



## Dear Parents/Carers

### Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely summer. Children have all returned positively after their break. We have been impressed with how quickly the children have all adjusted to a new school year and got back into the swing of things - well done, Whitnash Primary.



### School Attendance

As you may be aware, there have been a number of recent news articles on how important it is for children to consistently attend school. It has been well-reported that supporting children to attend appropriately in the first few weeks of a new school year sets a positive tone and clear expectation for the rest of the year. This year attendance features centrally in our School Improvement Plan for 2025-26 as we know that this is a national educational focus. We are therefore keen to continue to work with parents to ensure that all children are accessing their full legal entitlement to quality education and this positive start continues. Helping children and parents where there are identified attendance issues is a key priority for our school.

### School Building Improvements



Over the holidays work within the school continued, with building work being completed on the school kitchen refurbishment, drainage improvement works being undertaken near Year 2, the redecoration of Year 1 and 2 classrooms and the resurfacing work on the Year 6 playground. We are pleased that all work was completed ready for the return to school. We are particularly pleased with the kitchen work - the space is truly transformed and is superb! The school is now in liaison about our next exciting building project and will keep you posted of developments.

### New Staff Members

We welcome our new teachers to the school - Miss Bibb (Year 2), Mrs Crow (Year 1) and Miss Goddard (Year 5). Whitnash are delighted to have such wonderful new additions to our team. We also welcome Miss Wilkinson to our Teaching Assistant team in Year 2. With these new staff and our existing team, Whitnash is well-placed to continue to move from strength-to-strength and we are very excited about what will be achieved in the forthcoming academic year. We are proud of our fabulous school and are looking forward to working in partnership with you in 2025-26 to ensure all children fulfil their potential and our school delivers the best possible education for all.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher*





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## Attendance

### Well Done Cedar and Chestnut



We want to remind Parents/Carers of the importance of getting children to school on time, so that they do not miss their learning. We would also like to remind Parents/Carers that you need to call the absence line each morning that your child is absent, before 9am with their symptoms or reason for absence.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss Emma Lindon  
Attendance Champion



### *Mrs Miller Says ...*

#### Year 5 & 6 Young Voices

Please remember that the Year 5/6 Young Voices choir rehearsals start on Monday 13th October - 3.15-4.15pm

*\*Please pay any remaining t-shirt or ticket money via ParentPay by the end of Next week\**

#### Children with inhalers

All children with an inhaler requires a spacer. Please ensure that your child had one in school.

#### New Clubs Booking System

Thank you for using our new club booking system. Many of you have already booked places for your children and on the whole the system has been a success. There was a few technical issues at the start regarding the price and this will be adjusted next week and requests for balances will be made. Going forward, once everyone is familiar with the procedure, it should be a much better way to book sessions. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

#### Year 1 - Meet The Teacher

Year 1 are hosting a 'Meet The Teacher' on Wednesday 10th September at 3.30pm-4.00pm.

#### Reception Parent Meeting - EYFS Curriculum

Thursday 11th September at 5.00pm.



### We are a NUT FREE school

As we have several pupils with severe nut allergies, please do not send your child in with ANY nuts, or products containing nuts. **This does include sesame seeds.**

Please clearly label all cardigans, jumpers, PE kit, hoodies and coats.





# Readathon

**Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 30th September 2025**

**Your mission:**

**To read as much as you can for the Big BoomReadathon across the month of September!**

**What do I need to do:**

Simple: Read and log your reading on GoRead

Read as much as you can to help your class be the winners!



Enjoy your reading

Log it on  
BoomReader

Help your class in the  
September BoomReadathon

**What can I read?**



Books

Magazines

Comics

Just be sure to log your reading on BoomReader (or ask your parents to!)

## Prizes



**First prize**  
Set of class  
author books for  
your class



**Second prize**  
Two books of  
your class author  
for your class



**Third prize**  
A class author  
book for your  
class



A £5 voucher for the  
top children/parents  
logging reading in  
each class





# Parent App Quick Start Guide

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## Download



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boomreader parents

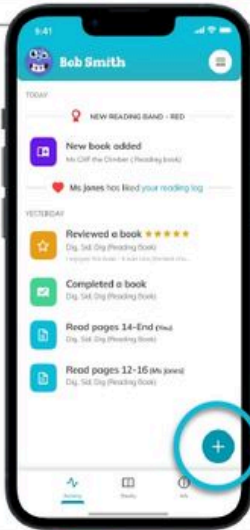
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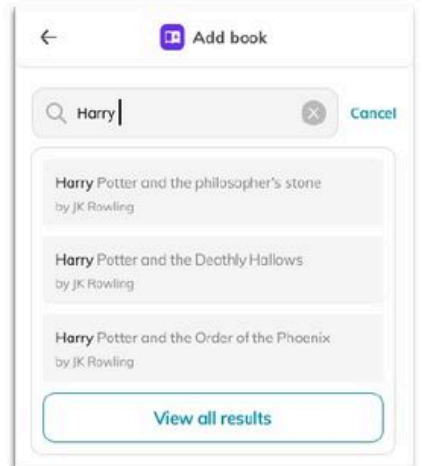
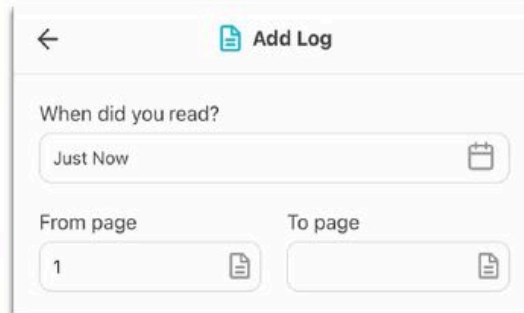
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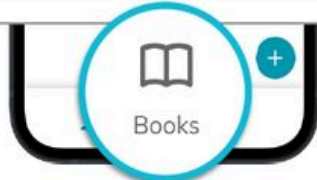
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Add a new book or reading  
log just by tapping the plus  
button.



All the reading activity for  
your child.



See every book your child  
has read.



Add reminders and access  
your child's account



Connect to all your children's reading  
diaries in one app.

Effortlessly swap between each of your  
children's reading diaries.

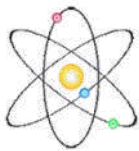
Need help?  
[parents@boomhub.app](mailto:parents@boomhub.app)

Download the app and find out more at:  
[boomreader.co.uk/parents](http://boomreader.co.uk/parents)

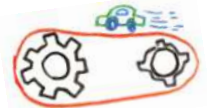


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# STEM



# Challenge



Science

Technology

Engineering

Maths

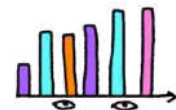
Do you enjoy solving problems, spotting patterns, experimenting, or creating new things? This week's STEM challenge is designed to get you thinking like a scientist, technologist, engineer or mathematician!

Take on the challenge, test your skills, and have fun exploring the world of STEM. Don't forget to document your work—snap pictures, record your answers and add them to your learning log. You can also email them to the class email address to share your discoveries!



Autumn 1 - 05.09.25

Maths Challenge



## Key Stage 1

Laura is thinking about the days of the week, but has lost her calendar! Can you help her to work out what day she is thinking of?

Today is Wednesday. What day was it yesterday?

Tomorrow is Monday. What day is it today?

Yesterday was Friday. What day is it tomorrow?



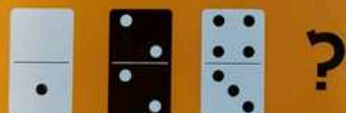
## Key Stage 2

Can you choose which domino should come next in the sequence?

Sequence 1



Sequence 2



Why not upload your STEM home learning challenge to our padlet?  
Scan code for access



# Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

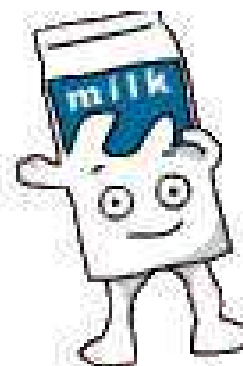
**Cool Milk**

☎: 0800 321 3248

💻: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



SCAN TO REGISTER



\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.



## PE Days

Here are the days allocated to each class for PE.  
Please keep checking this list, as it can change, however, you will be notified via the class teacher if this happens.

Please ensure that children wear the correct PE kit, suitable for both indoor and outdoor lessons and playtimes.

White T-shirt with navy/black shorts. Navy/black tracksuit or joggers and sweatshirt/hoodie.

All PE kit should be plain or has the school badge on it. Brand logos are permitted but must be small. Other colours and football shirts may not be worn.

Please ensure that the correct swimming kit is brought into school on your child's allocated swimming day.



**Don't forget to put your child's name in their PE kit.**

Class	PE Day
Holly & Ivy	Wednesday
Hazel	Wednesday & Thursday
Hawthorn	Wednesday & Friday
Pine	Monday & Friday
Cedar	Monday & Friday
Maple	Monday & Wednesday
Sycamore	Wednesday & Thursday
Juniper	Tuesday & Friday
Chestnut	Tuesday (Swimming) & Friday
Ash	Monday & Tuesday
Elm	Monday & Tuesday
Oak	Tuesday & Thursday
Rowan	Tuesday & Wednesday

## Do you qualify for FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

### Reasons to apply

Even if your child is currently receiving free school meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you should still apply for benefits-related FSM if you think you may be eligible.



Doing so means that our school will be given extra funding for six years, which can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for the school.

Applying for benefits-related FSM also means you will be eligible to receive funding for the holiday periods from the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online  
[warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals)





# Children's Clubs and



The following pages are filled with information of things to do, things to see for you and your children in and around Warwickshire.



## NETBALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Weekly netball sessions for children aged Reception to Year 6.

Wednesday @ King's High School 6-7pm  
Thursday @ Leamington Netball Club 4:30-5:30pm  
Thursday @ Kenilworth School 6-7pm

First session for free, sign up now!



### What parents say about Kid Squad...

"My daughter is having an amazing time with Kid Squad Warwickshire. She loves her netball training. Can't speak highly enough of the coaches, they are empowering the kids for sure. Highly recommend for anyone looking to start a journey in netball."

"This is such a fantastic club. My daughter absolutely loves the training sessions and the league matches. Her knowledge, skills and confidence have improved significantly since joining and this is all down to the quality teaching and care from the wonderful coaches"

"Kid Squad is the netball club that every primary-aged kid needs in their life!"

"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to be lacking in typical girls team sports in the area. The sessions are run by coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop hand/eye coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team."

"This has been a fantastic group for my daughter to join. Learning netball skills, gaining confidence and playing with girls from all different schools. The coaches are fab, always developing them and making them feel special."

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

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### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 02 September 2025

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

Warwickshire Young Carers monthly group nights

Homework, routines & sleep strategies webinar

Home education survey and much more!

[Click here to view Newsletter.](#)

crafts Bible stories games quizzes

fun shrub st kids! free

Years 1-6

Thursdays 6.00 - 7.15pm term-time at Shrubland Street School

For more information, contact: [shrubstreetkids@emmanuel-church.org.uk](mailto:shrubstreetkids@emmanuel-church.org.uk) or Ruth: 07814125461 EMMANUEL CHURCH





# Family Support

The following pages contain lots of information  
for parent/family support.



## SEND SUPPORT at the Brunswick Hub!

Do you or your child have SEND needs and require support?

We offer a wide range of support and advice including but not limited to:

### Emotional support and signposting

- monthly SEND groups
- isolation and loneliness
- parent/carer wellbeing
- signposting and referring to various services for tailored advice and support

### Education and social support

- Including but not limited to:
- Early Help
  - EHCP
  - School Refusal
  - School Leavers/ 16+
  - Transport

### Financial Support

- Disability Living Allowance
- Transfer to PIP
- Universal Credit and elements
- Grants and funding
- Carers Allowance

Contact us!

Georgia.mansell@brunswickhlc.org.uk  
Megantownsend@brunswickhlc.org.uk  
01926 422123



## SEND PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

With the Brunswick Hub team members Laura and Georgia

### Group or one to one support

Supporting with but not limited to:

- DLA and benefits
- EHCP and education
- Housing Support
- Employment Support
- Health and Wellbeing
- SEND support

Every Wednesday

1pm-2:30pm

At the Lillington Children's Centre  
3 Mason Avenue,  
Leamington Spa  
CV32 7QE



For more information contact:

Laura - 07356123171 or Georgia - 07923230579



## SEND Support Group

### Come and join us!

If you have any worries or concerns surrounding SEND please come and have a chat with us!

Meet with other parents/carers in similar positions.

We can help with a wide range of concerns.

Running on the third  
Thursday of every  
month 10am-12pm at  
the Brunswick Hub.

Contact us:

Georgia.mansell@brunswickhlc.org.uk  
Megantownsend@brunswickhlc.org.uk



Coventry and Warwickshire  
Talking Therapies

## NHS Talking Therapies

### Living well with Long-term Physical Health Conditions

Talking Therapies offers support to patients who have been recently diagnosed or living with a physical health condition.

- Are you worried about your health?
- Does your health get you down?
- Do you feel embarrassed or frustrated by your health condition?
- Do you feel your health holds you back in life?

If yes, all of these are normal responses that can be difficult to manage, but Talking Therapies can help. We work with conditions that include, but are not limited to:

Diabetes, Respiratory conditions, Cardiac problems and Chronic pain

Register with us today for an initial appointment online, by phone or by speaking with your GP. Talking Therapies works with people aged 16-plus, who are registered with a GP, across the Coventry and Warwickshire area.



for anxiety and depression

Telephone: 024 7667 1090

Lines are open from 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Visit [www.talkingtherapies.covwarkpt.nhs.uk](http://www.talkingtherapies.covwarkpt.nhs.uk)  
or scan the QR code for more information.



# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD



Any young person aged 4 - 16 years old (in full-time education) who receives benefits-related free school meals can request a HAF code



The programme offers free support to families on lower incomes, giving eligible young people access to enriching activities and healthy meals during the main school holidays.

You can attend up to 4 sessions during Christmas and Easter and up to 16 sessions over Summer



The activities available include sports, animal care, performing arts and so much more!



Contact the Family Information Service for more information.

Call 0800 408 1558 Email [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)



[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf)



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

## So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 359189



## Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



# Lunch Menu - 08 September 2025

## Allergy Key:

vg - Vegan  
v - Vegetarian  
h - Homemade  
D - Dairy

G - Gluten/Wheat  
C - Celery  
S - Sesame  
E - Egg

F - Fish  
M - Mustard  
SU - Sulphates  
SB - Soya



## Week One

### Monday

#### Choose a main meal...

Melting Pork Meatball Bake with Cheese served with Crusty Bread (G.D)

(v,h) Vegetable Enchilada (wrap filled with vegetables & cheese) Served with Herby Diced Potatoes (G.D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F E) or (v) Baked Beans

#### On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day

#### For dessert...

(vg)(h) Chocolate Cracknel (G)  
(v) Yoghurt (D) or Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

#### Choose a main meal...

(h) Chicken Curry (mildly spiced) served with Rice (D)

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza Wedge with potato Wedges (G D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

#### On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day

#### For dessert...

(v)(h) School Favourite Sprinkles  
Sponge Cake (G.E)  
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) Fresh Fruit

### Wednesday

#### Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Beef with Traditional Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (D E G)

(vg) 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

#### On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day

#### For dessert...

(v)(h) Raspberry & Apple Sponge with Custard (D G E)  
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) Fresh Fruit

### Thursday

#### Choose a main meal...

(vg) Crispy Quorn Dippers in a Wrap with Tomato Salsa with Diced Potatoes (G)

(h)(v) Cheese and Potato Pasty served with Crispy Diced Potatoes (E D G)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

#### On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day

#### For dessert...

(vg) Melting Moment Biscuit (G SU)  
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or Fresh Fruit

### Friday

#### Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(msc) Battered Fish Fillet (G F) with Chipped Potatoes

(vg) Texan Sausage & Bean Bake (with Baked Beans) served with Garlic Bread Roll (G.D)

Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans

#### On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar  
Vegetables of the Day

#### For dessert...

(vg) Jelly with Fruit  
(v) Yoghurt (D.SB) or Fresh Fruit



# What's On ...

Please note that these dates are subject to change

## September 2025

8-10	Monday - Wednesday	9-11am 1-3pm	Reception attend half days.
10	Wednesday	3.30-4pm	Year 1 'Meet The Teacher'
11	Thursday	8.45am-1pm	Reception attend morning plus lunch
11	Thursday	5.00pm	Reception Parent Meeting - EYFS Curriculum
12	Friday	Day	Reception in full time
12	Friday	Lunch	Roald Dahl Story Day Lunch
16	Tuesday	Day	Williams F1 Winners Trip
22	Monday	Day	Harvest Collection Starts
26	Friday	Day	European Language Day

## October 2025

02	Thursday	Lunch	Pirate Day Menu
03	Friday	tba	Harvest Festival
13	Monday	Day	Bikeability
16	Thursday	5.00pm	2026/27 Reception Open Day/Show Around
21	Tuesday	Lunch	Apple Day
22	Wednesday	Day	Individual Photos
24	Friday	Day	INSET - School Closed to Pupils
27-31	Week	Week	Half-Term

2025/26

[Download 2025/26 calendar here](#)

