening and daytime performance, and 2 tickets for the grandparents performance.

Could we also please ask that childcare arrangements are made for younger siblings. We are limited on the amount of people we are allowed in the school hall due to health and safety reasons. Thank you.

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.



Christmas Bingo - The FOGC will be holding a Christmas Prize Bingo on Friday 1st December. A letter with more information has been sent home today.

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



LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023/2024



Tuesday 14th November 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Anti-Bullying Week, a supported internships event, the Warwickshire Youth Conference 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

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

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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



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