



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 - Jack + Olivia	Class 2 - Matilda + Harry
Class 3 - Hugo + Lemae	Class 4 - Sailor + Ariya
Class 5 - Gracie + Harrison	Class 6 - Nethan + Alper



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 6 who have achieved 100% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 91.1%	Class 2 - 95.48%
Class 3 - 94.88%	Class 4 - 97.22%
Class 5 - 92.72%	Class 6 - 100%



Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.26%

School News

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break. This term is a very busy and exciting term with lots of activities and events taking place, so please keep an eye out for letters on ParentMail.



Festival of Arts - Congratulations to our choir who entered the Festival of Arts competition today.

We are very pleased to let you know that they came second.

Some of the comments from judges were:



"You sang very well together and projected your voices without shouting or forcing the sound"

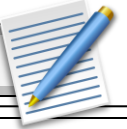
"I loved the build into the last chorus - what a big sound!"

"The movement and energy were fantastic, great fun and really clear words"

Well done to all the children involved, we are very proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Owen, Mrs Yorke and Mrs Lavis for their hard work getting the children ready for the competition.

Photos are available to view on the Galley Common Website.

DIARY DATES



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
Fri 23 rd	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](#)

[Warwickshire School Term Dates 25/26](#)

Y1/Y2 Cinema Trip - on Thursday, the year 1 and year 2 children had a fantastic time at the cinema. They went to watch 'Dog Man' and they all found it very entertaining.



Maypole Dancing - on Wednesday, the year 1 children had a very exciting day where they took part in some Maypole dancing. It was a wonderful experience and all the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Sun Safe - At last! the finer weather has arrived. Could we please ask that on sunny days, your child has sun cream applied **before** they come to school. If your child needs to have sun cream applied during the day, please send it to school with **their name** clearly marked on it. It can then remain in the classroom for when they need it.



Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school, and during hot weather, they bring a sun hat that has their name clearly marked inside.

If children need to wear sunglasses, could you please make sure that they have **plastic lenses and frames**.

Summer Uniform - During the summer term, boys are able to wear grey shorts, and girls can wear a blue and white checked summer dress. Black or white sandals can be worn, but children must wear socks with them. Thank you.

Baby news! - We are very pleased to announce, that Mrs Moynihan, Class 4 teacher, is expecting her first child in October 2025. I am sure you will join us in congratulating both Mr and Mrs Moynihan.



If you have any clothing items you would like to donate for our upcoming second-hand uniform sale, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.



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/1/2/3/1/123169829/emojis_explained.pdf

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



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.

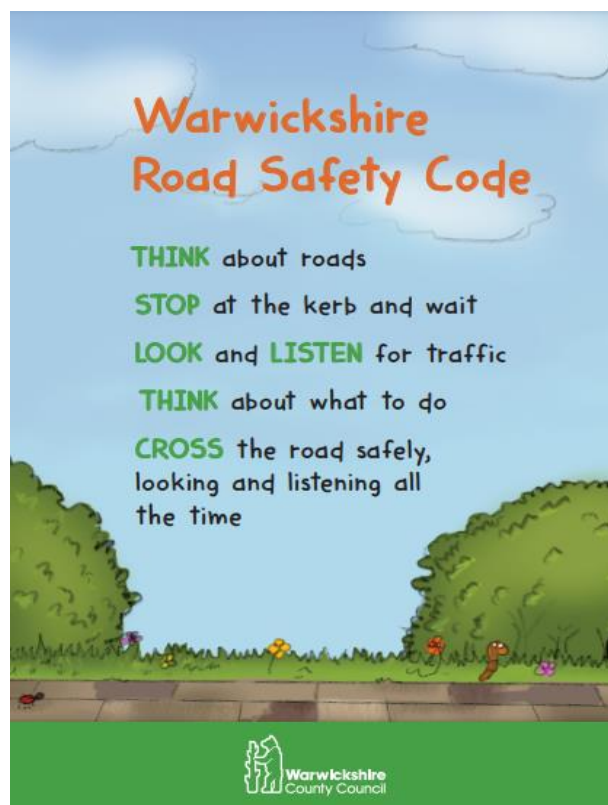
We will be sharing messages and ideas from the Safe and Active Schools team and further information about the children's road safety learning in school throughout the year.

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



Junior Road Safety Officers:

Class 3 - Daniel

Class 4 - Jesse

Class 5 - Teddy

Class 6 - Millie

Our School Rules

1. Listen Carefully

2. Take Care

3. Try your best



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.

ILLNESS - please visit the link below for advice and guidance when deciding if your child is too unwell for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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.

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.

Tel: 02476 392219

Weekly Menu

Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 06/08, 29/09, 20/10, 20/10
Oxfordshire: 05/05, 02/06, 23/06, 14/07, 06/08, 29/09, 20/10

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V) Melling Pork Meatball Pasta Bake with Cheese served with Crusty Bread (G,D)
(V/V) Vegetable Enchilada (Wise filled with vegetables, sprinkled with cheese), served with Herby Diced Potatoes (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V) Chicken Curry (mildly spicy) served with Rice (D)
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge served with Potato Wedges (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
(Vg) Crispy Quorn Dippers in a Wrap with Tomato Salsa served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)
(V/V) Cheese and Potato Pasty served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,D,E)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), or (Vg) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY
(misc) Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) served with Chipped Potatoes
(V/V) Tuna Sausage & Bean Bake (with baked beans) served with Garlic bread Roll (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

Week two

Warwickshire, Coventry: 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 15/07, 06/10
Oxfordshire: 21/04, 12/05, 09/06, 30/06, 21/07, 15/09, 06/10

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V) Moroccan Chicken Pasta (mildly spicy) served with Freshly Baked Mashed Walnut Bagnuette (G)
(Vg) Breaded Golden Vegetable Fingers served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V/V) Rustic Pizza Wedge served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,D,SB)
(V/V) Roasted Vegetable Fritatta (mildly spicy) served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (D,E)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), or (Vg) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
British Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potatoes (G,SU,SB,D)
(V) Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn served with Rice (E)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY
(misc) Salmon Fish Cake served with Chipped Potatoes (G,F)
(Vg) Plant power Burger in a Bun served with Chipped Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 01/09, 23/09, 13/10
Oxfordshire: 28/04, 19/05, 16/06, 07/07, 01/09, 23/09, 13/10

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge served with Seasoned Potato Wedges (G,D)
(V/V) Quorn and Bean Tostada (Tostada topped with Quorn Pieces and Kidney Beans) served with Seasoned Potato Wedges (G)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), or (Vg) Baked Beans

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
(V) British Beef Bolognese served with Garlic Bread (G) cheese (D)
(Vg) Plant power Holding served with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST
British Roast Pork Slice, Apple Sauce and Gravy
(Vg) Classic Quorn Roast with Gravy (G)
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
Beef Burger in a Bun served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (G,SB,SU)
(Vg/V) Chunky Vegetable Curry served with Rice
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY
(misc) Fish Fillet Fingers (G,F) served with Chipped Potatoes
(V/V) Tomato Pasta Bake served with Peas or Baked Beans
Freshly Baked Mashed Wheat Baguette (G,D)
Jacket Potato - (V) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (Vg) Baked Beans



A vegan meal is available on request on days when (Vg) is not shown on the menu.
All our fish is natural whole fish and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.

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

ALLERGEN KEY G = Gluten / Wheat V = Vegetarian S = Soybean E = Egg Milk = Milk
F = Fat D = Dairy M = Mustard N = Nuts
SB = Soft Bread SU = Soft Unsweetened

Fruit Cordial or Fruit Water from the Hydration Station. (V) Semi Skimmed Milk & (Vg) Homemade Fresh Bread are also offered daily.



Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Being mindful

Being mindful is all about **taking notice** of what's around us, as well as our thoughts and how we are feeling. Mindfulness is a way to **focus on the present moment** and what is happening now, rather than thinking about the past and worrying about the future.

Learning how to be mindful can give us the tools we need to cope with stress, build confidence, and get through challenging times. The more we practise mindfulness, the more resilient we will be!

Our tips for being mindful:

1. **Tune into your senses (classroom activity)** – Teacher should choose a child (child A) to stand outside the classroom, they are the 'listener'. Choose another child (child B) in the class to be the 'speaker'. When child A comes back into the room, they should face the wall, then child B should say a pre-agreed sentence in an unusual or funny voice. Child A needs to pay attention, take notice and listen carefully, to guess who the speaker was! Children can take turns as the role of speaker/listener.
2. **Create a glitter jar** – use an old jar or bottle and add a variety of materials, such as glitter, water, different coloured beads, food colouring, oil, and rice. Shake the glitter jar and notice how the materials move. Do they all move together? Do any of the materials separate from each other? What sound does it make? You could make one with a friend and then swap jars!
3. **Cloud watching** – this activity is great for mindfulness and relaxation. Have a go by scanning the QR code:



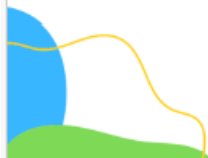
4. **Mindfulness video** – as a class, watch this mindfulness video from Children in Need, which includes 3 exercises to help you practise mindfulness: mindful looking, mindful listening, and mindful breathing.



In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.

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.



Connection changes behaviour
 more than correction ever will





Tuesday 29 April 2025

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

- The NHS Healthy Start scheme
- Local elections on 1 May
- Air fryer fire safety

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 Wright 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 i.e. 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).

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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.

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that Galley Common Infant School keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll.

The information we are required to record includes:

- Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).
- The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).
- The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.
- Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Galley Common Infant School requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a) any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

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