



## Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 6 Residential Trip to Arete

We have been so impressed with our Year 6 children who have been away in Wales for their residential trip. They have all be exceptional! Not only have they thrown themselves into new adventurous activities, such as body boarding, rock climbing and gorge scrambling, but they have also shown great independence and maturity.

The residential week provides a wonderful opportunity for children to push their own personal boundaries - whether this is dealing with a bit of home sickness, conquering a fear of heights, making their own lunch, making their own beds or simply trying new foods, our Year 6 have done it all and made themselves proud!

We want to send our congratulations to all who attended.



**THANK YOU!**

Of course, taking 50 children for a week stay in Wales is never possible without the commitment and dedication of our staff volunteers. Seeing our team of staff working so hard to ensure that children were all safe and well-cared for, whilst providing buckets of enthusiasm, fun and encouragement to all our pupils was a pleasure to witness. I want to express my personal thanks to Mr Collins, Mr Hitchins, Mr Atkins, Miss Goddard and Mrs Ford for being so incredible this week. You have all been superb!

I also express our thanks to our remaining Senior Leadership team who have been back at base keeping the school functioning brilliantly. Mrs Norris, Mrs Hackett and Mrs Jennings have done a wonderful job and kept Mr Hitchins, and me fully informed on all important matters. Thank you to you all.



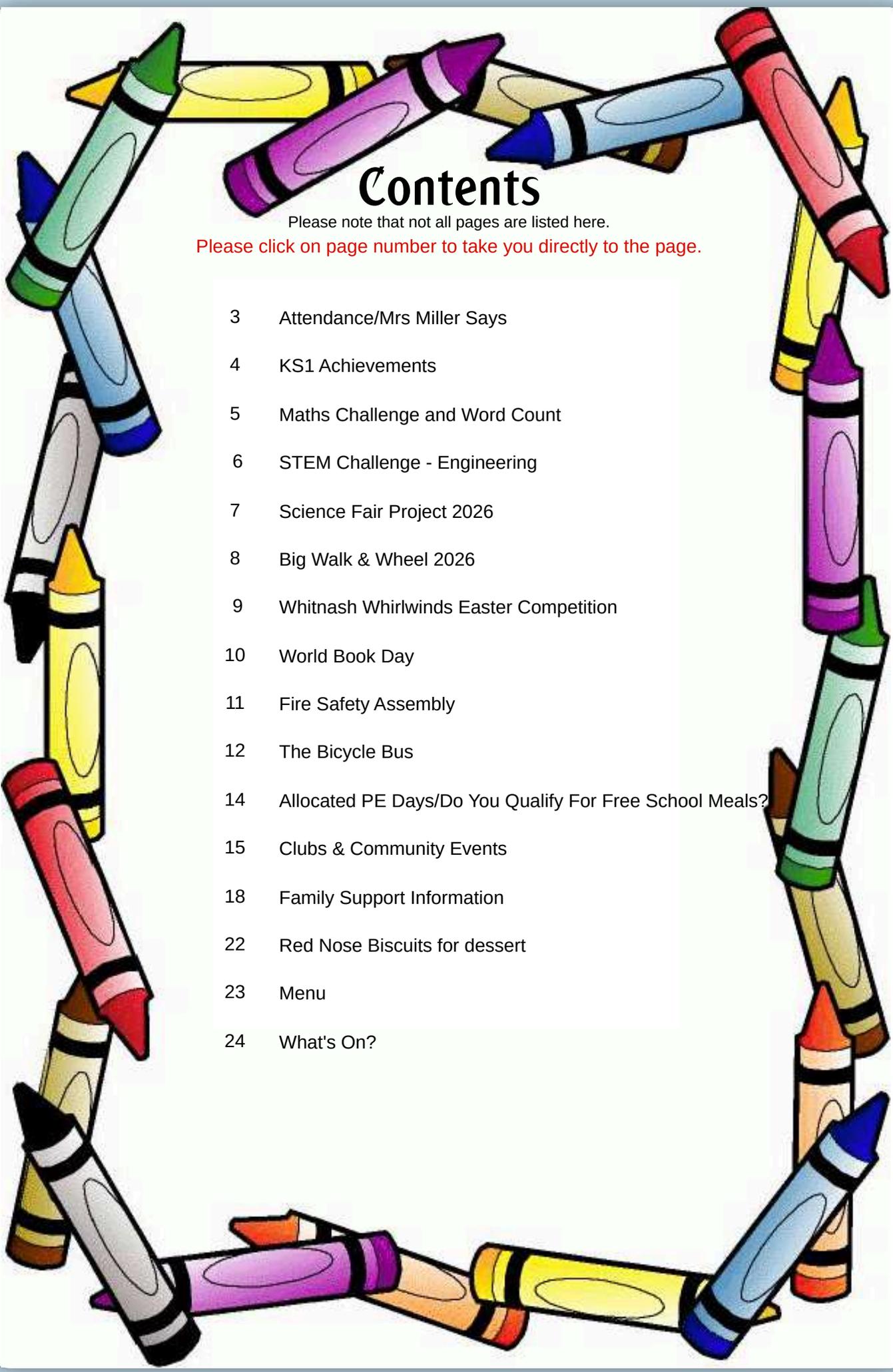
### Congratulations

We delighted to announce that Mrs Hackett, our amazing Inclusion Lead, is expecting a baby! We are certain parents will join us in expressing congratulations to Mrs Hackett and her partner.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher*





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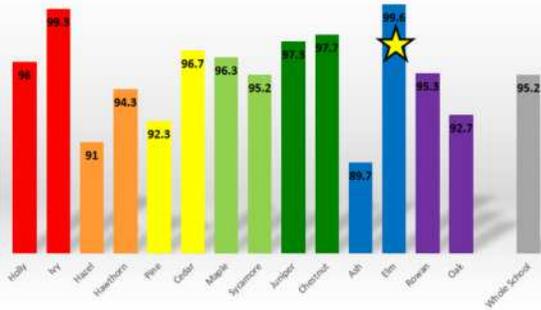
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# Attendance

## Well Done Elm

Attendance 09-13 March 2026



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](mailto: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 ...*

## IMPORTANT

Please can we remind parents to keep their Parent Pay balances to an absolute minimum. We currently have the equivalent of 559 meals outstanding and a number of individual high balances. As previously mentioned, these balances put schools under further unnecessary financial pressure. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please see page 14 of the newsletter on how to apply.

## Rags2Riches

Thank you to everyone who donated a donation bag. We collected 3,202kg and raised £80.05 for the school.  
82 bags.

**Most bags ever!!**

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

Keisha-Rose

Holly

Jude

Keisha has been working really hard on her counting and has made fantastic progress. She showed this by counting objects and grouping them into pairs to find out if numbers were odd or even. excellent work, Keisha!

Jude really enjoyed listening to the story 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' and learning about landmarks from around the world. He shared that he knew the Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty and where they are in the world. Fantastic knowledge, Jude!

Bobby

Ivy

Panashe

Bobby has been a superstar in Science this week! He listened carefully and joined in brilliantly during our learning about African animals. Bobby was able to describe and explain the differences between them with great confidence. Well done, Bobby

Panashe has been an awesome engineer this week during our STEM Week! We have been learning about different modes of transport, and Panashe has especially impressed us with his fantastic knowledge about aeroplanes. He has been so engaged and confident in sharing his ideas with the class. Well done, Panashe — keep it up!

Matthew

Hazel

Elijah

Matthew has engaged fantastically with our STEM week! He can explain what STEM stands for and has an enthusiasm for our e-waste project. Matthew has been very creative and engaged really well, providing fantastic ideas and designing a pen pot made from recycled materials. Well done Matthew!

Elijah has wow-ed me this week with his knowledge in English. He has been fantastic in knowing his past tense verbs adding ed and even tricky ones like sang! Elijah has been working hard across all of our subjects and his hard work has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the good work Elijah!

Isabelle

Hawthorn

Ari

Isabelle is an enthusiastic member of our class who has grown in confidence to share her ideas. It has been wonderful to see her resilience develop and she can now solve many problems independently by using our working walls for support. Isabelle is a kind and caring member of our class and she always looks out for others. Thank for your hard work and thoughtful behaviour Isabelle. Keep it up!

Ari always works with quiet determination and shows great perseverance when tackling her work. She knows how to be a great partner and she has worked collaboratively with others during our STEM challenge. Ari is a thoughtful member of our class and we love it when she shares her ideas in our discussions. Keep up your hard work Ari!

Elsie

Pine

Lyncoln-Cole

For some wonderful writing this week in English and during our World Book Day activities. She has written thoughtfully, listening carefully to the instructions of the task and also making sure her work is always neat - a great example of independence. Well done Elsie!

This week, Lyncoln has been trying his hardest in all of his work. He created a great game with his friends during World Book day and enjoyed thinking of a way to help Eeyore out of the river - a great use of his creativity. Well done.

Aarush

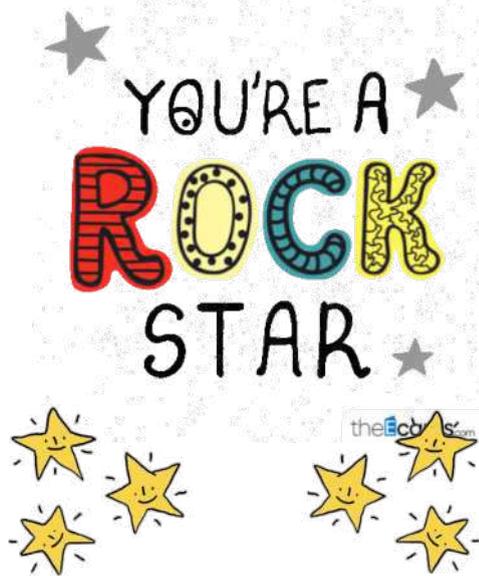
Cedar

Aston-Jo

Aarush is a hard-working, creative member of our class. Aarush always has his hand up to share his amazing ideas and is one of the first to be ready to learn. I have been particularly impressed with the quantity of Aarush's work, as he has been challenging himself to write detailed pieces of work! Keep up the great work!

Aston is a caring, curious member of our class. Aston has been focusing on showing he is ready to learn, and has been putting up his hand lots to ask great questions or share his ideas. Aston has been working hard on his handwriting and producing great pieces of work! Keep working hard!





### 100 Club Challenge

Number Bonds 5	Number Bonds 10	Number Bonds 20	10	20	30
Mason Willow Nicolas	Matilda Agastya Rex Nicolas	Robert Matthew Kavush Freddie Naomi George Finn Oliver Oliva Alexander	Oscar Elizabeth- Rose	Gurseerat Lily Oscar Elizabeth- Rose	Gurseerat
40	50	60	70	80	90
Harry Marta Wren Kasey	Adela Mila Naomi	Chloe Hudhaifah Cleo Harvey Harlee- Quinn	Mudhaifah	Arshman Hudhaifah Anika	Hudhaifah Arshman Anika Ela Charlotte
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Pearl
Arshman Anika Ela Olivia					

## Word Count



Class	Words Read	Total	Quizzes passed this week	Total number of quizzes passed	Weekly Boom Reader Total
Holly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
Ivy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19
Hawthorn	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30
Hazel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39
Cedar	17,892	313,585	10	296	9
Pine	70,759	431,372	15	152	44
Maple	81,426	1,558,167	23	715	11
Sycamore	45,115	895,958	40	695	13
Chestnut	201,870	4,631,856	41	674	24
Juniper	40,856	1,308,262	24	478	1
Ash	184,209	4,338,197	11	223	5
Elm	566,079	5,576,031	33	427	4
Rowan	652,068	12,175,939	22	685	11
Oak	119,623	13,674,843	6	567	36
Totals	1,979,897	44,904,210	225	4,912	256

Word Count Winners  
**ROWAN**

Top Quizzes  
**CHESTNUT**

Boomreaders of the week  
**PINE**

We say congratulations to ROWAN, for achieving their 12 million words. We also say congratulations to Aadvik for achieving his 1 million words, and Rohan, Arnav, and John all for achieving their 2 million words - fantastic!

We also say a very well done to Aadvik in Elm for achieving his Bronze Raccoon award - well done!

Certificates will be with you shortly.





# 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 2 - 13.03.26  
Technology Challenge

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 2

Incy Wincy Spider wants to climb to the top of the water spout. Can you find and fix the bug in the algorithm that is stopping him? Write the correct algorithm in the spaces in the table.

**Top Tip:**  
left turn right turn

Spot the Bug	Fix the Bug
forward 2	
right turn	
forward 2	
right turn	
forward 1	
right turn	
forward 1	
left turn	
forward 1	

Can you help Knuckles avoid Eggman and get to the Goal Ring? Knuckles needs to follow the path and collect the Gold Rings. Look carefully at the directions below. There is at least one error in them. Debug the directions by writing them correctly below.

Tip Tip: Pay attention to the way that Knuckles is facing.

### DIRECTIONS

- Forward 2
- Right 90°
- Forward 2
- Right 90°
- Forward 3
- Right 90°
- Forward 1
- Left 90°

### DEBUGGED DIRECTIONS


### Last week's maths challenge answers.

Item	Total amount
10 chocolate chips	10 + 10 = 20
20 sprinkles	20 + 20 = 40
1 cherry	1 + 1 = 2
12 grams of icing sugar	12 + 12 = 24g

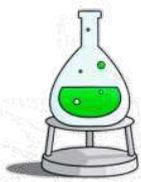
Jasper: cleaning tables = 4 points, whiteboards = 2 points, sharpening pencils = 1 point, supporting classmates = 4 points. Total = 11 points

Eliza: cleaning tables = 2 points, whiteboards = 3 points, sharpening pencils = 2 points, supporting classmate = 2 points. Total = 9 points

Jasper earns the most points.



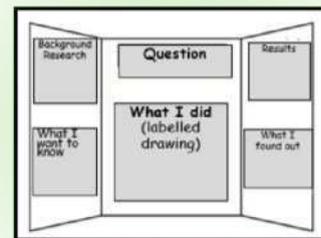
# Science Fair Project 2026



As part of this year's STEM learning month we are excited to announce the launch of our annual Science Fair Project competition. This is an exciting opportunity for children to work together with their families to investigate an area of science that interests them and share their findings with the school community.

Children are invited to pose a **science based question**, then research, experiment and present what they find out. For example; Does my hamster have a good memory? How can I make cress seeds germinate quicker? Which liquid makes a surface the most slippery?

Children need to present their project on a 3 part notice board that can sit on a table top (see an example here). A cut up supermarket cardboard box, taped together and covered in wrapping paper is ideal. Any models made need to fit in the space in the middle of the board.



Projects must be submitted to school by:

## Thursday 16th April 2026

This allows 5 weeks homework and the Easter holiday for preparation.

Judging and showcasing of entries will take place the following day.

The projects will be judged on their Content, Visual Display and the children's ability to communicate their findings (5 points maximum for each). Each entry will be judged by a visiting Scientist. All entries get a celebratory certificate of excellence, and the overall winners will get a medal and get go to Winners Event in the summer term. Projects can be completed individually or as a family group. Siblings may enjoy working together.



*Ask your children about the exciting assembly they saw this week where Whitnash's amazing Science Ambassadors made Elephant's Toothpaste that spewed out the top of the measuring cylinder! They inspired all children to come up with questions ready to take part in this year's Science Fair.*



To help you with ideas, there are lots of websites full of fun ideas such as:

<https://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/science-projects>

<https://sciencebob.com/science-fair-ideas/ideas/>



**Please use this QR code to see the power point with details and more ideas.**

We hope that this exciting opportunity will inspire lots of families to enjoy investigating and have lots of science fun together. If you have any questions or would like any more ideas, please get in touch via the Science email address

[sciencewpr@welearn365.com](mailto:sciencewpr@welearn365.com)



We have some  
**exciting**  
news for you!



We are taking part in Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 16 – 27 March 2026. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Encourage your children to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

#### **Why we are taking part**

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school, and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

For more information about the event go to [www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk).

Enjoy the challenge  
Miss Brown (Safe and Active Travel Lead)

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

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# Whitnash Whirlwinds Easter Competitions

On Thursday 4th June 2026, our 16 team members will travel to Curborough Sprint Track to present and race their car. To ensure they have the proper safety equipment, including helmets and race suits, and some support for travel costs, the team has organised one final fundraising event.

**So The Whitnash Whirlwinds would like to introduce their new Easter competitions! We have 3 fantastic competitions for you to take part in!**

## Competition 1 (KS1): Easter Egg Colouring

Sheets will be sent home with your child. Please return the completed sheet to school and pay £1 via your Parent Pay account to enter.



## Competition 2 (KS2): Design Your Own Boiled Egg

Get creative! Transform your boiled egg into a famous person, a fictional character, or just decorate it however you like. Bring your finished egg to Miss Goddard or Mrs Middleton and pay £1 via your Parent Pay account to enter.

### Some ideas for inspiration



## Competition 3 (Whole School): Guess the Number of Mini Eggs in the Jar

Take a guess at how many mini eggs are in the jar! The closest guess wins the jar of eggs. Visit the jar every afternoon at pick-up by the Year 5 playground doors to make your guess, and don't forget pay £1 via your Parent Pay account to enter.

The entry deadline is **24<sup>th</sup> March 2026** and all competitions are £1 each to enter. Entries will be judged by the Whitnash Whirlwinds Team (after the teachers have made them anonymous) and the winners will be announced on the last day of term

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

Prizes will be donated by Asda, so they will be delicious!



**BEST  
OF LUCK**



# WORLD BOOK DAY<sup>®</sup>



As part of the World Book Day celebrations, Year 2 invented an alternative game to 'Pooh Sticks,' which the characters play in the book. Part of the brief was that they had to use natural materials that could be found if they were out and about enjoying nature. They managed to invent a range of games, ranging from noughts and crosses, to knocking down a pile of sticks, to simply just playing sticky weed tig. They had a great time!



# Fire Safety Assembly

Year 1 had a Fire Safety assembly with the Fire Service this week. They learnt about the different jobs that firefighters do to help people and what they wear to keep themselves safe. All of the children were brilliant at practising 'Stop, drop and roll!'.

They also learnt a catchy safety rhyme; 'Matches and lighters do not touch, they will hurt you very much!'

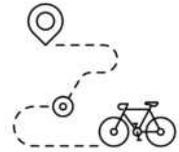




# The Bicycle Bus

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](https://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](mailto:simon@thebicyclebus.co.uk) or take a look at the website [www.thebicyclebus.co.uk](http://www.thebicyclebus.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](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,

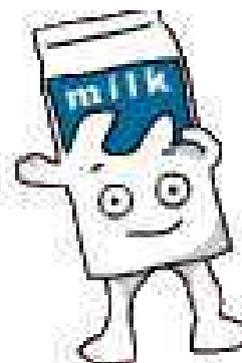
**Cool Milk**

☎: 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	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](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.





**Onside**  
Coaching

**Easter Holidays**  
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

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Early drop off and late pick up available +£3.50 each

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**KIDS CLUB** At BT

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April  
Reception to Yr 6

**Easter Holiday Childcare**

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from only **£24** per day  
or **4 days for £84**

**Times** 9.30am to 3.30pm  
Early Drop off 8:30 - 9:30am +£3.50 each  
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to book visit [btkidsclub.onsidelive.co.uk](http://btkidsclub.onsidelive.co.uk)

McFARLANE EVENTS present

**Disney & SIX THE MUSICAL**

**DANCE WORKSHOP DAY**

**8th April**

**£25** (per session)      **£40** (full day)

**Disney** 10am-1pm (ages 6+)  
**Six** 2:30-5:30 (ages 9+)

The SYDNI Centre  
Cottage Square, Sydenham  
Leamington Spa,  
Warwickshire, CV31 IPT

Hosted by BGT's Bethan Marshall and West End's Tobias James

contact: 0770 200 3040  
[tobias\\_james@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tobias_james@hotmail.co.uk)



# Easter Holiday Club

30th March - 10th April

Join Us at:  
7 Amazing Venues

**Activities:**  
Dance, Football, Little Laces,  
Multi Sports, Scooterbility, Trampolining

**Times:**  
9am-3:30pm  
8:30-9am - Early Drop Off  
3:30-4:30pm - Late Pick up

**Price:**  
From £12 per day

**TO BOOK, Visit:**  
[www.kitsacademy.com](http://www.kitsacademy.com)  
[bookings.kitsacademy.com](http://bookings.kitsacademy.com)  
07772 873271  
or scan QR Codes on the back!

Bedworth		Exhall Junior School CV7 9NS
Coventry		Hollyfast Primary School CV6 2AH
Nuneaton		Park Lane Primary School CV10 8NL <b>HAF</b>
Rugby		Rugby College CV21 1AR
Southam		St Marys Primary School CV47 1PS
Walsall		Whitehall Junior School WSL 3JY
Warwick		Newburgh Primary School CV34 6LD

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## Make the Easter holidays unforgettable!

The Strings Club and our **multi award-winning**, screen-free Holiday Camps return to your area this Easter - offering an **exciting mix of music, creativity and sport** for children aged 4-11!

With **20 venues** across London, Birmingham, and Warwickshire, finding school holiday childcare and **unforgettable activities** for families is not easy.

That's why we offer parents a range of ways to save - from the ability to **book one day** to the whole experience to **free hire of an instrument** to take home to **accepting all childcare vouchers** and tax free childcare.

We even offer a **FREE day of childcare** for both you and your friend if you recommend us! **Recommend us to 5 people** and that's a week of childcare sorted!

**Dates - Mon 30th March - Thu 2nd April  
Tue 7th April - Fri 10th April**

**Why Join The Strings Club?**

- Age specific activities for 4-7s/8-11s
- Sessions in guitar, violin or ukulele
- FREE to hire instrument - even to take home
  - Different theme every week
- Afternoon workshops from sport to art to drama
- One trained adult to 8 children - for all ages
- Daily Diaries and Newsletters - with access to gallery
  - Book 1 day to the whole experience
- Discounts including 10% sibling discount and tax free childcare
  - EYFS Ofsted registered

**10% off for New Customers**

New to us? Enjoy 10% off your first booking with us. Simply enter **NEWCUS10** at our online checkout.

Visit [www.thestringsclub.org](http://www.thestringsclub.org) or call our Head Office on 0121 296 9204.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Amy and The Strings Club team X

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





# 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 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 Behaviour	9th March 13:15 - 15:15pm	The Ferncombe Primary School
Boundaries and Rules	11th March 12:30 - 2:30pm	Virtual
Boundaries and Rules	16th March 9:30 - 11:30am	St Joseph's Catholic Primary Schhol
Sleep and Routines	18th 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](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)



Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

## 2-HOUR FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

9th February

2nd March

16th March

Understanding Children's Behaviour

Sleep and Routines

Boundaries and Rules



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](mailto:ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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.

## SEND Help!

@ The Gap Community Centre, 10:00-12:00

Once a month on the following dates in 2026:  
11th March, 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 15th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

An adult led SEND support group for parent's/carers, whose child(ren) may or may not have a diagnosis.

A chance to meet people who may be going through the same things as you.

Facilitated by Family Support Workers.

Guest speakers from services such as SENDIAS, FIS and more.

Signposting to helpful services & professionals.

Have open and honest conversations, in a safe space.



Please contact the duty line on 01926 41 41 44, select option number 1, followed option 2 for more info/to book.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION



Thursday 5 March 2026

Welcome to the special edition of the Family Information Service newsletter.

This month's special edition focuses on the Healthy Start scheme.

[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](mailto: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](mailto:Georgia.mansell@brunswickhlc.org.uk)  
[Megantownsend@brunswickhlc.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](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)

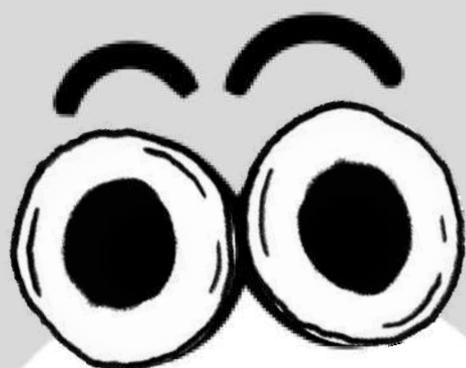
You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

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

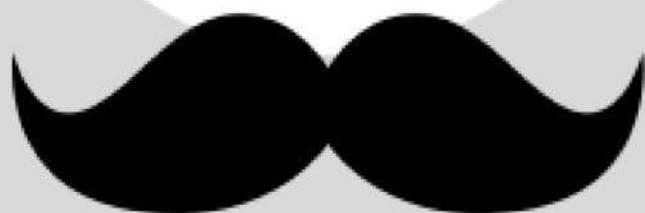




**COMIC  
RELIEF**



**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**



We will be serving  
Red Nose Biscuits  
for dessert on  
Friday 20th  
March 2026

Allergen Free alternatives are also available



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caring is our secret ingredient



# Lunch Menu - 16 March 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

### FISH

### 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 ...



## March 2026

16	Monday	Week	Big Walk & Wheel Week
16	Monday	Day	Years 3 & 4 Scooterbility
16	Monday	9.10	KS2 Achievement Assembly
18	Wednesday	5pm	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting
20	Friday	Lunch	 Red Nose Day Menu
23	Monday	9.10	KS1 Achievement Assembly
24	Tuesday	Day	Closing date for Whitnash Whirlwinds Easter Competitions
25	Wednesday	1.35pm	<b>Pine</b> Class Spring Celebraton Craft Event
26	Thursday	1.35pm	<b>Cedar</b> Class Spring Celebraton Craft Event
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
11-15	Week	Week	Year 6 SATs Week
19	Tuesday	1.30	Singing After SATS
22	Friday	3.15	Break up for Half-Term
25-29	Week	Week	Half-Term

Please note that these dates are subject to change

[Download 2025/26 calendar here](#)

