



Galley Common Infant School NEWSLETTER

Issue 29
May 2024

Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Class 1 - Ariya and Jesse	Class 2 - Alannah and Esra
Class 3 - Annabelle and Charlotte	Class 4 - Sophie and Ruby
Class 5 - William and Sienna	Class 6 - Lucas and Jason

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 2 who have achieved 98.57% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 92.59%	Class 2 - 98.57%
Class 3 - 92.67%	Class 4 - 93.45%
Class 5 - 94.81%	Class 6 - 86.80%

Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.25%

Maypole Dancing - on Wednesday the children in Year 1 had a very exciting day, where they took part in some Maypole dancing, it was a lovely experience for the children, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Upcoming Events - this week we sent out 2 letters for our upcoming Film night and Summer Disco. If you have not yet purchased a ticket please do so as soon as possible.

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.

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_option_al_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf

www.galleycommoninfschool.co.uk

DIARY DATES

May

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

June

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

July

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

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

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

Tel: 02476 392219

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



"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.**



Connection is a child's greatest need
and a parent's highest influence

connection over everything

Because children are completely dependent upon their caregivers, connection is their lifeline. When children are in struggle, they need access to that lifeline, not the threat of being cut off from it.

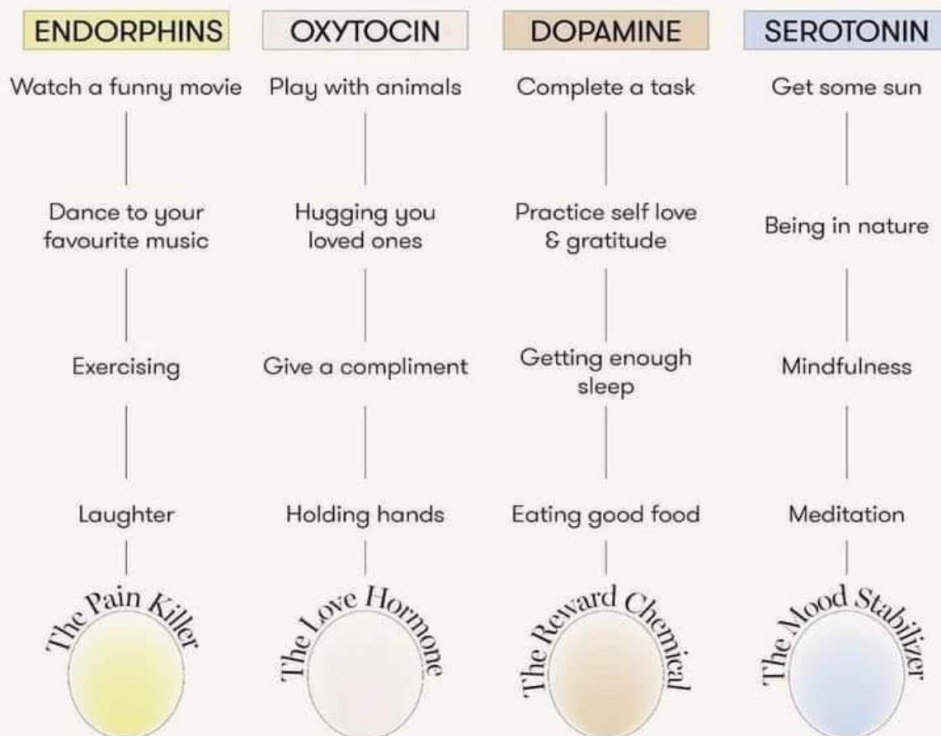
Parenting is more than just a set of skills. It is, first and foremost, a relationship.

Parenting through connection is about deepening the quality of relationship between parent and child, as you both learn and grow as individuals and a family. Keeping connection at the heart of parenting is key.



**Connection is always
the best way through.**

Happiness Chemicals & How to Access Them



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 30 April 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about digital support for separating parents, stress management, World Immunisation 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](#).

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION



Thursday 2 May 2024

Welcome to the special edition of the Family Information Service (FIS) newsletter. We're mixing it up for May, this month's special edition is all about FIS!

FIS provide a wide range of information and support to families with children and young people aged 0-25, including:

- [Childcare](#)
- [Money and benefits](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#)
- [Health and wellbeing](#)
- [Workshops and programmes for parents and carers.](#)

To kick us off, you can watch the new FIS video that will give you an overview on how the service supports families in Warwickshire, and how you can contact the team. It also shows you how you can stay up to date with the latest news, information, activities, and events.

**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

act for autism



Together with Autism Conferences 2024

FREE Events





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>



VISION



MAY HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Week 1: 28th-31st May

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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ELITE FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

28th-31st May
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!

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Get Your Kids Active

28th - 31st May 2024

Years 1 to 8

Park Lane Primary School

Nuneaton, CV10 8NL

Multi Sports



BOOK NOW!

- online at www.kitsacademy.com
- for more information **Call us on 07772 873271**
- Email us at** bookings@kitsacademy.com

Please ensure your child has two refillable drink bottles and a lunch.

KA Kits Academy CIC No: 10685516

Early Drop off
8:30am
Just £4.00 extra

Drop off
9:00am-9:30am

Pick up
3:00pm-3:30pm

Late Pick up
4:00pm
Just £5.00 extra



