



Dear Parents/Carers

Pumpkin Competition

Well done and thank you to all the children who entered the annual Pumpkin Competition. Teachers thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the entries via the class email accounts. The designs were incredible and we know that children will have all had fun carving their spooky creations.



Of course, it is always tough choosing the winners, but the nature of competition means that difficult decisions were needed! Later in the newsletter you will be able to see the winning pumpkins. As promised, those winners have taken home a prize today.

Mad Hatter's Bingo



Tonight is the Mad Hatter's Bingo evening arranged by the Whitnash Primary PTA. We are very grateful for all the effort and hard work that has gone into offering our school community this great event. We know that Bingo evening has always made for a popular PTA event and tickets to attend have sold well.

We hope that with even more parental support, our wonderful PTA will be able to continue to provide more opportunities for families to take part in. The PTA funds raised will support the development of the school's sensory garden. We thank all attendees in advance for their support of the school.

INSET DAY

Tomorrow is an INSET day. During the day staff will focus on training to further ensure all children are accessing the highest quality teaching in the classroom, as well as learning more about different interventions which benefit children with Special Educational Needs.



During the week we have also had a visit from our allocated Read, Write Inc consultant. These visits review our school performance in Phonics and help ensure that all intervention and class-based phonic lessons are raising attainment for all children. We thank Mrs Bowyer for her leadership of Phonics and for organising these valuable reviews.

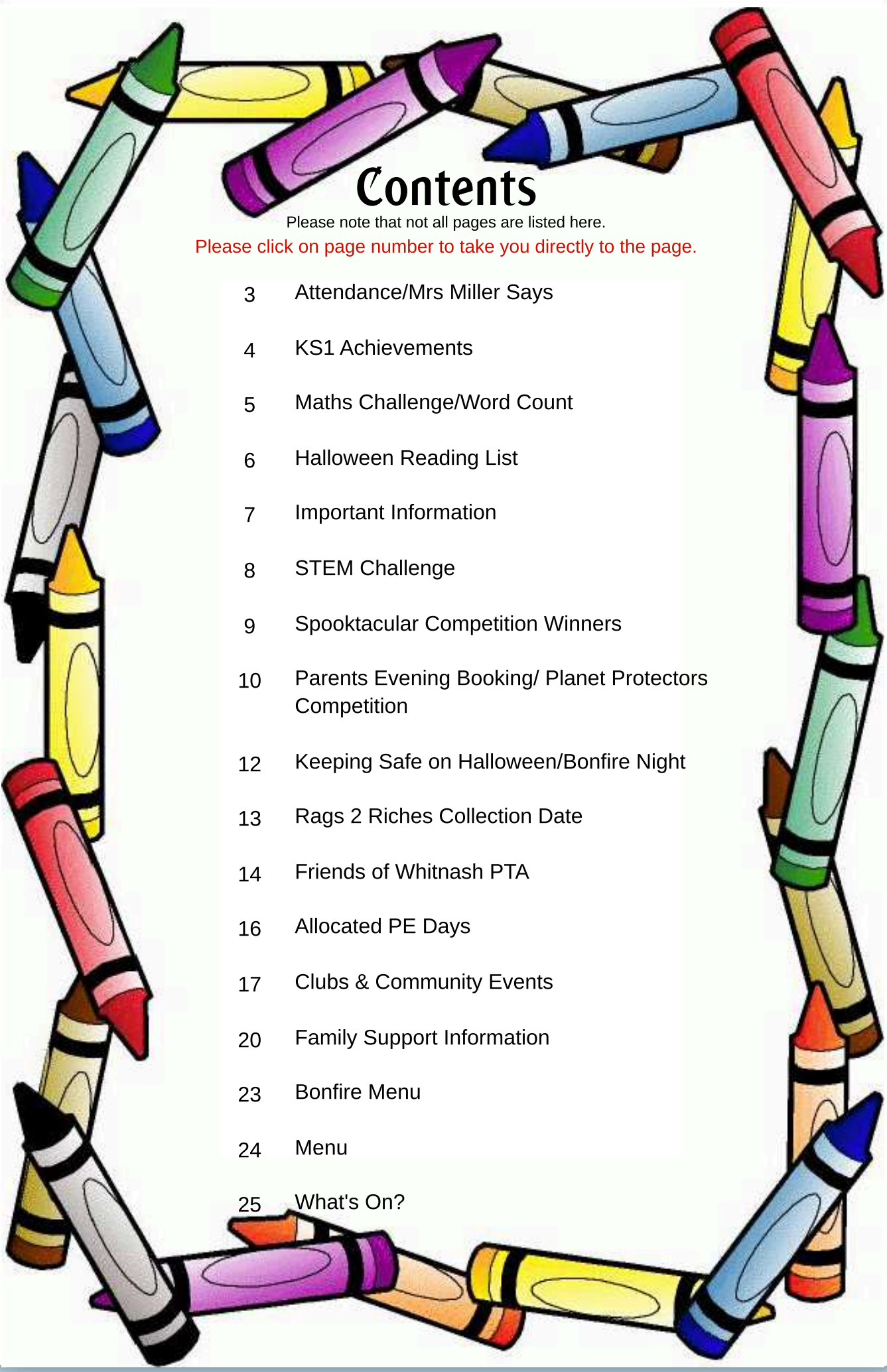
It is likely the weather after the holiday will be a great deal colder, so please remember to return to school with your coats for the playground.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher





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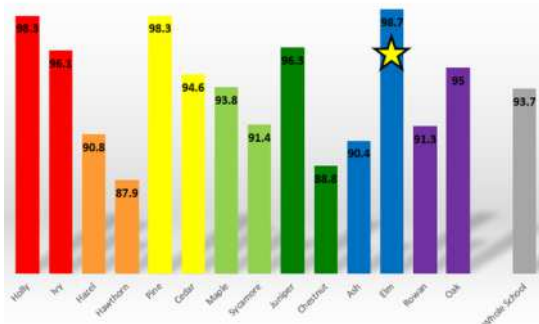
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Attendance

Well Done Elm

Attendance 20 - 24 October 2025



We want to remind parents and 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 and 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 ...

We have poppies in the school office if any children, parents and carers would like to make a donation.



Chestnut

Chestnut class will continue swimming after half term. The payment item is now live on Parent Pay for payment. We have had a message from Newbold Common Leisure Centre reminding parents and carers that children should not be wearing any form of jewellery or watches in the pool. Hair should be tied up and whereas it is not compulsory, they would like to encourage the use of swimming hats.

All Classes

Now that the weather has changed, can we please ensure that ALL children have a named coat in school at all times. If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, please bring it to the school office where there is paperwork to fill out. Please do not give it to children to bring in.

If you are not receiving text messages from the school, please double check that your mobile number is recorded in the 'mobile' section in settings. If you have recorded it under 'main' that is ok but it also needs to be in 'mobile'.

Please make sure you are paying off your Parent Pay balances.



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.



This Week - KS1 Achievements

Matilda

Hazel

Matilda is always a caring and hard working student. However, this week Matilda has blown me away with her big write at the end of our topic in English 'We are going on a bear hunt'. She independently wrote her own version of the story, using all her key skills and pushed herself to write more than what was asked. Well done Matilda, a real writing role model!

Year 1

Ronnie

Hazel

Ronnie is such a polite and caring boy. But he has been chosen this week for trying so hard in everything he does! He is growing with confidence and independence which is a fantastic skill in Year 1. He is pushing himself with all of his work to try and complete independently and asks a teacher when he needs help. Well done Ronnie, keep it up!

Joshua

Hawthorn

Joshua has been working really hard in English throughout this half term. His ability to write sentences with more independence has really grown as has his confidence. It has been wonderful to see Joshua using our English working wall, common exception words and his phonics sounds mat to support his writing. Keep it up Joshua!

Year 1

Lucas

Hawthorn

Lucas has been working exceptionally hard in phonics and as a result has been making brilliant progress with his writing. He is really enthusiastic at joining in with his flashcards and it has been fantastic to see his confidence grow. Keep it up Lucas!

Amelia

Pine

Amelia is a wonderful role model in Pine class. Her super working attitude shines as she shows she is always ready to do her work. She has great listening skills and she is respectful to her classmates. Well done Amelia!

Year 2

Kai

Pine

Kai has shown real perseverance with his handwriting this week. He has been trying to make it a bit smaller and neater and his hard work is beginning to pay off. Well done Kai!

Evie

Cedar

Evie has shown amazing resilience in our lessons, especially maths. She has worked really hard on her learning and has kept trying - even when it is difficult! She is a positive, friendly member of the class. Keep up the great work Evie!

Year 2

Thomas

Cedar

Thomas has been working extremely hard and has still managed to find the time to collaborate with and support his classmates with their learning. He makes good use of the resources available to support his learning and makes great contributions! Keep up the great work Thomas!





Maths Challenge

The most accurate class	CHESTNUT	
The most active class	OAK	
The most active pupils:	Class	Average minutes
Alexander	Chestnut	71:36
Salwal	Oak	28:50
Doruk	Chestnut	20:01



Number Bonds 5	Number Bonds 10	Number Bonds 20	10	20	30	40	50	60
Abdul Halie	Mason Sonia	Jacob Shambhavi Robin Marnie Esmé Kornel	Isabella Shambhavi Amelia Darius	Isabella Olivia Jacob Darius Elsie Thomas Ansh	Eloise Elsie Ansh	Ansh	Siyar Omar	Charlie Siyar Omar Max
70	80	90	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	
Charlie Joelle Ayan Brooke Kiaus Libby Medeea	Jacob	Ridaa Annabelle	Eduard Thomas Aditya	Charlotte	Jonah Sobin Kaiyan	Niall Raisa	Adrian	

Word Count

Class	Words Read	Total	Quizzes passed this week	Total number of quizzes passed	Weekly Boom Reader Total
Hawthorn	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28
Hazel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	45
Cedar	3,522	3,522	9	9	13
Pine	47,138	68,555	20	24	22
Maple	93,389	527,449	27	226	21
Sycamore	33,967	261,825	46	299	22
Chestnut	190,932	844,297	28	138	25
Juniper	35,491	237,345	21	114	10
Ash	197,295	1,606,783	12	61	9
Elm	176,877	675,385	19	68	14
Rowan	389,664	2,765,528	35	221	36
Oak	344,344	3,492,543	24	213	181
Totals	1,512,619	10,483,232	241	1373	426

Word Count Winners
ROWAN

Top Quizzes
SYCAMORE

Boomreaders of the week
OAK

Congratulations!



Halloween reading list



Key Stage 1

Room on the Broom
Author: Julia Donaldson
Illustrator: Axel Scheffler
Publisher: Macmillan
ISBN: 0333903382

The Spooky Smells of Halloween
Author: Mary Man-Kong
Illustrator: Viviana Garofoli
Publisher: Golden Books Publishing
ISBN: 0375832858

There's a Ghost in the House
Author: Oliver Jeffers
Publisher: HarperCollins
ISBN: 0008298351

Winnie the Witch
Author: Valerie Thomas
Illustrator: Korky Paul
Publisher: OUP Oxford
ISBN: 0192726439

Funnybones
Author and Illustrators: Allan Ahlberg
and Janet Ahlberg
Publisher: Puffin
ISBN: 0140565817

Ten Little Pumpkins
Author: Mike Brownlow
Illustrator: Simon Rickerty
Publisher: Orchard Books
ISBN: 1408366681

Meg and Mog
Author: Helen Nicoll
Illustrator: Jan Pienkowski
Publisher: Puffin
ISBN: 07189442



Key Stage 2

The Nothing to See Here Hotel
Author: Steven Butler
Illustrator: Steven Lenton
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
ISBN: 1471163830

Harry Potter
Author: J. K. Rowling
Publisher: Bloomsbury
ISBN: 1408855652

The Legend of Spud Murphy
Author: Eoin Colfer
Publisher: Puffin
ISBN: 0141317086

The Worst Witch
Author: Jill Murphy
Publisher: Puffin
ISBN: 014134959

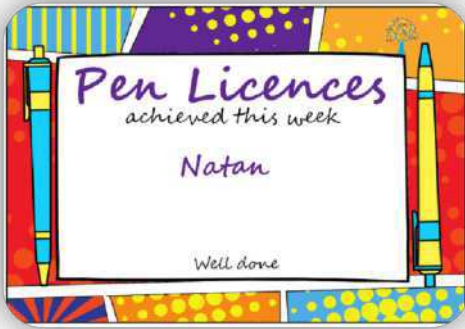
Goblins
Author: Philip Reeve
Publisher: Marion Lloyd Books
ISBN: 1407115278

The Graveyard Book
Author: Neil Gaiman
Illustrator: Dave McKean
Publisher: HarperCollins
ISBN: 0060530944

Horrid Henry Tricks and Treats
Author: Francesca Simon
Illustrator: Tony Ross
Publisher: Orion Children's Books
ISBN: 1444001094

Grimwood
Author: Nadia Shireen
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
ISBN: 1471199304





Ash & Elm

Change of PE Day

Please note that after half-term, Year 5's PE days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, there will be no PE on the first Wednesday back (5th November) as they will be experiencing an Anglo Saxon workshop.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9th November 2025



Poppies are on sale from the school office.

All About The Poppy

The red poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and of hope, including hope for a positive future and a peaceful world.

What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. They protect our way of life.



IMPORTANT

Secondary School Places

If you have not yet applied for your child's secondary school place, you have until **Friday 31 October 2025** to submit your application.

There is a range of useful information on the Warwickshire County Council website to help you apply, including a list of all local schools, a priority area map and a handy video to help you make realistic choices of schools. For these and guidance on how to apply, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH UNTIL AFTER THE OFFER DAY - 2ND MARCH 2025 and you may not get your preferred school.



Also if you only put one school preference and you do not get this, then you may given a school you do not want or is not local to you. It is advisable to list as may preferred schools as possible.

If you need help, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01926 426773.



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 - 24.10.25

Maths Challenge



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2

Hetty the hedgehog would like to buy 15 plants for her garden. She wants to buy the same number of each flower. How many of each flower should she get?



Tara made a pictogram to show all the rainy days during the first 6 months of the year:

January	   
February	     
March	    
April	   
May	  
June	 

 = 2 rainy days

Decide if the following are true or false:

1. There were 6 rainy days in April
2. April had one more rainy day than May
3. Only one month had over 10 rainy days
4. There were 46 rainy days in total



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



Halloween Pumpkin Competition WINNERS



Oscar

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition this year.

We had so many wonderful entries, it was really hard for the teachers to pick winners. However, they have managed to, and here they are. Don't they all look amazing! Well done everyone!



Lily



Erin



Josephine

Isabel



Olivia

Holly - Isabel
Ivy - Oscar
Hazel - Josephine
Hawthorn - Erin
Pine - Olivia
Cedar - James
Maple - Lily
Sycamore - Ela, Oscar
Juniper - Layla-Rose
Chestnut - Gaspar
Ash - Bowie
Elm - Moises
Oak - Raissa
Rowan - Jessica



Layla-Rose

James



Moises



Raissa



Ela



Bowie



Gaspar



Jessica



Oscar



Autumn Term Parents Evenings are on the following days:

Tuesday 4th November 2025

3.30pm - 5.30pm - Classes: Holly, Ivy, Hazel, Hawthorn, Pine, Cedar, Sycamore, Juniper, Chestnut, Ash, Rowan, Oak.

3.30pm - 5.20pm - Classes: Elm

3.30pm - 4.40pm - Classes: Maple

Thursday 6th November 2025

3.30pm - 6.00pm - Classes: Holly, Ivy, Hazel, Hawthorn, Pine, Cedar, Maple, Sycamore, Chestnut, Ash, Rowan.

3.45pm - 6.00pm - Classes: Juniper & Oak

Go to parents-booking.co.uk/whitnashprimary

Login to see which appointments are available and select one that is convenient for you.

You will need:

- Your forename and surname (these must match those we have on record for you)
- Your child's first name, surname and date of birth



Planet Protectors

We invite you to enter our Eco-Selfie Competition

To enter, simply take a photo of your family taking action to protect the environment. This could be anything from turning off lights, recycling, composting, planting trees, creating bee-friendly flower patches, litter picking, saving water, or cycling to school—whatever your family chooses!

To enter:

1. Open our competition Padlet: <https://padlet.com/gilesl3/eco-selfie-competition-tucpdh9pucsdz2p9> or use this QR code to access.
2. Upload your photo in the Whitnash Primary School section.
3. Add a one-sentence explanation of the action shown.
4. Label it with your child's first name and year group



Please note: Photos and accompanying text will be visible to children and parents from all participating schools via the shared Padlet. By entering, you are consenting to this.

This runs until 14th November. For more information see letter shared via email.

We Are So Proud Of Our New Reception Classes

We would like to take a moment to let you know how proud we are of your children and how well they have settled into school life. They have adapted brilliantly to their new Reception routines, and we are so pleased with their growing confidence and independence.

As we move into the next half term, we kindly ask that all morning goodbyes take place at the Reception gate now. This helps us to maintain a calm and settled start to the day.



To support this, we are gently asking all families that parents and carers should not be entering the classroom. We also ask that everyone leaves the playground by 9:00am, this is when registration closes, so we can close the gate and ensure staff are fully focussed on supporting the children inside.

If your child is still needing a little extra support with their transition, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Jennings or Mrs Smith.

Please speak to your child about these slight changes to help them feel prepared. Your continued support makes a real difference and is truly appreciated.



Once again, a huge well done to all of our Reception children for completing their first half term at school. We are so proud of every one of them.

Clocks Go Back Sunday 26th October 2025



Keeping Safe On Halloween

On Halloween, lots of you will be heading out on the streets to trick or treat.

Here are some tips to help you enjoy trick or treating, while staying safe.

- Make sure a responsible adult or guardian goes with you - it could be an older brother or sister if they're over 16.
- Plan your route before you leave the house and make sure someone else knows where you are going.
- Carry a torch and wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen.
- Stay close to home and if possible only visit the houses of people you know.
- NEVER enter a stranger's home.
- Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you.
- Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped.
- If you are wearing a mask, make sure that you can see clearly out of it.
- Make sure your costume is warm - it is almost November!

Bonfire Night Safety

The majority of accidents happen at private parties. Organised displays will be safer than having a party of your own. If you do hold your own party, make sure you follow the firework code, shown below.

Firework Code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Never go near a firework that has been lit
- Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Keep pets indoors



Bonfire Safety Tips

If you have a bonfire, follow these simple guidelines:

- Warn your neighbours beforehand - so they are aware and can make necessary preparations
- Only burn dry material, do not burn anything which is wet or damp, this causes more smoke
- Check there are no cables (telephone wires etc) above the bonfire
- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees
- Don't use petrol or paraffin to start the fire it can get out of control quickly

Once the bonfire is lit ...

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby - in case of emergencies
- Don't leave the bonfire unattended
- Keep children and pets away from the bonfire
- Don't throw any fireworks into the fire
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint - this could produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury
- Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting.

Don't let off fireworks after 11pm

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

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|---|---|
| ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | ☒ Jewellery and Accessories |
| ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear | ☒ Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Friends of Whitnash PTA

Bingo Night

This week we had our much-anticipated Mad Hatter's Bingo Night, and we are so excited to see so many of you supporting the PTA while winning some fabulous prizes.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the incredible local businesses that donated to help the PTA raise those vital funds to support the school!

- The Sheep room: Local maker & 3D printing specialist - fidgets, home decor, corporate gifts & custom designs
- Soul Footprint: Tracey at Soul Footprint is ready to soothe your soul through your soles. Offering mobile reflexology treatments in the comfort of your own home
- TKT Cheerleading: Elevate your game with the explosive energy, precision, and spirit of TKT Cheer & Dance. We're more than a team — we're a family built on discipline, determination, and a drive to excel. From elite cheer routines to dynamic dance performances, we bring unmatched intensity to every stage and competition. Join the movement. Train hard. Perform harder. Shine with TKT.
- The Sweetest Touch: If you are looking to treat yourself, why not treat yourself to some wonderful sweets. The Sweetest Touch offers all sorts of sweets, chocolates, marshmallows and fudge all whilst boosting a 5-star hygiene rating.
- Pretty Hair Mobile by Simone: I turn up with the scissors & sass. You sit pretty. Colours, cuts or chaos? I handle it all.
- CC Coaching with Matt: Offering 1:1 football coaching for children, it's time to level Up Your Skills — One Session at a Time.
- Dream Cleans by Lauren and Katie: Professional cleaning services covering Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth and surrounding areas. Where perfection shines!
- Cycle Infinity CIC: A not-for-profit organisation with endless cycle services for the community. Award winning British Cycling coach and Bicycle Mayor for Warwick District, Simon Storey, offers learn to ride, cycle skills improver, family friendly guided rides, maintenance workshops, Dr Bike and of course, The Bicycle Bus. Catering for children and adults. To get in touch, hello@cycleinfinity.co.uk.



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. 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 5th 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.

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

Kind regards,

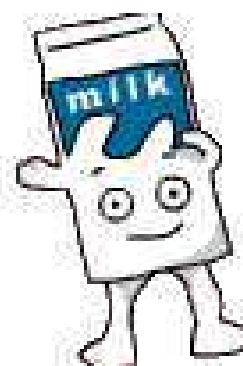
Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

💻: www.coolmilk.com



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	Tuesday & Wednesday
Elm	Tuesday & Wednesday
Oak	Tuesday & Thursday
Rowan	Tuesday & Thursday

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



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.

GOGO XTRA!

Calling all 7-12 year olds!
GO GO Makers XTRA! Holiday Camp
is back at **North Leamington School**.

WIN A DAY

FOR YOU & 2 FRIENDS

We are giving away
FIVE SETS OF TICKETS, meaning five lucky winners
can bring two friends along to experience the excitement!
JUST SCAN THE QR CODE & ENTER YOUR DETAILS
or visit www.gogomakers.co.uk/competition
Winners will be drawn on 22nd October. Enter before 20th October 2025



CAMP WICKED
OCTOBER HALF TERM
FOR 7-12 YEAR OLDS

CODING
BADMINTON
TENNIS
PARKOUR
FOOTBALL
DANCE
BASKETBALL

gogomakers.co.uk/competition

RATED 5 STARS ON GOOGLE

Warwickshire County Council

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by Gloria

FREE ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP

FOR PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Get practical hints and tips to support your children and keep them safe online, and learn how to keep up to date in the ever changing online world.

Mon 10th NOVEMBER 7pm-8pm

Speaker
LYNDSEY VAUGHTON
Education & Wellbeing Training Lead (UK)
Smoothwall




Access the event here:
<https://meet.google.com/cze-sgju-fbj>

With a background in law enforcement, Lyndsey is a seasoned child protection advocate with extensive expertise in safeguarding education. She is passionate about fostering safe student environments, offering support in policy implementation, training, and committee establishment, as well as furthering her commitment to student wellbeing through her PhD research on the effects of domestic abuse on children.

For more information on online safety, visit <https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk>

ADVENTURES IN MATERIAL & SPACE

Art & Sculpture Workshops

For children aged 6-12 years
Venue: Warwick Preparatory School, Warwick, CV34 6PL
10 am - 4 pm
Wraparound care available



Now Booking

2025
October Half Term
27th - 29th October

2026
February Half Term
16th - 18th February
Easter Holidays
30th March - 1st April
May Half Term
27th - 29th May
Summer Holidays
20th - 22nd July

Our school holiday workshops are designed to spark **curiosity** and **creativity** through direct engagement with materials. Each workshop has a unique focus, guiding children to discover new ways of thinking, making and collaborating.

Subsided spaces available - get in contact.

Find out more & booking:

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Science
Technology
Engineering
Art
Maths



{JAM} CODING
COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

WHITNASH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SIMULATION CITY Afterschool Club



Get ready for an awesome adventure where you get to design and build a simulation of your very own city using a super cool 3D modelling software! Each week, you'll add new features to your city, like buildings, parks, cinemas, and so much more. As you build, you'll watch your city come to life right before your eyes.

Remember, using colour is key to crafting the perfect look and feel for your cityscape. Whether you're aiming for a vibrant and exciting New York City or something more mystical like Gotham City from Batman, your choice of colour will set the tone. You can draw inspiration from cities you've visited before or invent a completely new one from your imagination; it's all up to you! The goal is to use your creativity to make the coolest city ever.

In this workshop, creativity earns points. In the final week, the team with the most points wins a prize. Let's get building and see our amazing cities come to life!

**"You can't use up creativity.
The more you use, the more you have"**

DATES	TIME	PRICE
4, 11, 18, 25 Nov 2025	3.30pm	4.30pm
2, 9, 16 Dec 2025		

BOOK HERE : <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/5132>

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, please contact your Area Manager on:

Promo Video: [Watch here] (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX_h1_wEtSY)



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Events for Families

Box Office: 0333 666 3366
or online at stratlitfest.co.uk

All ticket prices include
a booking fee

Please note:

Adults are also expected to buy a ticket
to events unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 30th Oct

Maz Evans
The Last Bard
£8.55 | 10.30am | Age 8+



Will is the last descendant of William Shakespeare, and he's accidentally summoned his characters to help with some neighbourly troubles. Comedy, tragedy, history: Will's world has it all... the superstar author Maz Evans is back with a new standalone story. Join her and find out more!

The Last Bard
Get Writing Workshop!
£10.69 | 2pm | Age 8+

Join Maz – the bestselling author of *Who Let the Gods Out* and new book *The Last Bard* – in an inspiring workshop for young writers. Dive into Shakespeare's wacky world and find out how to tell your story in five easy acts. Plus hear Maz read a snippet from her brand new story.

Thursday 30th Oct

Cat Weatherill
A Visit from Mother Goose
FREE | 2pm | Age 3+



Fire imaginations and get creative with a joyous introduction to the traditional fairy tale character of Mother Goose. Presented by storyteller Cat Weatherill, this hugely entertaining session will feature stories, nursery rhymes and puppets.

Please note
that this
event is at
Stratford
Library!



Friday 31st Oct

Ursula Jeakins
Craft Workshop:
Stationery and Bookmaking
£16.04 | 2-4pm | Age 11+*

Make your own stunning notebooks and stationery using bookbinding techniques under the expert guidance of Ursula Jeakins. There'll be take-home kits available for purchase. Please note: sharp craft knives are used at this workshop. Instruction will be given but participants use them at their own risk.

Ticket prices includes all materials



*Young people under 14 years can attend alone but a contact number for a responsible adult must be left. The Festival cannot be responsible for their care.

Saturday 1st November

Sammie Horton and
Playbox
Spooky Halloween
Theatre Workshop
£8.55 | 10.30am-12pm | Age 7+



Join the brilliant Playbox Theatre for an imaginative and action-packed workshop! Dive into spooky stories and ghostly tales through a blend of mime, movement, role play, and improvisation. This 90-minute session is perfect for boosting imagination, confidence, and creative energy.

Saturday 1st November

Spooky Drop In and Do
Spooooky Halloween
FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 4-11



Join Becci Smith and get crafty with us this Halloween! With malevolent masks, petrifying puppets and creepy colouring to choose from. Drop in... if you dare!



Saturday 1st November

Thiago de Moraes
Comic Workshop
£10.69 | 12.30pm OR 2.30pm | Age 7+

In partnership with *The Phoenix* comic, join the brilliant comic illustrator as he shows you how to create your own characters so you can start to make your own characters and stories for your own comic.



In partnership with
The Phoenix comic

Saturday 1st November

Sara Johnson
Children's Facepainting
FREE | 11am-12.30pm | Age 3+

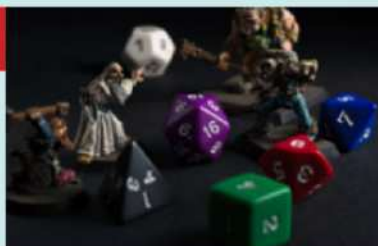


Sara Johnson will transform you into something ghoulish and ghostly to terrify friends and family!

Saturday 1st November

Gaming Event
£10.69 | 5pm-6.30pm | Age 11-16*

Are you a budding young adventurer ready to slay? Come and play Dungeons & Dragons with our talented team of Dungeon Masters. Borrow some dice and a ready-made character from us and get stuck in! No experience necessary - we'll help you all the way.



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Family Support

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





14 October 2025

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

Child Friendly Warwickshire newsletter
Early years workshops
Halloween fun this October half-term

and much more!

[Click here to view Newsletter.](#)



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
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



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 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





BONFIRE MENU

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
2025

Pork Banger Hot Dog (G.SB.SU)

or

(v) Catherine Pizza Pinwheel (G.D.SB)

both served with Plotters Potato Wedges,
Glowing Embers (diced carrots and sweetcorn)
or Bottle Rocket Salad

**(v) Guy Fawkes Sticky Toffee Apple
Cake (G.E.D.) with Custard (D)**

or

(v) Swirling Strawberry Whip (D)



"Remember, remember the
5th of November,
Gunpowder, treason and
plot"

Allergen Free alternatives
are also available

Allergens
D-Dairy
G-Gluten
SB-Soya
SU-Sulphite
V-Vegetarian
E-egg

educaterers®
caring is our secret ingredient



Lunch Menu - 20 October 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 Three

Choose a main meal...

Monday

(h) British Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread (G)
Cheese (D)

(vg) Country Garden Vegetable Fingers with Seasoned Wedges (G)

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

Egg Mayonnaise Bap (F,E,G)

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Zesty Orange Cookie (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

Tuesday

(v)(h) Rustic Pizza Wedge with Herby Diced Potatoes
(G,D,SB)

(v)((h) Sweet Potato Lentil Curry with Rice (D)

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

(v) Cheddar Cheese Bap (G,D)

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) LemVanilla Cookie with Fruit Slice (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

Wednesday

British Roast Chicken
Gravy with Roast Potatoes

(vg)(h) "Meat" Loaf

Crispy Roast Potatoes

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

British Ham Soft Bap



Choose a main meal...

Thursday

Pork Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce with Pasta (G)

(v)(h) Filled Pastry Crown with Potato Wedges (GED)

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

Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (FEG)

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) Winter Berry Muffin (G.E.D)
(vg) Jelly with Fruit
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

Friday

(msc) Fish Fillet Fingers with Chipped Potatoes (FG)

(v)(h) Golden Macaroni Cheese with Malted Wheat
Baguette (DG)

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

British Road Chicken Bap (G)

On the side...

Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v)(h) 'School Favourite' Sprinkles Sponge Cake (GE)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit



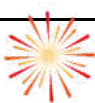
What's On ...

Please note that these dates are subject to change

October 2025

24	Friday	Day	INSET - School Closed to Pupils
27-31	Week	Week	Half-Term
31	Friday	Day	Closing Date For Secondary Applications

November 2025

1	Saturday	Day	Application Opens For Reception 2026/27
03	Monday	Day	Autumn 2 Term Starts
03	Monday	Day	Bikeability 
04	Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	Teacher Consultation Evening
05	Wednesday	Day	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop
05	Wednesday	Lunch	 Bonfire Menu
06	Thursday	Day	Year 2 - Transport Museum
06	Thursday	3.30-6.00pm	Teacher Consultation Evening
11	Tuesday	Day	Year 3 - Compton Verney
11	Tuesday	Day	St John's House Visit School
12	Wednesday	tbc	Year 2 Trip to the Cinema
26	Wednesday	AM	Rags to Riches Collection

[Download 2025/26 calendar here](#)

