



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 - Nancie + Leo Class 2 - Lenny + AJ
Class 3 - Alana + George Class 4 - Jesse + Connie
Class 5 - Bevan + Riley Class 6 - Lilly + Freddie



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 3 who have achieved 97.04% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 89.23% Class 2 - 96.82%
Class 3 - 97.04% Class 4 - 95.6%
Class 5 - 91.72% Class 6 - 93.45%



Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.86%

School News

Phonics Meeting for Y1 Parents - thank you to everyone who came along we hope you found the meeting informative. Information has been sent home to parents this week on how you can support your child for their upcoming phonics screening if you were unable to attend the meeting.



Writing Meeting for YR Parents - will be taking place on Monday 3rd February. Please let us know if you will be able to attend via ParentMail.



Staff News:

Goodbye - On Wednesday 5th February, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Arkinstall. Mrs Arkinstall has been at the school for 16 years, working in the school office and then more recently as the School Business Manager. We wish Mrs Arkinstall the very best of luck, we are going to miss her.



On Friday 31st January Mrs Healey will be leaving us to go on maternity leave. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Healey all the very best.

Welcome - on Monday 3rd February we will be welcoming Miss Majewska into Class 1 as a teaching assistant.



DIARY DATES



January	
February	
Mon 3 rd	9am Writing Meeting for Reception Parents
Wed 5 th	YR Valentine Disco 3:15-4:30pm (Ticket Only)
Thurs 6 th	KS1 Valentine Disco 3:15-4:30pm (Ticket Only)
Mon 10 th	Book Fayre in School
Wed 12 th	Parent Interviews 3:30-6pm
Thurs 13 th	Parent Interviews 3:30-6pm
Fri 14 th	Class 4 Assembly 2:30pm Last Day of Term
Mon 24 th	Children return to school
March	
Thurs 6 th	World Book Day
Fri 21 st	Easter Film Night (KS1) Comic Relief
Mon 24 th	Y2 Mother's Day Assembly 9am
Tues 25 th	Y1 Mother's Day Assembly 9am
Weds 26 th	YR Mother's Day Assembly 9am
Fri 28 th	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Egg Donations
April	
Fri 4 th	Class 3 Assembly 2:30pm Easter Bingo
Mon 7 th	OAP Assembly 10am
Tues 8 th	Helpers Assembly 9am
Fri 11 th	Last Day of Term

Teacher Training Dates:

6/1/2025

2/6/2025

21/7/25

[Warwickshire School Term Dates 24/25](#)

We currently have an exciting opportunity for an Apprentice Business Administrator (Level 3) to join Galley Common Infant School. If you would like further information, please use the link below.

[Apprentice Business Administrator \(Level 3\)](#)

Parents Evening - we will be having a pre-loved uniform sale at our Parents Evening's on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. If you have any clothing items you would like to donate please bring them to the school office by Wednesday 5th February. Thank you.

FOGC - we are very lucky at Galley Common Infant School to have a number of parents and volunteers that are committed to raising additional funds for the children in the school. This group of parents is called "The Friends of Galley Common" (FOGC).

The FOGC hold a number of fund-raising events throughout the year, such as school disco's, film nights, Easter and Christmas Bingos and our Sausage Sizzle event in the Summer.

If you feel that you or someone you know would be interested in joining the FOGC or you would like more information. Please contact the school office on 02476392219.

Our School Rules

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



Lateness - Could we please remind parents that school begins at the following times:

8.40am for Reception children and **8.45am** for children in KS1.

Please be on time.

The school gates will be locked at 8.50am. If your child arrives at school after this time, please go to the school office. You will then be asked to complete a late log form.

Children who are consistently late will be contacted by Mrs Salmon, our Learning Mentor to see if there is any way that we can support you and your child in getting to school on time. Thank you for your support.



Our school has once again signed up to the Safe and Active Schools Programme 2024-2025. As part of the programme all children will be receiving age-appropriate road safety sessions, and we will also be participating in and promoting active travel.

We recognise how important messaging is for our children. Your children copy your actions, and your behaviour serves as a powerful role model. We would like to ask all our families to model the safest behaviours near the road for children to copy and make good choices around travelling actively on the school run.

We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

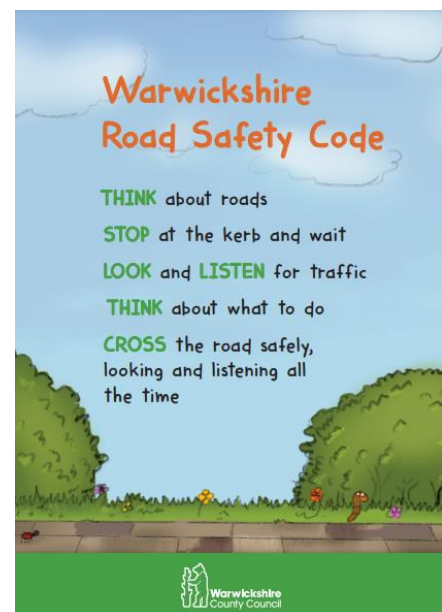
For further information about road safety and active travel you can follow or contact the road safety education team.

X (previously Twitter) - @WCCSafe_Active

Facebook - @WCCSafeActiveTravel

Email - roadsafetyeducation@warwickshire.gov.uk

www.galleycommoninfantschool.co.uk



Junior Road Safety Officers:

Class 3 - Daniel

Class 4 - Jesse

Class 5 - Teddy

Class 6 - Millie

School Uniform



At Galley Common Infant School, we take pride in our 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. Thank you.

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.



Packed Lunches - Could we please remind parents that we are a NUT FREE school. Please do not send children to school with anything containing nuts. 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.

Weekly Menu

Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3
Oxfordshire: 16/9, 7/10, 18/11, 9/12, 13/1/25, 3/2, 3/3, 24/3

MONDAY
Choose a main meal...
Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Noodles (G,E)
(v)(h) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Choose a main meal...
(h) Chicken and Country Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges (G)
(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY
Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D,E,G)
(v)(g) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D,E,G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY
Choose a main meal...
Chicken Fillet Wrap and Sweetcorn Salisa Dip with Diced Potatoes (G)
(v)(h) Mac 'n' cheese with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread (D,G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY
Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes
(v)(h) Vegetarian Hotdog with Chipped Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

Week two

Warwickshire, Coventry: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3
Oxfordshire: 2/9, 23/9, 14/10, 4/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/1/25, 10/2, 10/3, 31/3

MONDAY
Choose a main meal...
British Pork Sausages with Gravy & Mashed Potatoes (G,SU,SB)
(v)(h) Cheese and Potato Pie served with Vegetables of the day (D,E)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Choose a main meal...
(h) British Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G, cheese D)
(v)(g) Veggie Plant burger in a High Fatne Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY
Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Chicken, Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)
(v)(g) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY
Choose a main meal...
(h) Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and pasta in a tomato sauce) with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (G)
(v)(g) Veggie Sausage with Herby Diced Potatoes
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY
Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (G,F)
(v)(h) Rustic Pizza Wedge with Chipped Potatoes (G,D,SB)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 9/9, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 2/12, 8/1/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4
Oxfordshire: 9/9, 30/9, 21/10, 11/11, 2/12, 8/1/25, 27/1, 24/2, 17/3, 7/4

MONDAY
Choose a main meal...
Southern Style Chicken Strips in a Wrap with Potato Wedges (G)
(v)(h) Cheese and Baked Bean Pastry with Potato Wedges (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Orange Wedges (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY
Choose a main meal...
Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,SB,SU)
(h)(v) Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (D,G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Wedge (G,D)
Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY
Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce and Gravy
(v)(g) Quorn Roast with Gravy (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY
Choose a main meal...
(h) Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma with Wholegrain rice (D)
(v)(g) Quorn Dippers with Seasoned Wedges (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY
Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Fish Fillet Fingers (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes
(v) Plantbased Meat with Chipped Potatoes prepared in a vegetable oil with natural tomato sauce and grated cheese (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

Fruit Cordial or Fruit Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & Fresh Bread are also offered daily
Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability



ALLERGEN KEY
F = Fish
D = Dairy
M = Mustard
S = Sesame
Su = Sulphites
O = Other

ALLERGEN KEY
G = Gluten / Wheat
C = Dairy
V = Vegan
N = Nut-free
H = Halal-friendly

Allergies
Please contact your school canteen for information regarding the content of dishes and products on our menu.

FAST FACTS: SHARING

Children *start forming* their friend relationships **around 3.**



Children are not developmentally ready to share **until 5 or 6.**

43% of parents think kids *should have mastered* sharing **by 2.**

Research shows that forced sharing actually delays the development of **sharing skills** and **generosity.**



Children who feel secure in their ownership, and who *choose* to share, **develop lasting generosity.**

RISE information sessions for parents
<https://cwrise.com/for-parents/>



Tuesday 14 January 2025

This week's Family Information Service newsletter includes information about:

- Volunteering and jobs fair
- Stop smoking support
- Creative courses to improve wellbeing

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 at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies.

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
2024/2025**

KEY PRIORITIES	PRIORITY
PRIORITY 1.	Continue to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of all of our children, including meeting the needs of our Special Educational Needs children.
PRIORITY 2.	Improve the writing practice and progress so that most children meet or exceed the expected standard for the age. Embed the Jo Considine the Write Stuff approach to enhance the writing planning so that all learners, including Greater Depth writers reach their full potential.
PRIORITY 3.	To re-establish a whole school culture where behaviour, routines and expectations are implemented positively and consistently, reducing incidents of low-level behaviours
PRIORITY 4	Further develop maths teaching, training and delivery so that children reach their full potential in maths including those working at greater depth.

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 Shilton - Staff Governor
Mrs K Gilbert - Co-opted Governor
Mr J Parr - Co-opted Governor
Ms E Garner - Co-opted Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor