



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 - Shuraim + Vinnie	Class 2 - Harry + Inayah
Class 3 - Myla + Kaden	Class 4 - Eva + Olly
Class 5 - Beau + Eric	Class 6 - Olivia M + Olivia F



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 3 who have achieved 97.94% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 92%	Class 2 - 89.55%
Class 3 - 97.94%	Class 4 - 95.11%
Class 5 - 94.64%	Class 6 - 94.25%



Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.01%

School News

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 Friday 4th April. Tickets are available to purchase from the school office.



Easter Fun Day/Assembly - Friday 11th April

Children will be taking part in lots of fun Easter activities at school, and we will also be walking round the local area for our Easter bonnet parade. We will walk down to the shops, then up St Peters Drive and back to school. Remember your walking shoes!

Class 1, 3 and 5 - 9.30am

Class 2, 4 and 6 - 11.00am

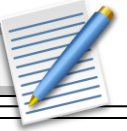


Please start making your child's Easter bonnets ready for the parade.

Mr Downing - Today we said goodbye to Mr Downing. He will be going back to university and we wish him the very best of luck for the future.

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DIARY DATES



April	
Tue 1 st	Class 3 Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 4 th	Easter Bingo
Mon 7 th	OAP Assembly 10am
Thurs 10 th	Helpers Assembly 9am
Fri 11 th	Easter Fun Day Last Day of Term
Mon 28 th	Children return to school
May	
Mon 5 th	Bank Holiday (children not in school)
Tues 13 th	Summer Disco - Classes 1, 3, 5 (3:15-4:30)
Thurs 15 th	Summer Disco - Classes 2, 4, 6 (3:15-4:30)
Fri 16 th	Class 2 Assembly at 2:30pm Last day of Term
June	
Mon 2 nd	Inset Day (children not in school)

Teacher Training Dates:

2/6/2025

21/7/25

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

Mother's Day - 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. A big thank you to those who arranged childcare for the assemblies we appreciate your understanding and co-operation.



Online Safety - please see the link below for a guide to the meaning of some of the Emojis used by many young people.

<https://www.kidsonlineworld.com/uploads/1/2/3>

Grapes - can we please ask if you are including grapes in your child's packed lunch that they are cut up lengthways. Thank you.

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**



Competition

TO NAME OUR FLEET CYCLES

For information click the QR code

WCC Road Safety Education Team are running a competition to name our new fleet cycles.

Closing date 31st March 2025.

Fleet cycles are available for children to use to access Bikeability cycle training.

For information click the QR code

Junior Road Safety Officers:

Class 3 - Daniel

Class 4 - Jesse

Class 5 - Teddy

Class 6 - Millie

Warwickshire Road Safety Code

THINK about roads

STOP at the kerb and wait

LOOK and **LISTEN** for traffic

THINK about what to do

CROSS the road safely, looking and listening all the time

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.

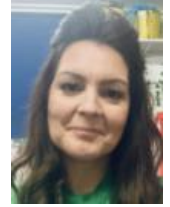
On PE days children should wear a black tracksuit and yellow PE shirt during the winter months and in the summer months blue shorts and a yellow shirt should be worn.

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)
(Vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(Vg) (h) Lemon Shortbread (G)
(v) Cheese Crackers and Apple Wedge (G,D)
Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Chicken and Country Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with Potato Wedges (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
British Roast Beef, with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D,E,G)

On the side...
(Vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with (v) Yorkshire Pudding (D,E,G)
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
Crispy Roast Potatoes
(v) (h) Syrup Sponge (G,E),
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
(v) Ice Cream (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
Chicken Fillet Wrap and Sweetcorn Salata Dip with Diced Potatoes (G)
(v) (h) Mac 'n' cheese with Freshly Baked Crusty Bread (D,G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) Toffee Apple Donut (G,D,E,SB)
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans
For dessert...
(Vg) Vegetarian Hotdog with Chipped Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
(v) (h) Crunch Cookie (G)
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) Yoghurt (D) or 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)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(Vg) (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)

On the side...
(Vg) Veggie Plant burger in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)
For dessert...
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 Chicken, Fillet, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy (G)

On the side...
(Vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
For dessert...
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) (h) Jam Sponge (G,E),
(v) Ice Cream (D),
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Italian Chicken Pasta (chicken and pasta in a tomato sauce) with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (G)
(Vg) Veggie Sausage with Herby Diced Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) (h) Up Beat Chocolate Cake (G,EB)
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Salmon Fish Cake with Chipped Potatoes (G,F)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans
For dessert...
(V) (h) Rustic Pizza Wedge with Chipped Potatoes (G,D,SB)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) (h) Ginger Cookie (G)
(v) Jelly with Fruit
(v) Yoghurt (D) or 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)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) (h) Cheese and Baked Bean Pastry with Potato Wedges (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) (h) Chocolate Orange Cookie with 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)

On the side...
(h) (v) Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Baguette (D,G)
For dessert...
(Vg) Quorn Roast with Gravy (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
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

On the side...
(Vg) Quorn Roast with Gravy (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
For dessert...
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) (h) Lemon/ Orange Drizzle Cake (G,E)
(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse (D)
Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(h) Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma with Wholegrain rice (D)
(Vg) Quorn Dippers with Seasoned Wedges (G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D),
Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) Pancakes with Fruit (G,D,E)
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY FRIDAY**
(misc) Fish Fillet Fingers (G,F) with Chipped Potatoes

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Peas or Baked Beans
For dessert...
(v) Plantain Melt with Chipped Potatoes prepared in a fryer (not prepared with real butter) sauce and grated cheese (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
(v) (h) School Favourite Sprinkles Sponge Cake (G,E)
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

Fruit Cordial or Fruit Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & Fresh Bread are also offered daily



ALLERGEN KEY
F = Fish
D = Dairy
M = Mustard
S = Sesame
W = Wheat
G = Gluten
Vg = Vegan
N = Nuts
E = Eggs
So = Soybeans
Su = Sulphites
St = Stapes

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

9 things to tell yourself before bed tonight



I did my best today,
and it's enough.



I am allowed to
rest & recharge.



I can try again
tomorrow.



I am grateful for any
small wins today.



I release all negativity
from my body.



Everything is working
out.



My body is capable
of healing.



I'm letting go of what
I can't control.



I am PROUD of myself
for SHOWING UP.



Tuesday 25 March 2025

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

- Free school meals
- Easter events at Warwickshire Country Parks
- National Debt Awareness 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 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](#).

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 has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). 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.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected 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. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

- o First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

- o Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

· Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28-day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

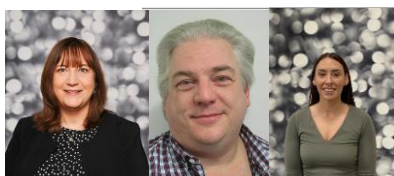
· Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3-year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

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 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
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor
Mr J Parr - Co-opted Governor
Ms E Garner - Co-opted Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor



VISION FOOTBALL ACADEMY & SHE KICKS ACADEMY



EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL AND MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Week 1 - 14th -17th April

£20 PER DAY

Week 2 - 22nd-25th April

£70 FULL WEEK

Weddington Primary School

20% discount if child
attends the school

Nuneaton CV10 ODR

9am-3:30pm

Age 4-12 yrs



HAF

Limited HAF
funded places
available



**PLEASE BOOK TO
SECURE YOUR PLACE!**

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INFO@SHEKICKSACADEMY.COM**