



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were chosen as "Star of the Week"

Class 1 - Tommy and Ollie Class 2 - Daniel and Elsie-Lou
Class 5 - Karter and Emmie Class 6 - Annabelle and Evelyn

There are no Year 1 stars this week due to the cinema trip.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 97.78% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 92.22% Class 2 - 94.64%
Class 3 - 88.21% Class 4 - 95.86%
Class 5 - 97.78% Class 6 - 88%

Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.87%

Maths Workshop - thank you to those who came along, we hope you found it useful.



Year 1 Cinema Trip - the Year 1 Cinema took place today. They had a fabulous time!



Baby News - Mrs Gordon has had a baby girl on Monday called Winnie. Mum, Dad and Winnie are all doing well. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Mr and Mrs Gord.



We will be carrying out the optional KS1 tests in May this year and by following the link, parents can find out more about optional KS1 SATs:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_optional_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf

DIARY DATES



May

Mon 6th Bank Holiday
Tues 7th Film Night - Classes 1,4,6 3:15-4:30pm
Thurs 9th Film Night - Classes 2,3,5 3:15-4:30pm
Festival of Arts
Thrive Afternoon
Festival of Arts
Fri 10th
Mon 13th Wellbeing Day/Week
Tues 14th Classes 1, 4 and 6 Summer Disco 3:15 - 4:30pm
Weds 15th Classes 2, 3 and 5 Summer Disco 3:15- 4:30pm
Thurs 16th 9am Coffee Morning
Fri 17th Class 2 assembly 2:30pm

June

Mon 3rd Return to School
Mon 10th Phonics Screen Check Week
Sat 15th Rose Queen Ceremony 1:45pm
Fri 28th Non-Uniform (Sausage Sizzle)
Class 1 Assembly 2:30pm

July

Fri 5th Reports go out
Sausage Sizzle 4:30-6:30pm
Mon 8th Sports Day 1:30pm
Weds 10th Induction Day
Thurs 11th Y2 Show 5:30pm
Tues 16th OAP/Y2 Transition Assembly 10:00am
Weds 17th Helper's Assembly 9:15am
Leavers Surprise 3:15-5:00pm
Thurs 18th End of Year Assembly 9:00am

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

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

School Uniform



At Galley Common Infant School, we take pride in our school uniform. Unfortunately, we have started to notice that a few things are being introduced that are not school uniform.

Below are just a few reminders about our school uniform expectations.

Ankle boots should not be worn. The correct school uniform requirement is that Children should wear sensible **black shoes**.

Jewellery other than stud earrings is not allowed. Children who do wear stud earrings must tape these up or remove them on PE days.

Nail polish should not be worn by children at school. Could you please ensure that all nail polish is removed before coming to school.

Tattoos - Please ensure tattoos are removed for school.

Toys in School - Please do not allow your child to bring in any toys to school, unless permission has been given by a member of staff.

On PE days children should wear a black tracksuit and yellow PE shirt during the winter months and in the summer months blue shorts and a yellow shirt should be worn.

We do hope that you will support us by ensuring that your child continues to wear the appropriate school uniform.

Packed Lunches - as a parent/carer you play an important role in setting an example and teaching your children from a young age about choosing healthy food and drink. This will help them to have a nutritious diet that meets their growing needs and help to make sure they continue to eat healthily as they get older. It is important children are eating the right amount of food for their age. Young children need small portions of food whereas older children need larger amounts.



Our School Rules

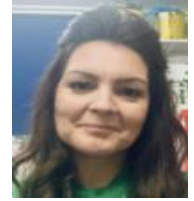
1. Listen Carefully
2. Take Care
3. Try your best



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"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, Miss Doherty 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.

The Highway Code / School Keep Clear Signs / Zig-Zags/ Double Yellow Lines:

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership would like to remind parents of The Highway Code. The Highway Code states: "You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings." (Highway Code rule 238, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.)

School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

Please **park safely, legally and considerately** and away from the school gates.





Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness






Being mindful and taking notice

As humans, we experience a range of different emotions daily. Sometimes when we experience emotions that are more difficult, it can be hard to manage.

Taking notice of our emotions and feelings can help us to understand our feelings and manage them in a more helpful way. One way to take notice is not to focus on the future or past, but pay attention to the present moment you are in.

Mindfulness is a way to practice how to take notice of where we are and what we are doing. Mindfulness can help us take notice of our thoughts and feelings whilst staying in the present moment.

Our tips for being mindful and taking notice:

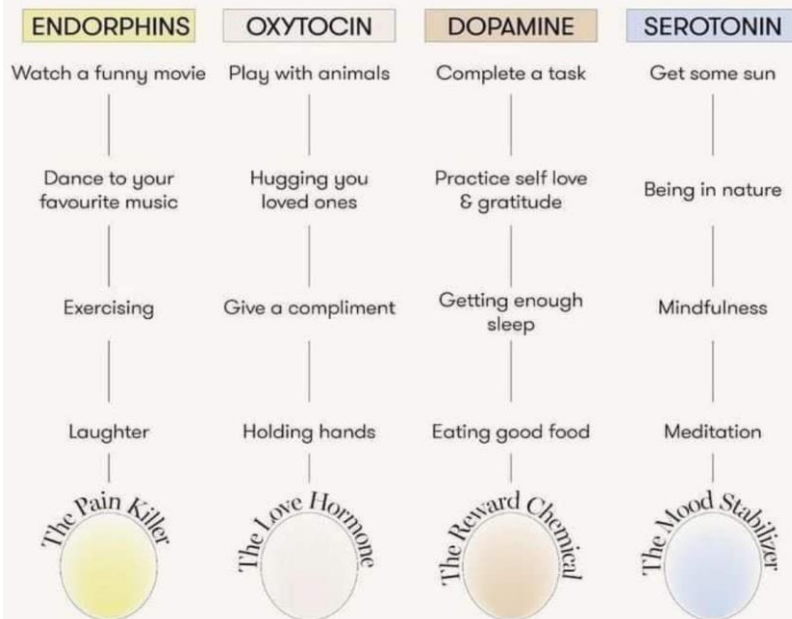
- Try the **5-4-3-2-1** mindfulness activity by following the QR code: 
- Music and listening** - try listening to your favourite song or relaxing sound and take notice of what is happening in your body and feelings. How do you feel after listening to music or a relaxing sound? Do you feel different to how you felt before?
- Taking notice of the **positives**. Write down 3 things that were positive about your day, no matter how big or small!
- Have a go at rainbow relaxation mindfulness: 
- 3-minute body scanning: 

#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.

Happiness Chemicals & How to Access Them





Tuesday 23 April 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about Think Active's Wear and Share initiative, adult education sessions, water safety, free help with home heating for residents in Stratford-on-Avon 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](#).

**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.



Car Parking

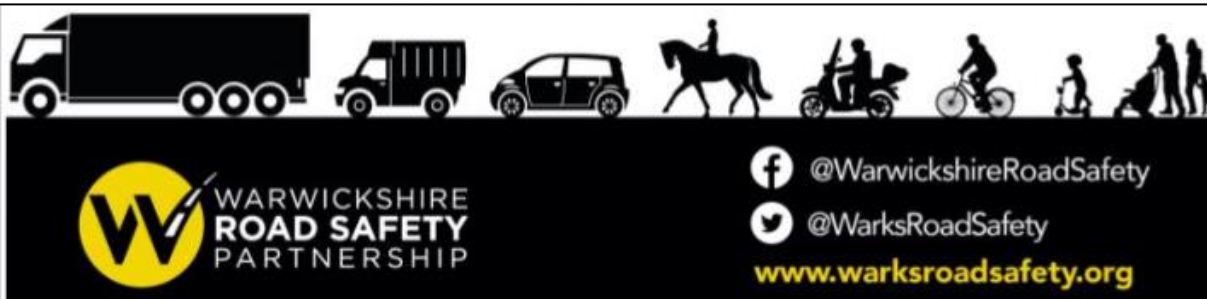
This is a polite request to ask all parents who need to drive to school to remember to park considerately and safely at school drop off and collection. Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for our children. Parking away from school will also help keep congestion to a minimum and maintain a good relationship with our neighbours.

There is car park available opposite the school site, and the Community Church.

We all want to help keep our children safe - please take some time to read and remember Warwickshire County Councils road safety code for parents:

- Park away from school gates
- Always hold hands with young children
- Remember - your child will copy you
- Every road means STOP LOOK LISTEN
- Never get children out of a car roadside
- Think safer places to cross the road
- Secure your child's car seat correctly

Let's all work together to keep all our children safe outside school.



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, Mr John Price, 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

 **Stratford Literary Festival**
stratlitfest.co.uk

4th-5th May 2024

Events for Families

Michael Rosen
Bear Hunt Workshop
Neill Cameron
The Brothers McLeod
Julian Sedgwick
and Chie Kutsuwada



How to Book

By phone: **0333 666 3366**
(Mon-Fri 9am-7pm)

Online: stratlitfest.co.uk

In person: **Box Office and Information Desk,**
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Bridgefoot,
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6YR
(during the Festival only)

All tickets include VAT and incur a booking fee. There will be a £2.50 charge to post tickets.

Scan me to book



All events take place
at Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Bridge Foot CV37 6YR

Save the dates!

Together with Autism Conferences 2024

FREE Events

For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, autistic adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

Great news! **act for autism** have partnered with Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System to bring you three conferences covering all things autism.

Leamington 29th June	Coventry 14th September	Nuneaton 9th November
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Come along to hear great talks, attend dynamic workshops, meet the services and talk to others about their experiences of autism.

Free to attend. Bookings will open six weeks before each event.

9.45am - 4.00pm
More details to follow

In partnership with

For queries and information: info@actforautism.co.uk
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Linked below is some useful information on how you can support your child with the upcoming transition to Junior school.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-send/transitions-reception-primary-school>