



# Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

Issue 24  
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 due to Class 3 assembly.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 5 who have achieved 96.3% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 91.48%	Class 2 - 85.0%
Class 3 - 95.71%	Class 4 - 93.1%
Class 5 - 96.3%	Class 6 - 92.4%

**Our DfE target is 96%**  
**Whole School Attendance this week is 92.32%**

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Red Nose Day** - red noses have been handed out to children this afternoon to those who purchased one. We hope the children enjoy them.

We have raised £104 for Red Nose Day 2024. Thank you to those who donated.



**Class 3 Assembly** - Thank you to all the parents that came along to Class 3's assembly this afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed it.

**Coffee Morning** - Please come along to our coffee morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.



## DIARY DATES

### March

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>

OAP Assembly

Tue 19<sup>th</sup>

Helper's Assembly

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

Easter Assembly - St Peter's Church

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

Easter Fun Day

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

Coffee Morning

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

Last day of term

### April

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

School Opens for Summer Term

### Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Easter Fun Day/Assembly - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

We hope that everyone is busy making their Easter bonnets for the Easter fun day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We would like to invite parents to the Easter assembly at St Peter's Church at the following times.

Class 1, 3 and 5 - 9.30am

Class 2, 4 and 6 - 11.00am

We would also appreciate it if parents could help us to walk the children to and from the Church at either 9.15am or 10.45am.



We have a busy week ahead of us at school, so please keep a look out for letters, and please take note of the diary dates.



Tel: 02476 392219

## Our School Rules

1. Listen Carefully

2. Take Care

3. Try your best



## 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 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](mailto: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



### Mood Boosters

Feeling low in mood is a completely normal emotion, and we all feel sad from time to time, even as adults! Maybe you have had a stressful time at school recently? Maybe you are going through friendship difficulties? Or maybe you have been feeling under the weather?

Whilst it is normal to feel this way at times, there are things we can do to **boost** our mood and help us to feel happier. By doing more of the things we love and value, or 'doing more of what matters', we can boost our mood. This helps us to feel less tired, get a sense of achievement, and feel better about ourselves!

#### Our tips for boosting your mood:

1. Have a look at the **BBC Moodboosters** video resources by scanning the QR code. You will find a selection of videos which help to manage feelings, learn emotional and social skills, and have fun!



2. Follow the **five ways to wellbeing** to help you live a happier life! Watch the video on the QR code for more information.

- **Connect** - Reach out to a friend/family member, listen to music that reminds you of happy memories, look at old photographs, or arrange activities with friends.
- **Be Active** - Get your body moving in any way you like. You could dance, walk, skip, or hula hoop!
- **Take Notice** - Spend time outside appreciating nature, practise mindfulness and grounding techniques.
- **Keep Learning** - Read a new book, watch a documentary, follow a new recipe, or learn a new language.
- **Give** - Give someone you love a hug, hold the door open for the person behind you, or give your time to help others.



#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](mailto: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.

### [Family Information Newsletter](#)

#### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



**Tuesday 12 March 2024**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a Direct Payment survey, the new film highlighting school experiences of young people with SEND, help with paying home energy bills 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 1558](tel:08004081558) 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](#).

## 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](mailto: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.

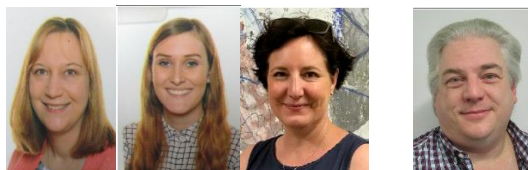
Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

**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](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



# Leamington Music Family Concert

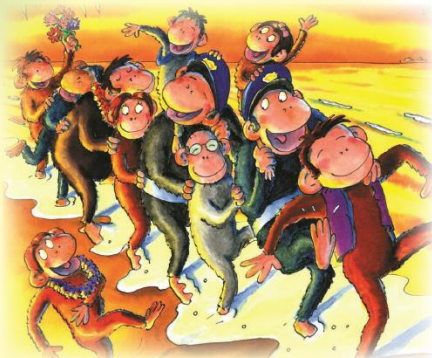
Sunday 10 March | 11.30am

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](http://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](mailto:info@funstareducation.co.uk)  
[www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://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**

**SKYBLUES**  
in the COMMUNITY

02476 786 349 | [sbitc@sbitc.org.uk](mailto:sbitc@sbitc.org.uk)

[https://www.participant.co.uk/skybluesinthecommunity/holiday\\_camps\\_and\\_courses](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!**

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



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## 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**





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# Spring HAF!

ACTIVITY LISTINGS

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

ENRICHING ACTIVITIES, DELICIOUS  
MEALS, LIFELONG MEMORIES

[WWW.WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/HAF](http://WWW.WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/HAF)












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# 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](http://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

Open to  
years  
5, 6 & 7

Bring  
a packed  
lunch

10am-3pm  
each  
day

**Bikeability Level 2**

**Course 1: Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March**

**Course 2: Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March**

Book your FREE place online  
[www.thepinglesstadium.com/holidaycamps](http://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!

**9:30AM TO 3:30PM**

**£18 Per Day**  
(without HAF code)

**25th March - 5th April**

**Free Holiday Club\***

**HAF**

\*Children must have a valid HAF code issued to them by Warwickshire County Council to access the activities free of charge.

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

**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](mailto:coach@nwschoolsport.org.uk)  
**BOOK ONLINE NOW AT [WWW.THEPINGELSSSTADIUM.COM](http://WWW.THEPINGELSSSTADIUM.COM)**

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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.

**Skips Educational** Email: [info@skipssed.com](mailto:info@skipssed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)