



# 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 - Marni and Isla	Class 2 - Ronnie and Heidi
Class 3 - Harrison and Nethan	Class 4 - Jacob and Denzel
Class 5 - Sienna and Carter	Class 6 - Olivia and Lennon



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 4 who have achieved 99.29% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 93.7%	Class 2 - 96.43%
Class 3 - 93.57%	Class 4 - 99.29%
Class 5 - 96.67%	Class 6 - 94.4%

**Our DfE target is 96%**  
**Whole School Attendance this week is 95.71%**

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Easter Bingo** - will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We do still have some tickets available if you would like to attend. Please contact the school office to purchase.



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** is Red Nose Day! (Comic Relief). We will be selling the special red noses for £2.00 each. These are available to buy on ParentMail. There will be a cut off time of 12.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, to be able to purchase a nose.



**Mother's Day assemblies** - We hope that everyone that came to one of our special Mother's Day assemblies this week, had a lovely time. We know that the children were very excited to see you all in school. Thank you.

[www.galleycommoninfschool.co.uk](http://www.galleycommoninfschool.co.uk)



## DIARY DATES

### March

<u>Wed 13th</u>	School Photographs
<u>Thu 14th</u>	Coffee Morning
<u>Fri 15th</u>	Class 3 assembly
<u>Fri 15th</u>	Red Nose Day
<u>Fri 15th</u>	Easter Bingo
<u>Mon 18th</u>	OAP Assembly
<u>Tue 19th</u>	Helper's Assembly
<u>Wed 20th</u>	Easter Assembly - St Peter's Church
<u>Wed 20th</u>	Easter Fun Day
<u>Fri 22nd</u>	Last day of term
<b>April</b>	
<u>Mon 8th</u>	School Opens for Summer Term

### Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

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

**Non-uniform day** - Thank you to everyone that has sent in an Easter egg today for our non-uniform day. We have lots of Easter eggs that will be used for our Easter bingo on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.



### 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.



Tel: 02476 392219

**Goodbye** - On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we said goodbye to Mrs Peakall. Mrs Peakall had been with the school for just over a year, working in Class 6. We wish Mrs Peakall all the best for her future career.



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

### **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.)

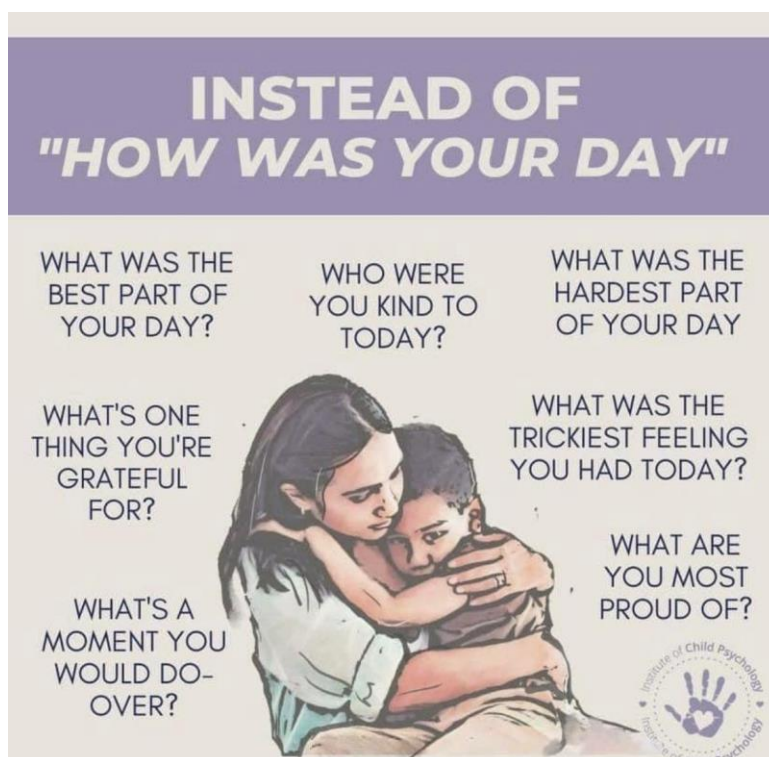
School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

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



## THRIVE

It's often difficult to find the right words when talking to your child about their day. Here are some great thought-provoking questions to help encourage your children to discuss and express their thoughts and feelings throughout their day. Ensuring your children feel heard, validated and connected 😊



### [Family Information Newsletter](#)



**Tuesday 05 March 2024**

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about the Supported Internships event, Household Support Fund, free Scootability training 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](#).

[www.galleycommoninfo.school.co.uk](http://www.galleycommoninfo.school.co.uk)



**Thursday 7 March 2024**

Welcome to the special edition of the Family Information Service newsletter. We understand that a lot of families are worried about the impact of the increasing cost of living, and we know that many might struggle to make their incomes stretch to cover the basics. Visit the [Cost of Living website](#) to find information and support to manage increased household costs.

This month's special edition focuses on holiday activities in preparation for the Easter break. Read on to find information about activities in Warwickshire and the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme for those who are eligible for benefits-tested free school meals.

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## 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, 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

Chilvers Coton Community School  
Fitten 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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**Play through performing arts**

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

### 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](mailto: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  
CV11 6BH

**£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  
CV11 6BH  
£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!





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

ENRICHING ACTIVITIES, DELICIOUS  
MEALS, LIFELONG MEMORIES

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



