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Dear Parents/Carers

Goodbye



Today we say a sad goodbye to Mrs McKnight in Reception. We let parents know in our last newsletter that today was Mrs McKnight's last day. We thank her for her contribution to Whitnash Primary once again and wish her well for the future.

We also have to bid farewell to Lesley Gregory. Mrs Gregory has been our Cleaning Supervisor for the last few years. She has worked tirelessly to help keep our school clean and well-presented for our pupils. We are going to miss her diligent work but wish her all the very best for her retirement. I am sure she is looking forward to finally putting up her feet with a cuppa!

Bicycle Bus



Simon Storey from the Bicycle Bus has been in today to deliver an assembly to all of our Key Stage 2 pupils. Simon is generating interest in the Whitnash Primary Bicycle Bus and is keen to encourage our children to cycle to school. A letter has been sent out today to remind parents of this great initiative and encourage participation.

Parents' Evening

After the half-term break, we will be hosting Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February. We request that all parents make an appointment as it is important to discuss children's progress and next steps. We are keen that parents take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher so that we can continue to strengthen our home/school partnership.

We thank you in advance for your support and engagement.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Change School Car Park Access

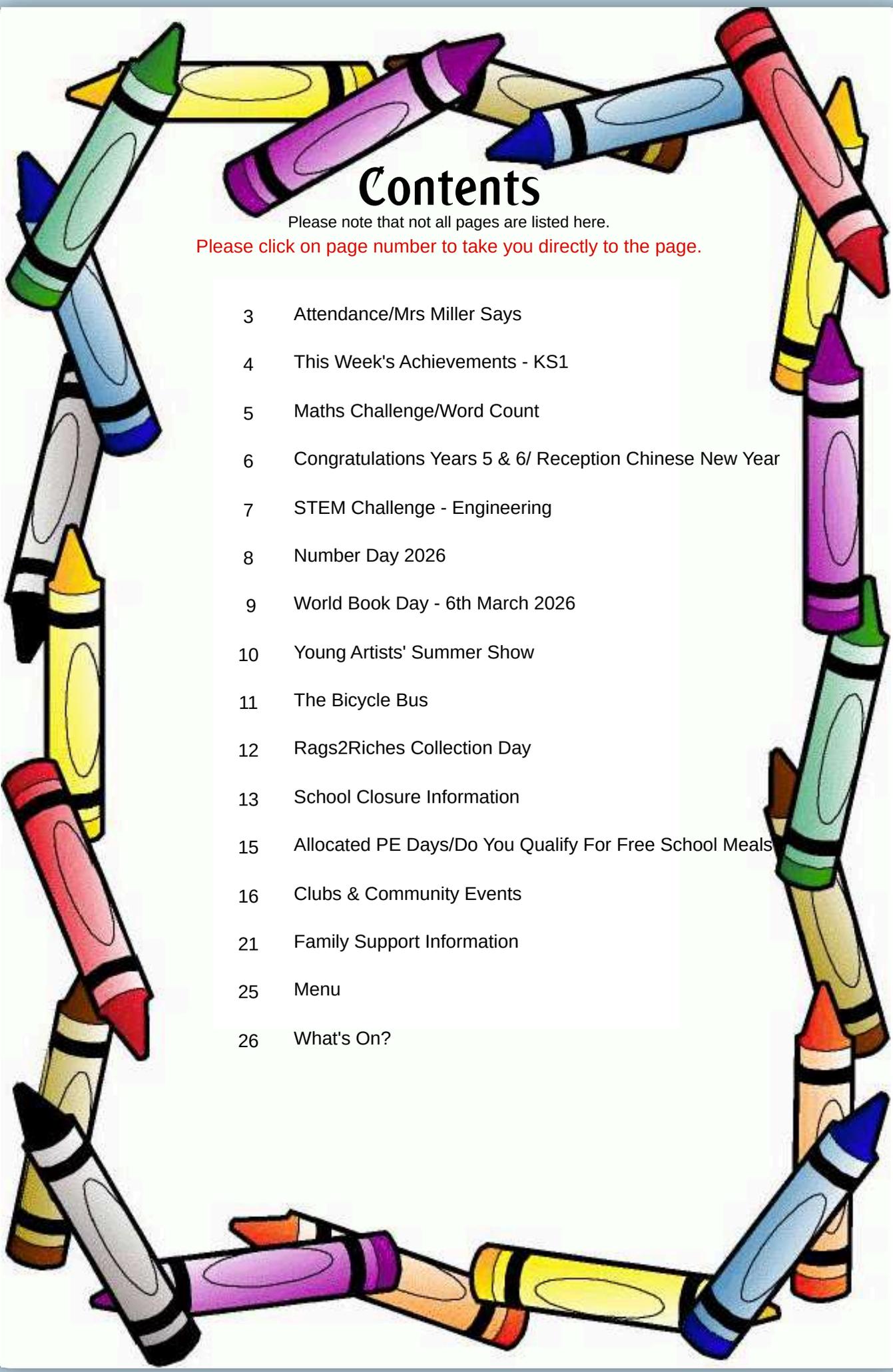
We remind all parents of the planned work on the school entrance that is scheduled to begin after half term. We also remind parents that strict measures will be in place over the use of the main entrance car park. We have to insist that all parents respect these changes and thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

We have had a few complaints this week of unsafe parking and driving from some parents in the school and remind everyone that pupil safety is always the priority over convenience.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and we will see you all for our return to school on Tuesday 24th February 2026.

Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher





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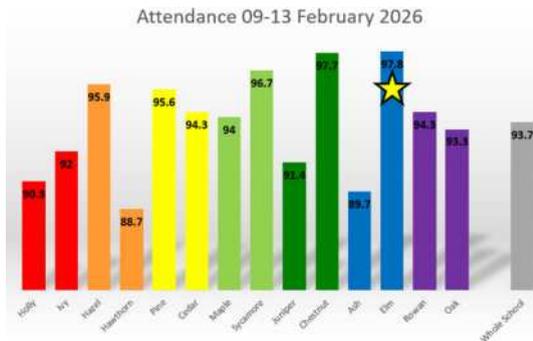
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Attendance

Well Done Elm



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.

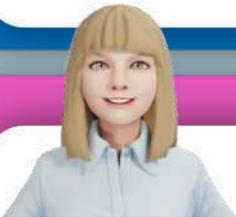
We would also like to remind parents and carers that you need to call the absence line each morning that your child is absent, before 9am with their symptoms or reason for absence. You can also email admin2324@welearn365.com
Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss Emma Lindon
Attendance Champion



Children MUST be in the school building before 9.00am for registration. Doors will be closed at this time and if children have missed this, they will need to be brought to the office by parents/carers to ensure that we have them marked as present in school and to make sure they have their lunches ordered. If this does not happen, it runs the risk of the office not knowing children are in class and they will not be ordered a lunch.

LATE CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENT/CARER SO THEY CAN SIGN THEM IN AND NOT LEFT TO ENTER ON THEIR OWN.



Mrs Miller Says ...

Juniper Class

Please remember that children will start swimming lessons on Tuesday 24th February (which is the first day back after half term) please ensure all children have their swimming kit with them. This is available to pay on Parent Pay.

F1 Club

Please note that, due to parents' evening, the F1 Club will not be going ahead on Thursday 26th February 2026.

Guitar Group

Please ensure your child's guitar sessions are paid on Parent Pay to ensure they keep their place. If for any reason your child no longer wants to take part, please inform the school office.

All Classes

Please note that if your child has a medical appointment, you must inform the school office beforehand. If the appointment is first thing in the morning and your child requires a lunch, the order must be called through before 9.30am.

Urgent reminder to all parents

Can we please ask all parents to keep any balances on Parent Pay as minimal as possible. These really do put schools under unnecessary financial pressure. If you have a balance outstanding, please make regular payments to clear them.

Reminder that if your child is late to school for any reason and require a school lunch, this must be emailed or called through to the school office before 9.30am



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's Achievements - KS1

Aaran

Holly

Olivia

For creating a wonderful bridge for the troll from the story The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Aaran carefully chose his resources and watched what others were doing to help give him ideas. He showed great perseverance to make sure his bridge could stand up. Well done, Aaran - fantastic work!

For her super work in maths on doubles. Olivia showed a fantastic understanding of doubling by using Numicon and was able to write the correct number sentences independently. Excellent work Olivia, you always try your very best in everything you do!

Imogen

Ivy

Erikas

Imogen is making fantastic progress in phonics. She can now apply her phonics knowledge independently and has been taking every opportunity to write in our continuous provision. Well done, Imogen! We are so proud of you!

Erik is working so well in maths. He has really impressed us with his knowledge of 'doubles' - he knows most of them up to 20 and beyond! Well done, Erik, we are so proud of you!

Koshaan

Hazel

Josephine

Koshaan has been working really hard in his maths this week. He has even been asking me for trickier work! He has really impressed me with his effort and determination and it is translating into some fantastic work. Well done Koshaan!

Josephine has amazed me with her fantastic imagination this week. As part of National Storytelling week, we have been creating our own stories and Josephine has the most amazing ideas! We have also been planning our Big Write's and I have been so impressed with Josephine's creativity and her excitement over creating stories. Keep up the good work Josephine!

Willow

Hawthorn

Vivaswath

Willow has been making a noticeable effort to be in the right place at the right time and ready for her learning. She is a really helpful member of the class and has always enjoyed looking after our classroom environment and helping others. In Hawthorn class we really appreciate Willow's care of our classroom, and it has been wonderful to see her focusing that care and effort on herself and her own learning. Keep it up Willow, this focus on being ready for learning is having a great impact for you!

Viva always tries his best and works hard in all areas of the curriculum. He works with positivity and diligence to produce careful work that accurately reflects his thoughts and understanding. Viva's contributions to our class discussions are always great to help develop our ideas. Thank you for your hard work and effort Viva - please keep it up!

Mahani

Pine

Zachary

For having a wonderful attitude to work and school this week. She has tried her hardest to settle to her work quickly and is trying her hardest to complete her work. Well done!

This week Zachary has been trying really hard with his English work. He is becoming more independent when writing sentences and has lots of wonderful ideas. He has also been trying really hard with his handwriting too. Well done.

Iustin

Cedar

Manraj

Iustin is a happy, curious member of our class. He has been working hard on his handwriting recently and has been showing great communication skills when working and playing with his friends! Well done Iustin!

Manraj has shown great resilience in his learning, especially during our maths lessons. He has been working hard to complete his work and asks great questions during our learning. Well done Manraj!





The most accurate class		CHESTNUT
The most active class		JUNIPER
The most active pupils:	Class	Average minutes per day
Doruk	Chestnut	43:05
Ela	Sycamore	16:07
Jackson	Oak	15:34
Other pupils scoring over 10 minutes per day: Atharv in Chestnut (15:12) and Rufus in Oak (11:42)		

100 Club Challenge

Number Bonds 5	Number Bonds 10	Number Bonds 20	10	20	30
	Ronnie George Elijah Asheera Matthew Naomi	Elizabeth- Rose	Isla Caio	George Taufeeq	Esmé
40	50	60	70	80	90
Tes Karamo Emeli		Josie Malachi	Anika	Shivansh Ela Mihan Daniel Aaliyah	Olivia Ayan Damien Kira Tyler Natan Esther
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Pearl
Munesu Maddie Charlie Alex	Ruby Sapphire	Pradnya Phoebe	Ethan Stefan		



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	33
Hazel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44
Cedar	115,223	273,739	37	260	9
Pine	60,781	308,166	14	122	65
Maple	34,218	1,405,104	35	618	17
Sycamore	33,332	752,847	28	585	13
Chestnut	285,369	3,912,085	43	569	3
Juniper	37,123	1,173,586	25	408	2
Ash	116,165	3,540,018	11	176	1
Elm	523,497	4,232,391	36	342	12
Rowan	331,628	9,503,336	16	603	20
Oak	622,787	10,234,283	24	484	154
Totals	2,160,123	35,335,555	269	4167	373



We say congratulations to ELM, for achieving their 4 million words, OAK, for achieving their 10 million words. We also say congratulations to Delia for achieving her 1 million words, and Rufus, for achieving his 2 million words - fantastic! We also say a very well done to Arnav and Munesu for achieving their Bronze Raccoon award - well done! Certificates will be with you shortly.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children who completed in the Sports Hall Athletics competition at Ryton Sports Connexions this week. The children showcased their fantastic athletic abilities and behaved impeccably all afternoon, showing sportsmanship, commitment and teamwork. Well done everyone!



Holly & Ivy Celebrate Chinese New Year

We learned about the story of the Zodiac and created beautiful Chinese lanterns decorated with traditional symbols, carefully following instructions.

To share our work, we proudly paraded our lanterns around the school for everyone to see while Chinese music played in the background.

We also played some instruments as we went.





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.

Spring 1 - 13.02.26
Engineering Challenge

Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2

Enjoy the Ride - Design and Build a Rollercoaster or Marble Run

The Challenge: Design a rollercoaster track to carry a marble over a course that includes at least one hill and one jump, and that drops the marble in a cup at the end of the ride.
Or design a marble run with at least 8 slopes.

Suggested Materials: Foam tube (cut in half this is ideal for making a roller coaster as it is really flexible), drinking straws, empty kitchen roll holders for tracks.

When creating your design you will need to create a track and supports for your track. You should also make sure that your marble doesn't fall out of the track on it's way round. Think about what you can do to give the marble enough momentum/speed to make it the whole way round the track and up any hills. Look at the pictures of real rollercoasters and get some tips for your design. For extra difficulty you could try and include a loop in your rollercoaster.

ENJOY THE RIDE!

BUILD A ROLLERCOASTER OR MARBLE RUN



Number Day 2026

Friday 6th February was Number Day and it was a huge success! All the children enjoyed completing fun maths challenges and worked hard on their Times Tables Rock Stars tournament! We would like to thank parents in their support of the NSPCC and for helping to create some fantastic Number Day costumes!

We raised £235.50 for the NSPCC, which is a fantastic total!



Each class also participated in the Times Table Rock Stars NSPCC Rocks event and there were some stunning results!

- The winners of this competition across the school were Chestnut class.
- Chestnut, Juniper, Oak and Rowan classes finished with a total score in the top 25% of classes in the whole country!
- Whitnash Primary School finished in the top 20% of the whole country with a total score of 39,866 points in 12 hours – an improvement of over 2000 points on last year!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

**WELL DONE WHITNASH
- YOU ROCK!**



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March 2026

2026 is the 100 year anniversary of the first appearance of one of the world's most famous and popular children's series, Winnie the Pooh by AA Milne. We will therefore be taking the opportunity to theme our World Book Day around Winnie the Pooh.

Hello!



On the day, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as an animal, as there are many that appear in the book. Please do not go out and buy anything specifically for this, we encourage children to use what they have at home and be creative. The children can come in as their favourite animal. Opportunity will be given for children to talk about why they have chosen their animal/character.

The day will be based around the original story of Winnie the Pooh, where the characters are introduced, and the children will spend the day completing activities related to the book.

During the week, the children will bring home a £1 book voucher which will enable them to get a free book. Simply take your book token to a book shop and swap it for one of the special World Book Day books. Alternatively, it can be used to get £1 off any book or audio book costing £2.99 or more.



Participating stores are:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- Warwick Books
- Kenilworth Books



We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers.

Thank you for your continued support.



YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW



ART COMPETITION

We are delighted to share that our school is registered to take part in the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show – a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and talent of our children here at Whitnash!

Inspired by the Royal Academy's famous Summer Exhibition, this national project showcases artwork by young artists aged 4–18 years from across the UK. Entry is completely free, and selected pieces will be displayed online and at the Royal Academy in London!

There is no set theme, so children can explore any subject that inspires them - whether it's a landscape, portrait, abstract piece, or something entirely imaginative.

Please note the Royal Academy's key guidelines:

- AI-generated artwork cannot be accepted.
- Artwork must be original, not closely copying or reproducing another artist's work or ideas.
- Please avoid using known comic, book illustration, or animated characters.
- The same artwork cannot be submitted in multiple years.
- Submissions should not include content or text that might be unsuitable for an exhibition open to artists aged 4–18.

All entrants are to be brought into school for the attention of
Mrs Smith (Reception Teacher and Art Lead)
who will collect and submit all artworks by Friday 27th February 2026.

You can find out more about the competition on the Royal Academy's website:
Young Artists' Summer Show <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

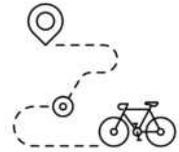




The Bicycle Bus

Simon Storey is the organiser of The Bicycle Bus, founding Director of Cycle Infinity CIC and Bicycle Mayor of Warwick District.

A Bicycle Bus is a group of families riding to school together along a pre planned route picking up families at planned stops. It is a chance to ride to school in a safe, fun environment.



In a Bicycle Bus parents are asked to ride with their children. Parental feedback has been incredibly positive and parents have shared that their relationships with their children have strengthened because of this!

The Bicycle Bus runs once a week, so you are not expected to ride every single day (unless you want to!), there's no commitment to ride every single week, you join when you can, best of all it's free!!! Most children say that Bicycle Bus day is their favourite day of the week!!



If you would like to join The Bicycle Bus please complete this simple google form forms.gle/smUhKWPooK3rhDjj7 to be included, Simon will then be in touch. If you want find out more information email him at simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk or take a look at the website www.thebicyclebus.co.uk.





Collection Day!

Our School is raising money by collecting reusable clothes on:

06 March 2026

Please use the bags provided, and feel free to add extra bags if you need to!

Thank you!

By donating your unwanted, reusable clothes and accessories, you're helping turn them into affordable clothing for others around the world.

What can I recycle?

STOP and think would you wear it?

No Thank You!

- POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHING.
- UNIFORM
- SOCKS
- PILLOWS
- DUVETS
- CURTAINS
- BOOKS OR CD'S

Yes Please!

- CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY REUSABLE CLOTHING
- ADULTS, CHILDREN'S & BABIES CLOTHING
- PAIRED SHOES AND FOOTWEAR
- JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES
- BELTS AND HANDBAGS



School Closures



At this time of year, schools begin to make plans for poor weather conditions and the potential of snow. Our number one priority is to keep the school open, but we have to also ensure the safety of all members of our school community. This can sometimes lead to unavoidable school closures whilst the school site is made safe. We may also opt to close due to it being deemed unsafe for staff to journey to school, or if travel delays are likely to impact safe pupil/staff ratios.

In the event of a closure, these are the procedures in place to let parents/carers know:

A text message will be sent to all parents/carers.

The message below will be placed on the website:



Desk Top View



Tablet View



Mobile View

- You can also check on the Warwickshire Council website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures

- Check on local radio stations.

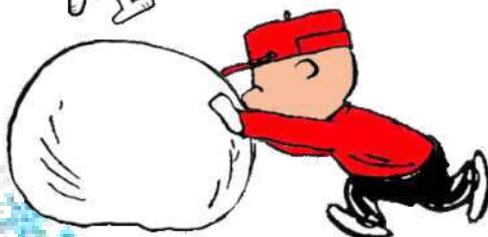
In the event of the school being closed due to snow, we encourage children to look at the class pages on the website.

www.whitnashprimaryschool.com/Classes

Here they will find the homework activities that can be completed. MyMaths and Timetable Rockstars also provide ongoing learning for children to access from home.



Children can also read, play, and enjoy the snow!



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.

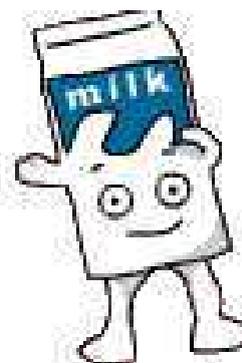
Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

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	Wednesday & Thursday
Rowan	Wednesday & 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.



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Reception to Yr 6

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Dates: 16th - 20th February

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM
16th - 20th FEBRUARY

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 KENILWORTH WARWICK GATES WARWICK LEAMINGTON SPA
 PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 EMSCOTE INFANT SCHOOL NORTH LEAMINGTON SCHOOL

PRICES & TIMINGS

STANDARD DAYS CARE (9AM - 3.30PM) £34.50
 EARLY DROP-OFF (8AM) & LATE COLLECTION (5.30PM) AVAILABLE WITH ADDITIONAL FEES

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

WE ACCEPT TAX FREE CHILDCARE & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

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Launch Event
 of the 'Friends of Mason Avenue Park' Group

Saturday 28th February 2026
 Meet at 2pm outside the Youth Centre for a friendly stroll around the park and then for refreshments in the Youth Centre (2.30pm - 3.30pm) for a chance to find out more.
 (Apologies, but it isn't possible to bring dogs into the youth centre)
friendsofmasonavepark@cleancic.com

Tell us what Mason Avenue Park means to you.
 Find out how to get involved.
 Get to know people from our community.
 Help us choose our logo.

Map data from: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/copy/1/1/1>

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL | SUPPORTED BY: Warwickshire County Council | C.L.E.A.N.

Barnardo's Warwickshire Children and Family Centres
 A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

Family Time in the garden! All ages welcome

Saturday 14th March 10-11
Saturday 28th March 10-11
 Lillington Children and Family Centre

Explore our lovely garden and plant some seeds to take home with you!

No need to book, just turn up!
 Please contact Sally for more info 07525805365

BARNARDO'S Changing children's lives

Poetry Collages

with
Emilie Lauren Jones

Ideal for those who enjoy being creative, crafting or playing with words. Create your own collages using lines of existing poetry, articles and a mix of images and other random objects!



Weds 18th February



11am-12pm for ages 4-11
1-2pm for ages 12-15



Lillington Library



FREE
Free lunches available whilst stocks last



Book on
Eventbrite or ask
a member of staff



STRATFORD LIBRARY

Free!

OPEN MIC POETRY



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
13-17-YEARS-OLD

Thursday
19th February

2pm - Free workshop with poet
Emilie Lauren-Jones

3pm - Poetry Open Mic

Limited FREE lunches available
- first come, first served

SCAN
ME!



Children and Family Centres

Share your feedback

Your views can help
create spaces where
families can play, learn
and grow together.

Sharing your ideas will
shape support at the
centres and help providers
to understand what's
important to you.



Scan here
to share
your ideas.

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/myvoice



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February Half Term Timetable 16th-20th February

Barnardo's Warwick District Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to age 25 with SEND

Email: warwickdistrictcfc@barnardos.org.uk

<https://instagram.com/warwickcfc/>

<https://www.facebook.com/warwickchildrenscentres/>

<https://coventryandwarwickshire.barnardos.org.uk/children-and-family-centres/warwick/>

Monday

Lillington

Postnatal Fitness Class for families
9.30-10.30am

Stepping Stones
10.30-12pm

Baby Chatter Matters (for 5-12months)
12.30-1.30pm
Booking is essential

QUIET Home Education Parent Led Group
2.30-4pm
Booking is essential

NEW Lillington

Family Yoga-Time Together for age 5-11 with parents - **SIBLINGS WELCOME**
1-2pm
&
2.30-3.30pm
Booking is essential

Tuesday

Kingsway

Stepping Stones
9.30-11pm

Baby Chatter Matters (for 5-12months)
11.30-12.30pm

Lillington Home Education Parent Led Group
1.30-3.30pm
Booking is essential

Wednesday

Kingsway

Family Time
10-11.30am

Westgate Baby Time
10-11.30am

Baby Chatter Matters (for 5-12months)
12-1pm
Booking is essential

Lillington Family Time
10-11.30am

Thursday

Kingsway

Baby Time
9.30-11am

Westgate Family Time
10-11.30am

Stepping Stones
12-1.30pm

NO NEED TO BOOK onto most of our **Baby, Family Time and Stepping Stones** sessions. **FREE** Please note our sessions do have limited spaces. When we are full we can not have any more families in the room for safety reasons. If there are any changes we will inform you on our Website and Facebook page.

To book onto:

- Baby Chatter Matters
 - Family Yoga
 - Home Ed. Groups
- Scan me:



Speech Concern?

Please contact Helen on
07703 381764 or
helen.keaney@barnardos.org.uk

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CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE

The Lill' Big Family Week 16 - 23 Feb

half-term Family Activities to have fun and make new friends

free

for more info Lillington Connect

Monday

Postnatal Fitness Class for families
9.30am-10.30am Children & Family Centre

Stepping Stones
10.30am-12pm Children & Family Centre

Rhyme Time (pre-school 0-2yrs)
10.30am-11am Lillington Library

Baby Chatter Matters
12.30am-1.30pm Children & Family Centre
booking essential <https://tinyurl.com/yc9ba5kd>

Family Yoga (5-11yrs) with parents
1pm and 2.30pm Children & Family Centre
booking essential <https://tinyurl.com/yc9ba5kd>

Taste Detectives (4-11yrs)
2:30pm and 4:00pm Lillington Library
booking essential: <https://tinyurl.com/2j8wc7j2>

Tuesday

Create a Heart with Felt (5+)
2pm-4pm Southorn Court
with Lillington Makers

Wednesday

Family Walk and Nature Spotting
9.30am-10am The Crest Community Garden

Make a Bird Feeder with ARC
10am-12pm The Crest Community Garden

Stepping Stones
12pm-1.30pm Children & Family Centre

Poetry Collages with Emilie Lauren Jones
11am-12pm (4-11-years) Lillington Library
1-2pm (12-15-yrs) Lillington Library
booking essential: <https://tinyurl.com/56c8cdx2>

Thursday

Story Stomp (2-4yrs)
10:30am-11am Lillington Library

Nature Trail and Clay Crafts
1.30pm-3pm with CLEAN
at Community Orchard Pound Lane

Friday

Sensory Session
10am-11:30am Lillington Library

Stories of Myth and Magic (4-11yrs)
2pm-4pm Lillington Library

Saturday

Lego Club (4-11yrs)
10am-11am Lillington Library

Saturday 14th Feb
Family time in the garden
10am-11am Children & Family Centre

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Lillington Library
Valley Rd CV32 7EJ

Southern Court space
The Crest, CV32 7PU

Crest Community Garden
The Crest, CV32 7PX

Children and Family Centre
Mason Ave, CV32 7QE

Community Orchard
Pound Lane, CV32 7RT

Crest Community Garden
The Crest, CV32 7PX





Family Support

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





WARWICK/ LEAMINGTON WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMMES - SPRING TERM 2 2026

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep	17th February 10:00am - 12:00	Virtual
Boundaries & Rules	17th February 6:00-7.30pm	virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	18th February 9:30-11:30am	virtual
Understanding your teenager	19th February 1:30 - 3:30pm	Virtual
Understanding your teenager	21st February 9:30-11.30am	virtual
Working it out together- 4 week programme	24th February 1:15pm - 2.45pm	virtual

Workshop/ Programme	Date and Time	Venue
Sleep and Routines	2nd March 9:30-11:30am	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Routines	4th March 9:30-11:30am	virtual
Understanding your teenager	5th March 12:45- 2:45pm	virtual
Understanding Children's Behavior	9th March 13:15 - 15:15pm	The Ferncumbe Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	11 th March 12:30 - 2:30pm	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	16th March 9:30 - 11:30am	St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schhol
Sleep and Routines	18 th March 9:30 - 11:30 am	Virtual
Parenting Together	21st March 9:30 - 11:30am	Virtual
Understanding Children's Behaviour	26th March 9:30 - 11:30am	Virtual
Understanding Your Teenager	30th March 10:00am- 12:00	Virtual
Routines	31st March 10:00am-12:00	virtual



Book your free place

For Warwickshire parents only.

For further information about workshops/ programmes please email ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk



Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

2-HOUR FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

9th February

Understanding Children's Behaviour

Monday's

09:30 - 11:30

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROWLEY ROAD
LEAMINGTON SPA
CV31 2LJ

For further information email:
ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

2nd March

Sleep and Routines

16th March

Boundaries and Rules

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can sometimes be stressful and challenging.

These Workshops will enable parents to meet other parents, to share own experiences in a safe space and to find out about the topics covered. You will also learn about the Parenting offer in Warwickshire County Council and other support that is available to families.

Book your **FREE** place

Longer programmes also available

Please note we are unable to accommodate children during these sessions.



Tuesday 03 February 2026

This week's Family Information Service newsletter includes information about:
Waste Detectives workshops
Sensory sessions at Warwickshire Libraries
Warwickshire SEND newsletter
and much more!

[Download newsletter here](#)



Thursday 05 February 2026

Welcome to the February special edition of the FIS newsletter!

This month, we're focusing on something simple that can make a big difference in your child's life: sharing books together.

[Download newsletter here](#)





let's talk: Speech and Language advice line for Warwickshire's 0-5 year olds

Practical strategies and support for parents/carers and professionals from a Speech and Language therapist

Tailored signposting to ideas, resources and services

Service available Friday mornings
9:15am-1pm (except Bank Holidays)



Contact us by telephone or text on: **07789 924245**
E-mail us: letstalk@swft.nhs.uk or use the QR code



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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



Improving physical, mental and economic health in the community.

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



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

HAF



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



Lunch Menu - 23 February 2026

Week One

Allergy Key:

vg - Vegan	G - Gluten/Wheat	F - Fish
v - Vegetarian	C - Celery	M - Mustard
h - Homemade	S - Sesame	SU - Sulphates
D - Dairy	E - Egg	SB - Soya

MONDAY

Choose a main meal ...

(v)(h) Tomato Pasta Bake with Malted Wheat Baguette
 (vg) Plant Power Burger in a Bun & Diced Potatoes (G)
 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) Chocolate Cracknel (G)
 (v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal ...

Chicken Fajita Wrap with Cous Cous (G)
 (v) (h) Hearty Roots Chilli with Rice
 Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
 Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F,E,G)

On the side ...

Fresh Salad Bar
 Vegetables of the Day

For dessert ...

(v) Jelly with Fruit
 (v)(h) Banana & Raisin Cookie (G)
 (v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal ...

British Roast Chicken Fillet, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy with Roast Potatoes (D E G)
 (v)(h) Plant Power Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes (G,E,D)
 Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) B/Beans
 Egg Mayonnaise Bap (G,E)

On the side ...

Fresh Salad Bar
 Vegetables of the Day

For dessert ...

(v)(h) Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (D,G)
 (v) Ice Cream (D)
 (v) Yoghurt (D,SB) Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal ...

British Pork Sausages & Gravy with Mashed Potato (GD,SB,SU)
 (h)(v) Cheese & Potato Pie with Vegetables (D,E)
 Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
 British Roast Chicken Bap (G)

On the side ...

Fresh Salad Bar
 Vegetables of the Day

For dessert ...

(v) Strawberry Whip with Fruit (D)
 (vg)(h) Flapjack (G)
 (v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal ...

(msc) Salmon Fishcake with Chipped Potatoes (FG)
 (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge with Chipped Potatoes (GD)
 Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F,E) or (v) Baked Beans
 British Ham Soft Bap (G)

On the side ...

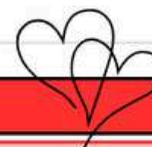
Fresh Salad Bar
 Vegetables of the Day

For dessert ...

(v) Frosted Carrot Cake (GE)
 (v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit



What's On ...



February 2026

16-20	Week	Week	Half-Term
23	Monday	Day	INSET - School Closed to Pupils
24	Tuesday	Day	Pupils Back To School
24	Tuesday	3.30-5.30	Parents' Evening
26	Thursday	3.30-6.00	Parents' Evening



March 2026

02	Monday	Day	National Offer Day for Secondary School Places 2026
02	Monday	9.10	KS2 Achievement Assembly
03	Tuesday	9.30 1.30	Year 1 - Fire Fighters Visit Year 5 - Fire Fighters Visit
05	Thursday	Lunch	World Book Day Menu 
06	Friday	am	Rags 2 Riches Collection
09-13	Week	Week	Year 6 Residential Visit to Arete
09	Monday	9.10	KS1 Achievement Assembly
16	Monday	Day	Years 3&4 Scooterbility
16	Monday	9.10	KS2 Achievement Assembly
20	Friday	Lunch	 Red Nose Day Menu
23	Monday	9.10	KS1 Achievement Assembly
27	Friday	Lunch	Easter Lunch Menu
27	Friday	3.15pm	Break Up For Easter Holidays

April 2026

13	Monday	Day	Pupils Back To School
16	Thursday	Day	National Offer Day for Reception Places 2026
20	Monday	9.10	KS2 Achievement Assembly
22	Wednesday	Lunch	Earth Day Menu 

May 2026

4	Monday	Day	May Day - Public Bank Holiday
06	Wednesday	am	School Photographer - Group Photos

Please note that these dates are subject to change

[Download 2025/26 calendar here](#)

