



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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December 2023

Dream, Believe, Achieve

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 2 who have achieved 97.50% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 95.36% Class 5 - 94.44%
Class 3 - 95.36% Class 6 - 92.92%
Class 4 - 93.57%



Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is
94.91%

KS1 Christmas Film Night - Thank you to all the children that came to our Christmas Film night last week. The FOGC have raised £160.90 Thank you.

Christmas Performances

All the children's Christmas performances start next week. Please make sure that you bring your tickets with you and that you have put your name on the front of the ticket, as this will be used as a raffle ticket to be drawn at the end of each performance.

A polite reminder, that young babies or very young children should not be brought to the performances, please arrange child care. Thank you.

For the evening performances, children should be brought back to school at 5.30pm in their costume.

We hope that you will enjoy your child's performance, they have been working really hard.

We have a few spare tickets available for the daytime performances. If you would like extra tickets, please speak to Mrs Arkinstall in the school office. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

December

- Sat 2nd St Peter's Christmas Fayre - 2.00pm
- 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
- Wed 20th Christmas Pantomime
- Wed 20th Thrive afternoon - 2.00pm
- 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.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 28th November 2023

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about thrifty tips to save money this winter, Nuneaton and Bedworth Grub and Hubs, Household Support Fund, Warwickshire's Supported Internships Fair 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

360 Online Safety Mark - We are pleased to let you know that Galley Common Infant School have recently achieved the 360 online safety mark.

Thank you to the staff, children and parents for their hard work in achieving this accreditation.

www.galleycommoninfschool.co.uk

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



School Uniform - Could we please remind parents that children should **NOT** wear boots for school. Children should wear sensible back school shoes.

Earrings - Children are able to wear stud earrings. Please do not send them to school wearing hooped earrings.

Nail Polish - Should not be worn at school.

Second-hand uniform - We have a large quantity of good quality second hand school uniform available to any parents that require it. Please see Mrs Arkinstall in the school office for more information.

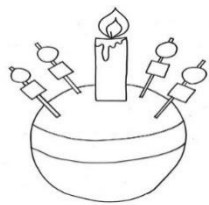
Thank you.

Tel: 02476 392219

Christmas Services and events 2023
at St Peter's Church, Galley Common

Christmas Fayre ~ Saturday 2nd Dec 2.00-4.00pm
Raffles, activities, cakes, and fun

*Please note, there is NO 11am service on Sunday 10th
Dec 2023*



Messy Church ~ Sunday 10th Dec
2.30-3.30pm in the Church Hall
All age activities, crafts and fun
+ come and make your own Christingle
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Carol Service ~ Sunday 10th Dec 4pm
A service of readings and carols and Christingles
followed by.....

Quiet Christmas ~ Sunday 10th Dec 5.00–5.30pm
A simple time of reflection with gentle music, space, and an
opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one

“Midnight Mass” ~ Sunday 24th Dec 11.30pm
A traditional Christmas Eve Communion service
NO 11am Service at Galley Common

Christmas Day and 5th Sunday Service (New Year's Eve)

NO 11am Service at Galley Common
All are welcome to our morning services
at Holy Trinity Hartshill at 9.30 am on these days



Nuneaton & Bedworth

Grub and Hubs



Are you in need of a warm space, and some free/cheap food over the winter period?

We have brought some information together into one website which shows where you can find cheap/free food and warm spaces this winter.



Scan this QR code to head to the website!

Do you run a warm space or free/cheap food opportunity? Or do you know of one that we haven't yet got on our site? Drop us an email to nuneatongrubandhubs@gmail.com

An initiative developed by:



and local volunteers



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

DIGITAL DETOX

Technology has become a normal part of our day-to-day lives and is widely beneficial; from being used as an alarm to wake us up in the morning, to helping us stay connected with family, and watching our favourite programme wherever we are in the world! However, prolonged use of technology can increase stress levels and have an unhealthy impact on our mental wellbeing.

A digital detox can help to improve sleep quality, reduce stress and anxiety, enhance productivity, increase creativity, and improve self-awareness.

Our tips for digital detox:

1- Phone free zones. Keeping phones out of certain rooms may help you to stick to your detox plan. This will remove the temptation to reach for your phone/mobile device and it allows you to enjoy your space away from technology!

2- 30 minute rule. Try to swap using your phone before bed for a screen-free activity instead! This should be for at least the last 30 minutes of the day. The blue light from screens tricks our brain into thinking it is daytime, which disrupts the production of melatonin (the hormone we need to feel sleepy!) Activities could be reading, mindful colouring, tidying, journaling, playing a musical instrument, board games, meditation, completing a puzzle, or self-care.

3- Take regular screen breaks. Stepping away from the screen helps us to balance our digital and real-world lives. This will also increase our self-awareness, productivity and overall happiness.



#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.

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.



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

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



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