



# Galley Common Infant School

# NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 6 who have achieved 96.52% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 94.29%      Class 2 - 96.07%  
Class 3 - 95.19%      Class 4 - 96.43%  
Class 5 - 91.48%



**Our DfE target is 96%**  
**Whole School Attendance this week is 95%**

**Ofsted** - As you know, we have had a visit from Ofsted this week. We would like to thank parents for their kind words and support during the visit, we really do appreciate it. The findings from the visit will be issued in a report in about 4 week's time. Thank you once again.

**Christmas Bingo** - Thank you to everyone that has donated something towards our Christmas bingo and raffle today. If you have not yet been able to bring anything to school, please send it in on Monday.



All tickets for the Christmas bingo have now been sold. Thank you.

**KS1 Christmas Film Night** - Thank you to all the children that have purchased a ticket for our Christmas film night. The FOGC have raised £157.00 Thank you.

**Christmas Performances** - Please ensure that you send your ticket requests back to school by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December. If there are spare tickets available after this date, we will let parents know. Thank you.



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.

## DIARY DATES

### 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

### Teacher Training Dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 21st November 2023**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Social Supermarket in Atherstone, craft events at Warwickshire Country Parks, free electric blanket testing 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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling [0800 408 1553](tel:08004081553) or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://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

**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.

## 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](mailto: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.

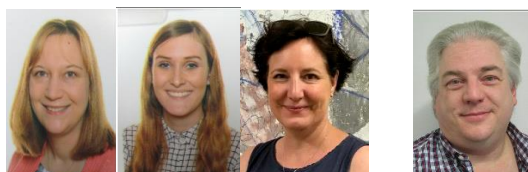
Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

**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](mailto: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