



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

Issue 25
March 2024

Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

There are no stars of the week this week.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 1 who have achieved 97.78% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 97.78% Class 2 - 96.79%
Class 3 - 92.86% Class 4 - 86.5%
Class 5 - 91.48% Class 6 - 91.6%

Our DfE target is 96%
Whole School Attendance this week is 92.8%

SCHOOL NEWS

Easter Bingo - Thank you to all the children and their families that came along to the Easter bingo last Friday. It was a fun night and there were lots of Easter eggs being handed out to lucky winners. Thank you for your support We made £222.42.

Coffee Morning - Thank you to those who came along. We hope you found it useful.



Today we held our Golden Book assembly where 34 of the children were awarded certificates for 100% attendance this term. Team Murphy were given a certificate for the most team points this term. There were 6 children that had been chosen by the dinner ladies for good behaviour at lunch time, that joined Mrs Middleton for afternoon tea in her office. Those children were Arthur, Lamae, Lily, Sophie H, Lyla and Hugo.



Goodbye and Good Luck - Mrs Gordon leaves us today to go on maternity leave. We had a lovely surprise assembly on Thursday for Mrs Gordon followed by a baby shower in class 1. Mrs Gordon was given some lovely cards and lovely gifts. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Gordon all the very best.



DIARY DATES

March

Fri 22nd

Last day of term

April

Mon 8th

School Opens for Summer Term

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

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



Easter Fun Day/Assembly - Easter Fun Day - The children had a great time on Wednesday, with all the Easter events that were taking place.

It was lovely to be able to visit St Peter's Church for our Easter assembly, and it was lovely to see so many parents there. We hope that you enjoyed it.

The children looked fabulous in their Easter bonnets, well done and thank you to the parents that helped to make them.

In school we held an Easter egg hunt, egg and spoon races and our Easter bonnet competition. Earlier in the week, the winners of our Easter colouring competition were announced.

Well done to all the children that took part in the events. The winners from each class were:

	Colouring	Egg & Spoon	Easter Bonnet
Class 1	Jesse	Marnie	Marcie
Class 2	Sophie	Myla	Esra
Class 3	Harrison	Sophie	Hazel
Class 4	Thomas	Anaya	Ruby
Class 5	Ember	Emmie	Sienna
Class 6	Lucas	Willow	Junior



The staff would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and a happy Easter.

School will open on Monday 8th April.



New Menu - please note there is a new menu from the 8/4/24. This has been attached.



Our School Rules

1. Listen Carefully

2. Take Care

3. Try your best



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

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.

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 Parenting Together workshop is for parents (including expectant parents) of children 0-19 (25 with SEND) living together and those living apart. It is suitable for co-parents in separate homes, single parents supported by other adult carers, extended families, and blended 'step' families. The word "parents" is used to refer to anyone in a parenting role, including foster carers, grandparents, etc.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>

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.



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 brave

Being brave isn't about not feeling scared. Being brave is about what you do even when you do feel scared.

Feeling scared is often a sign that we are doing something challenging, and it is completely normal to feel this way! Even though it can feel uncomfortable, being brave and facing difficulties can also help us to learn and grow, both physically and emotionally. Therefore, we need to step outside our comfort zone at times to be able to overcome challenges. Remember, being brave does not mean we have to cope alone!

"Asking for help is one of the most courageous things you can do" – Charlie Mackesy

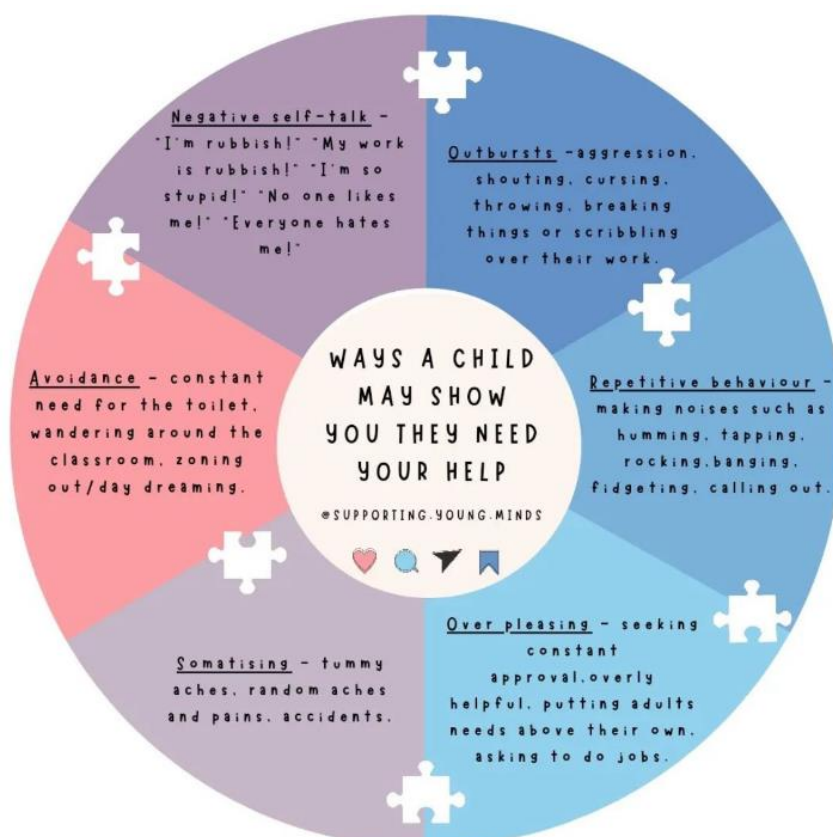
Our tips for being brave:

1. **Take chances and make mistakes!** Sometimes it is helpful to fail, so you can practise being brave. Try something you have been wanting to try and take that chance to move out of your comfort zone. You might even find that it wasn't as bad as you thought it would be.
2. Practise **positive self-talk** to help develop your bravery. Repeat these sentences to yourself or out loud - 'I can do hard things'; 'I am awesome'; 'I can enjoy challenge'. You might want to write positive statements on post-it notes and stick them around your mirror so you can remind yourself of them every day!
3. **Ask for help** when you need it from someone you trust. Taking the step to talk to someone is one of the bravest things you can do!
4. **Strike a power pose!** Standing up tall, your head held high and with your hands on your hips can help make you feel more confident and ready to take on a challenge. What pose makes you feel more confident?

#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.



When children are unable to articulate their needs, they will show you they need your support through their behaviour. Remaining curious allows us to respond to their needs and explore the meaning beneath the behaviour, rather than reacting to the behaviour.

When we react, we are meeting one action (the behaviour) with another which only adds fuel to the fire. When we respond we are considering their thoughts, feelings and reality.

Reminder:

They are not, they giving you a hard time, they are having a hard time.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 19 March 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Vision Support Service, Easter activities at Warwickshire Country Parks, Neurodiversity Celebration Week 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.



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



Leamington Music Family Concert

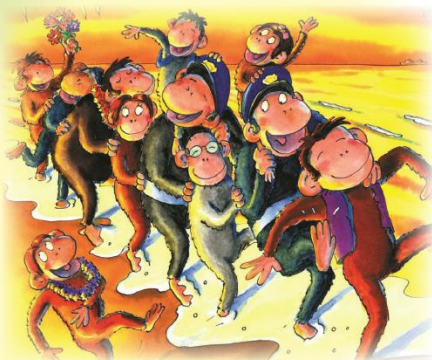
Sunday 10 March | 11.30am

Royal Spa Centre, Leamington

The Chimpanzees of HappyTown

The much-loved story of
Chutney the Chimp
is brought to life through
Paul Rissman's brilliant
live music performed by
Ensemble 360 and
narrated by **Lucy Drever**.

*Ideal for ages 3-7 but
great fun for everyone!*



Box Office:

Visitor Information Centre, Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade, Leamington
or Visit Warwick, The Court House, Warwick

www.leamingtonmusic.org

01926 334418



Registered Charity
No 1117723

funstar
Education Through Performing Arts

Easter holiday camp

“Wizard of Oz”

Age 5 - 11
8:45am - 3:30pm
25th March - 28th March 2024

£25 Per day

HAF
Free holiday activity and food places

Play through performing arts

- Dancing, singing, acting
- Games
- Arts & crafts
- Bouncy castle
- Bubble disco
- Maypole dancing
- Fat Fluffs rabbits
- Mini performance

Chilvers Coton Community School
Fitton St, Nuneaton CV11 5RB

BOOK NOW!!
info@funstareducation.co.uk
www.funstareducation.co.uk

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OVER THE WALL -

<https://www.otw.org.uk/> they offer residential Camps **for free** for children and young people with health challenges and disabilities.

The focus of this service is on children having fun. There are limited places and applications have to be made for individuals. The criteria for referrals is detailed via the website.

2024 CAMPS

Plan your year with us...

PERIOD
FEB 12 - FEB 16
MARCH 25 - MARCH 28
APRIL 2 - APRIL 5
MAY 28 - MAY 31
JULY 22 - JULY 26
JULY 29 - AUG 2
AUG 5 - AUG 9
AUG 12 - AUG 16
AUG 19 - AUG 23
AUG 27 - AUG 30
OCT 28 - NOV 1

COST
£20 per day

TIME
9AM - 3PM

AGE
5-11

TO BOOK

Please scan QR Code for full details and venues

SKYBLUES
in the COMMUNITY

02476 786 349 | sbitc@sbitc.org.uk

https://www.participant.co.uk/skybluesinthecommunity/holiday_camps_and_courses



VISION

FOOTBALL ACADEMY



EASTER

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Week 1: March 25th-28th
Week 2: April 2nd-5th

9.00am - 3.30pm
@ NWSLC
Nuneaton
CV116BH

**£15 PER DAY £50
FOR A FULL WEEK**






**PLEASE BOOK TO
SECURE YOUR PLACE!**

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INFO@VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM
WWW.VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM**



VISION

FOOTBALL ACADEMY



EASTER FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Week 1: March 25th-28th
Week 2: April 2nd- 5th

9am-3:30pm
4-12 YEARS

NWSLC
Nuneaton
CV116BH
£20 per day
£70 for 4 days



High quality training sessions following our academy syllabus
Lead and delivered by our UEFA qualified coaches
Academy scouts present!

**TO BOOK YOUR SPACE PLEASE EMAIL -
INFO@VISION-FOOTBALL-ACADEMY.COM**





Department
for Education





Warwickshire

Spring HAF!

ACTIVITY LISTINGS

**Monday 25th March -
Friday 5th April 2024**

ENRICHING ACTIVITIES, DELICIOUS
MEALS, LIFELONG MEMORIES

WWW.WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/HAF







SCOOTABILITY

Take your first steps towards safer scooter travel with a **FREE** level 1 scootability course

All equipment provided

Book your session here



**Pingles Leisure Centre,
Nuneaton**



Monday 25th March



10:00am- 3:30pm

Free Vehicle Awareness by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue available



@WarwickshireRoadSafety

@WarksRoadSafety

www.warksroadsafety.org

25th-28th March
All Sessions are FREE

Easter Bikeability

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

Bikeability Level 2

Course 1: Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March

Course 2: Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March

Open to years 5, 6 & 7

Bring a packed lunch

10am-3pm each day

Book your FREE place online

www.thepinglesstadium.com/holidaycamps

Hosted at: The Pingles Stadium

Places are limited

School Holiday Sports Clubs

Please wear sports clothing suitable for the weather conditions

#SMASH24 AGES 5-13

SUPER MULTI ACTIVITY SPORTS HOLIDAYS!

£18 Per Day (without HAF code)

9:30AM TO 3:30PM

25th March - 5th April

Free Holiday Club*

- FOOTBALL
- ATHLETICS
- DANCE
- CRICKET
- GOLF
- RUGBY
- TENNIS
- ARCHERY
- NETBALL
- YOGA
- AND MUCH MORE...

FREE FRUIT ALL DAY

FULLY QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED COACHES

The Pingles Stadium, Avenue Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4LX

For further information and booking details please contact Rory on 07471 896 070 or at coach@nwschoolsport.org.uk

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A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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