



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children, who have been chosen "Star of the Week"

Class 1 - Bella and Jude
Class 2 - Ailbe and Aron
Class 3 - Sophie and Noah
Class 4 - Lani and Noah
Class 5 - Evalyn and Jacob
Class 6 - Coen and Isabelle

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 95.93% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 91.11%	Class 2 - 83.21%
Class 3 - 90.71%	Class 4 - 94.96%
Class 6 - 90.00%	

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 90.98%

SCHOOL NEWS

Valentine Disco's - Will be taking place next week.

Reception - Wednesday 7th February 3.15pm - 4.30pm

KS1 - Thursday 8th February - 3.15pm - 4.30pm



Vacancies - We have vacancies in school for a Teaching Assistant and a relief midday supervisor. Please follow the link for more information about both positions. Thank you.

[Vacancies](#)

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DIARY DATES

February

Tue 6th Safer Internet Day
Tue 6th Parents Meeting - 2.30pm
Wed 7th Reception Valentine Disco - 3.10pm - 4.30pm
Thu 8th KS1 Valentine Disco - 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Fri 9th Class 4 Assembly - 2.30pm
Mon 12th Half Term Break
Mon 19th School opens for 2nd half term
Wed 21st Mobile Planetarium Visit - Year 1
Thu 22nd Coffee Morning
Mon 26th Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Tue 27th Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Wed 28th Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Wed 28th Parent Interviews - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Thu 29th Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Thu 29th Parent Interviews - 3.30pm - 6.00pm

March

Mon 4th Mother's Day Picnic - Year 1
Tue 5th Mother's Day Picnic - Reception
Wed 6th Mother's Day Picnic - Year 2
Thu 7th World Book Day
Thu 14th Coffee Morning
Fri 15th Class 3 assembly
Mon 18th OAP Assembly
Tue 19th Helper's Assembly
Wed 20th Easter Assembly - St Peter's Church
Wed 20th Easter Fun Day
Fri 22nd Toy Day - Last day of term

April

Mon 8th School Opens for Summer Term

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

[Warwickshire School Term Dates 23/24](#)

Writing Information Meeting - Thank you to all the parents that came along to the meeting on Thursday. We hope that you found it interesting and informative. Thank you.

Tel: 02476 392219

Congratulations - We would like to congratulate Miss Meer our midday supervisor in Class 2, on her marriage to Mr Robinson. Miss Meer is now Mrs Robinson - Congratulations!



Safer Internet Day - We will be holding our safer internet day in school on Tuesday. Children will be taking part in lots of activities and learning how to stay safe on the Internet.

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.

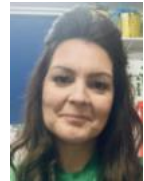
If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea, they should **NOT** come back into school, until they have been clear for **48 hours**.

Please **send a note** with your child when they return to school, explaining their absence. Thank

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.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 30th January 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a new strategy for tackling hate crime in Warwickshire, February half-term activities, stay and play for parents and carers of children with additional needs 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](tel:08004081558) 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](#).

[Family Information Service Newsletter](#)

OUR SCHOOL RULES



1. Listen Carefully



2. Take Care

3. Try your best



Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

TALKING

This week is **Children's Mental Health week** and the theme is 'your voice matters'!

It is important that your voice is heard and you share your views with others, as this can help positive changes to be made. When you feel your voice is being heard, this can also boost your self esteem and confidence to keep talking! Research has shown that talking can provide a stress relief and help you to problem solve difficulties, but it can also be useful to just have someone to listen to you.

Our tips for talking:

1- Create a **network hand**, to identify trusted adults that you can talk to. Think about adults you trust in school, at home and in the community.

2- Watch this video to help you start a discussion about mental health:



3- Websites such as **Childline** and **The MIX** are available if you are not sure who you can talk to. Follow the QR codes below:



4- Try talking to someone new this week! It can be difficult to start a conversation, so try using some icebreakers or talk about something you have in common. You can also use these **conversation starters** to help you:



#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars 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.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



12th-15th February
All Sessions are FREE

Half Term Bikeability

Level 2 gives participants on-road experience in residential traffic to help them prepare to make short journeys by bicycle

Open to years 5, 6 & 7

Bring a packed lunch

10am-3pm each day

Bikeability Level 2
Course 1: Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February
Course 2: Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th February

Book your FREE place online
www.thepinglesstadium.com/holidaycamps

Hosted at: **The Pingles Stadium**

Places are limited



FEBRUARY Half Term Camp

HARTSHILL

OUR CAMP COMMITMENT

- ✓ Up to date DBS Checks
- ✓ First Aid and Safeguarding Trained
- ✓ SEND Specialist Staff
- ✓ HUGE Range of Activities
- ✓ Offsite Nature Trails and Park Visits
- ✓ Competitions & Prizes

MICHAEL DRAYTON, NUNEATON

- ✓ Mon 12th - Fri 16th February 24
- ✓ 9am - 4pm
- ✓ 4* - 12 year olds

Full Day	*Siblings	Half Day
£16	£12.50	£8

£

*4 YEAR OLDS: HALF DAYS ONLY

POSITIVE IMPACT Foundation

BOOK YOUR PLACES
pifoundation.pembee.app

YOU NEED:

- ✓ Suitable clothing
- ✓ Plenty to Drink
- ✓ Lunch & Snacks
- ✓ Medical Information

[@ThePositiveImp1](https://twitter.com/ThePositiveImp1) [The Positive Impact Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/ThePositiveImpactFoundation) [@pifoundationcic](https://www.instagram.com/pifoundationcic)

Half Term at Market Hall Museum, Warwick

We are leaping back to Tudor times at Market Hall Museum, dress up, make Tudor crafts, learn how to juggle and party like it's 1559!

Arty Tots in the Museum – Dress like a Tudor King and Queen

Tuesday 13th February, 10am - 1pm

Let's go back in time to the days of old and dress like Tudor royalty. Create a design for your shield, a crown that will shine and jewellery that will sparkle. Suitable for under 5's. £3 per child. No need to book just drop in.

Party like it's 1559!

Wednesday 14th February, 10am – 2.30pm

Find out how Tudor Lords and Ladies celebrated with huge feasts and the entertainment they had. Learn the rules of some Tudor games, make decorations for elaborate pies and try on replica Tudor clothes. Join us for a beginner's juggling workshop to see if you could entertain the Tudor Lords and Ladies.

£5 per child, includes a 30 minute juggling workshop, pre booking required at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice £3 per child, to drop in (does not included juggling workshop) Juggle workshops at 10.20am, 11am, 11.40am, 12.45pm and 1.30pm

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