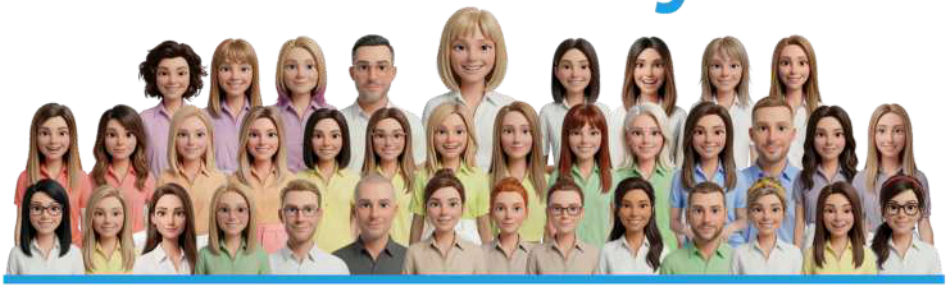
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Learning, growing & succeeding together.

NEWSLETTER

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What's in your newsletter this week?

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Dear Parents and Carers



Please Label Your Child's Clothing!

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of labelling children's clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, PE tops and coats.

In just two weeks, we have accumulated 13 unlabelled jumpers or cardigans, 5 PE tops and 3 coats in our lost property – a total of 21 items! If this rate continues, we could have almost 400 items of lost clothing by the end of the school year.

Labelling clothing clearly with your child's name makes it much easier for us to return misplaced items to their rightful owners and helps prevent unnecessary expense for families and environmental impact. Please take a few minutes to check that all your child's school uniform and PE kit are labelled. Thank you for your support in helping us keep lost property to a minimum!

Please Keep Reading Over Half Term!



As we approach the October half-term break, we would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of regular home reading. Our plea is that every child continues to read at home with an adult throughout the half-term holiday. Just a few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference to children's progress, helping them develop fluency, build vocabulary, improve comprehension and, most importantly, foster a lifelong love of reading.

Whether your child is practising their phonics, sharing a picture book, reading their school reading book or enjoying a favourite story, your time and encouragement are invaluable. Please make reading a regular part of your half-term routine. Thank you for your continued support in helping every child become a confident and enthusiastic reader!

Reception Morning Drop-Off Arrangements



We are incredibly proud of how well our Reception children have settled into school life and the growing confidence and independence they have shown during their first half term. After the October half term break, we ask that all morning goodbyes take place at the Reception gate, with parents and carers no longer entering the classroom or cloakroom area.

Please ensure children arrive by 8.55am and that all parents and carers have left by 9.00am, when registration closes and the gate is secured. We recognise that some children may still need additional support with their transition, and families who need this should speak to Mrs Jennings or Mrs Smith, as arrangements can be made where necessary. Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure a calm and positive start to the school day for everyone.

INSET Day – Friday 23rd October

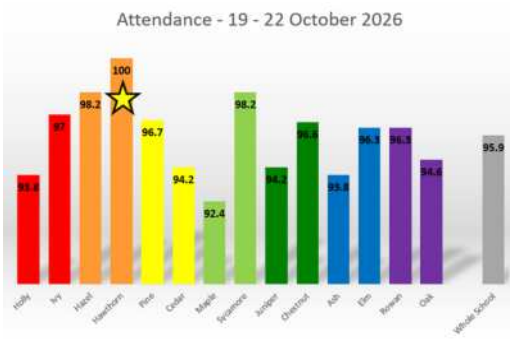
A further reminder that tomorrow is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. During the INSET day, staff will be focusing on analysing pupil assessment data, moderating pupils' work in writing to ensure consistency in our expectations and standards and further developing our approaches to adaptive teaching and high-quality first teaching. We know there is often a little intrigue about what teachers actually get up to on these training days, so we can assure you that these days are an important opportunity for staff to reflect, develop their practice and work together to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

Mrs Donna Ellison - Headteacher

Attendance

Well Done Hawthorn



100% ATTENDANCE



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 ...

Christmas Dinner - Return Slips

Please return your Christmas dinner slips by **Friday 4th December**. After this time, anyone who hasn't ordered must bring a packed lunch from home.
Don't forget to put your child's name and class.

Parent Pay

Please help our school by keeping Parent Pay balances down to an absolute minimum. We currently have a number of high unpaid balances.

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

NO FIDGET TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please remember - Fidget toys and squishies are NOT allowed in school, unless agreed with Mrs Ellison.



All children must have a named coat and water bottle in school every day.



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.

EFFECTIVE LEARNING BEHAVIOURS AWARDS



Monday 19 October 2026

NEGOTIATION & COLLABORATION

HOLLY

Evan

Colin Cat - Collaboration

For engaging his classmates in wonderful and purposeful role play, inspiring others to join in with his imaginative ideas. Evan is a fantastic team player who encourages everyone to come along on his adventures. Great teamwork, Evan!

Amelia

Colin Cat - Collaboration

Amelia confidently played a small-group maths game involving more, less and the same, recording her answers using marks. She showed fantastic teamwork by supporting and helping her classmates when they needed it. Well done, Amelia!

Sayli

Peter Pug - Perseverance

For engaging his classmates in wonderful and purposeful role play, inspiring others to join in with his imaginative ideas. Evan is a fantastic team player who encourages everyone to come along on his adventures. Great teamwork, Evan!

IVY

Lara

Colin Cat - Collaboration

Lara has been so kind and supportive of her friends during whole-class learning, helping them with their maths and English. She has shown wonderful collaboration. Well done, Lara – we are so proud of you!

Ava

Colin Cat - Collaboration

Ava has collaborated beautifully during play and learning, kindly leading and guiding her friends.
Well done, Ava – we are so proud of you!

Oscar

Peter Pug - Perseverance

Oscar has been a maths superstar, showing fantastic understanding of one more and one less.
Well done, Oscar – we are so impressed with your brilliant maths learning!

HAZEL

Abheri

Colin Cat - Collaboration

For always being such a helpful member of our class! You are always willing to lend a helping hand, work together with others and help to keep our classroom neat and tidy.

Bobby

Colin Cat - Collaboration

For showing some fantastic collaboration and team work to help solve some tricky puzzles. You shared your ideas, helped your friends and did a fantastic job. Well done

Olivia

Colin Cat - Collaboration

For always being a fantastic team player! You share your ideas, listen to others and work really well with your peers. You are kind, helpful and a brilliant friend to have in our class. Well done!

HAWTHORN

Lando

Colin Cat - Collaboration

For demonstrating great collaborating skills when working with his friends in the classroom. He is a great team player and is really supportive of his friends.

Milena

Colin Cat - Collaboration

Milena always works hard to work constructively with others and is always quick to share positive praise with her friends.

Alfie

Colin Cat - Collaboration

Alfie has enjoyed developing his collaboration skills to work positively with others. He is a great team player and it is wonderful to see him being so proud of his efforts.

PINE

Leah

For great collaboration with her team mates to take part in an elephant walk. She had to work with her friends to decide the order and the speed in which they walked.

Well done!

Freddie

For his negotiating with his partner during phonics sessions. Freddie and his partner negotiated who was going to read first and took it in turns to read the books.

Well done!

Robert

For collaborating with a new child in the class, helping to settle in and making him feel very welcome.

Thank you Robert!

CEDAR

Olivia

Olivia has shown great collaboration skills at play time, which was noticed by several members of staff. Olivia was patient and supportive while helping another child, even doing a demonstration to help the other child understand how to safely climb the timber trail. Well done!

Cerys

Cerys has shown great collaboration within the classroom, being a great support to her table partner and giving detailed instructions to support children completing quizzes. Cerys consistently demonstrates patience and teamwork. Well done!

Alexander

Alexander has demonstrated great team work during maths. He carefully demonstrated the task and worked alongside his partner to complete the challenge, rather than rushing ahead. Alexander was encouraging his partner throughout. Well done!

MAPLE

Manraj

Well done, Manraj, for sharing your knowledge of the local Sikh festival, Nagar Kirtan, which recently took place in Leamington! You confidently shared what you knew with the whole class, helping us all to deepen our understanding of this important celebration. Fantastic work, Manraj!

Esmé

Well done, Esmé! You are a wonderful role model in our class and consistently demonstrate brilliant collaboration skills. You work positively and successfully with everyone, showing kindness, respect and a fantastic team spirit. Keep up the amazing work!

Evie

Well done, Evie! You are a fabulous member of our class and always work so hard. You did a brilliant job in our recent cookery lesson, supporting and helping others who needed it. Your kindness and teamwork skills are fantastic! Keep up the brilliant work!

SYCAMORE

Isabella

Isabella showed some super learning behaviours today in our Science lesson. She listened carefully to the task, came up with an idea, shared it with her peers and then worked nicely with others to complete her investigation carefully. Super collaboration Isabella!

Bella

Bella has shown great negotiation and collaboration skills during forest school. She listened to others' ideas and shared her own opinions and made sure every one in her group had a turn!

Darius

Darius has demonstrated positive playground behaviour by playing cooperatively with others, sharing equipment, taking turns, and suggesting simple solutions when issues arise with his friends. Super effort Darius!

EFFECTIVE LEARNING BEHAVIOURS AWARDS



Monday 19 October 2026

NEGOTIATION & COLLABORATION

JUNIPER

Jordan

For always being a good friend at play time and using his negotiation and collaborative skills to work things out.

Well done!

Ela

For always looking for ways to work together, including others and using thoughtful, diplomatic words to solve problems in the playground.

Well done!

Jacob

For being welcoming and supportive to a new member of our class, helping them to feel included and part of our team.

Well done!

CHESTNUT

Chloe

Chloe, you are fantastic at collaborating with others, sharing ideas and using purposeful talk to support and deepen everyone's learning. You listen carefully, contribute your understanding and recognise how much we can learn from one another. Well done, Chloe!

Joshua

You have shown fantastic collaboration by being patient & supportive, explaining your ideas and sharing your understanding with less confident peers. By helping others, you have demonstrated your understanding of learning and the value of teamwork in helping everyone make progress.

Sienna

You have shown fantastic collaboration by patiently guiding a peer, explaining your thinking and helping them work things out for themselves. You demonstrate a wonderful understanding of teamwork and the importance of building others' confidence while deepening your own learning.

ASH

Kira

She is so helpful to other children in the Ash team. She often supports peers in their learning as well as working hard herself.

Axel

Axel is a tech genius! Always there when we need support with tech in the classroom.

Nimrah

She has fitted so easily into our class team. She is positive, kind and a great addition to our school.

ELM

Jagoda

Jagoda is very helpful and supportive to other children in the classroom being a great learning partner to all when required.

Jaden

Jaden is a very supportive and helpful individual. He is a maths wizard who always likes to help and support learners with their maths.

Ruby

Ruby is a very helpful and supportive member of the classroom who really helped support her peers when using and logging in to the chrome books in Computing.



OAK

Gurpreet

Gurpreet is always ready to help his friends and is particularly supportive in sharing his ideas and methods with others across the curriculum. This collaboration is helping him to develop his own ideas too!

Charlotte

Charlotte works collaboratively with a wide range of individuals in the class, always sharing her ideas positively and willing to be challenged to develop her own understanding. This skill will be an asset to her next year at secondary school!

Bowie

For his collaboration in Maths lessons, particularly when it comes to problem solving. Bowie works hard with others to tackle particularly difficult challenges, always staying positive and enjoying the challenge.

ROWAN

Sami

Sami is a delightful member of the class. He has particularly impressed me with his PowerPoint about the Amazon Rainforest. Sami and his partner collaborated extremely well to collate information and pictures onto a detailed presentation. Well done!

Grace

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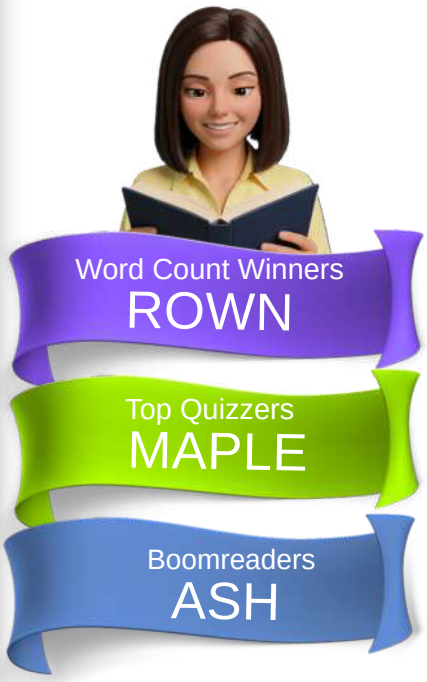
Arnav

Arnav is working extremely hard in Year 6! He contributes thoughtfully to classroom discussions. Arnav raises his hand frequently and enjoys using the 'build' action in the classroom to build on his peers' contributions.



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	61
Ivy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48
Hawthorn	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	26
Hazel	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	43
Cedar	16,170	64,843	23	90	60
Pine	10,497	20,590	28	60	71
Maple	219,838	1,463,528	43	248	6
Sycamore	51,846	246,486	27	155	74
Chestnut	62,664	1,000,810	22	213	26
Juniper	83,351	767,537	32	272	24
Ash	83,600	734,500	8	63	124
Elm	85,841	577,137	12	132	31
Rowan	397,502	4,217,236	21	193	14
Oak	275,352	1,834,439	12	119	5
Totals	1,286,661	10,927,106	228	1,545	613

Word Count



CERTIFICATES

Certificates this week go to ROWAN for achieving their 4 million words, CHESTNUT for achieving their 1 million words and to Advik K in Rowan, for achieving his 2 million words - Fabulous! Certificates are on their way.



Class	Name	No. of Reading Logs
Holly	Eleanor	56
Ivy	Amelia	62
Hazel	Odin	58
Hawthorn	Keisha-Rose	38
Pine	Matthew	78
Cedar	Oliver	92

Class	Name	No. of Reading Logs
Maple	Eloise	54
Sycamore	James	40
Juniper	Olivia	46
Chestnut	Arshman	64
Ash	Atharv	173
Elm	Gyanada	46
Oak	Rohan	55
Rowan	Sartaj	1134



100 Club Challenge

Number Bonds 5	Number Bonds 10	Number Bonds 20
Leah Reyansh Idris	Ryansh Noah Leela	
x 2	x 5	x 10
	George Finn	Josephine Asheera Mason

10	20	30	40	50
Humaidah Sebastian Naomi Koshaan Oliver Ari	Humaidah Sebastian Koshaan Oliver Ari	Humaidah Oliver Ari	Vivaswath Lucas Taufeeq Jordan	Karamo

60	70	80	90
Teresa		Josie Taksh	Aayansh Shivansh

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Plantinum	Diamond	Pearl
	Ela	Razon			



Well Done Holly & Ivy Classes

A BIG well done to all the Reception children for their first half term in school! You have settled well into school life at Whitnash and all of your teachers are really proud of each and every one of you! Onwards and upwards into the second half of the Autumn term!



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 and cloakroom area. We would also like to remind you that all children should be in school by 8.55 am and ask that all parents/carers leave by 9:00 am, this is when registration closes, so we can close the gate and ensure staff are fully focussed on supporting the children inside.



A letter has also been sent home ahead of time so that you can speak to your child about these slight changes and 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're so proud of every one of them!



Forces at Work

Science Photography Competition

Each year we love to offer a science competition which promotes 'super scientist' learning and discussion at home with families. This year we are inviting you to join in our 'Forces at Work' photography competition. Simply get the family exploring forces all around us and take a photo. Remember a force is a push or a pull that makes things move, stop or change shape. For example, it could be kicking a football, kneading some dough, ice skating or playing with magnets.

How to enter:

- Upload your photo to the Whitnash Primary School section of this competition Padlet **https://padlet.com/cattoj/forces-at-work-s024j6epsp7wlz0jo6oj** or scan this QR code:
- Add your child's first name only and class.
- Then in one sentence explain how it shows your child exploring forces at work.
- Closing date: **Monday 23rd November 2026.**

Rewards:

The competition is being run with other local schools in our Science Partnership and there will be prizes for each school as well as a certificate for every child who enters.

All entries on this Padlet are visible to all participating schools, and entering implies your consent to share them. If you prefer to keep your child anonymous, simply submit a photo of the activity without including their face.







Year 2 Visit the Transport Museum

This week, Year 2 visited Coventry Transport Museum to help them answer their enquiry question: How has transport changed over time? The children enjoyed exploring the museum, looking carefully at the different types of transport and asking some amazing questions. The children particularly enjoyed looking at the Penny Farthings, and even got to sit on one!





During their workshops, the children listened respectfully to the workshop leader and made great contributions to the sessions. They then showed great resilience and collaboration when engaging in the workshop activities.











We are so proud of how they represented our school and the great knowledge of transport that they demonstrated throughout the day.

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Outdoor Play & Learning
Donations Drive

Donations Drive Wet Weather Resources Starts 22nd October 2026

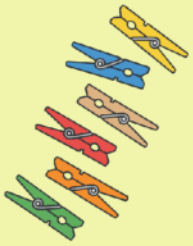




As part of our exciting OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) launch, we are continuing to enhance our playground with a range of resources that will inspire creativity, imagination, problem-solving and active play. OPAL encourages children to make the most of their playtimes through open-ended experiences. While we plan to invest in our grounds and resources, many everyday items can also become additional, valuable play resources.

So that we can get ready for the start of the autumn and winter months. This 'Donations Drive' will be focused on enhancing our wet weather resources. Things that can still be used when it is wet outside and not get damaged.





The collection drive will begin Thursday 22nd October 2026.



The items wanted in this 'drive' are on the next page.

Please get in touch if you know anyone who handy and is willing to give up time to help build sheds, plant up planters and mud kitchens. Or if any businesses/builders/tree surgeons that could get us tree rounds, cable reels, pallets etc or willing to donate any resources we could use.



Your support will help us create a richer, more engaging outdoor environment where all children can thrive, explore and enjoy their playtimes even more.

We do ask families to ensure that items are in good, clean, safe condition to facilitate safe play on the playground.

Donated items must be taken to the child's classroom.
Donated items cannot be received at the office.

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Fancy Dress Zone

- Plastic Hats e.g fire fighters, police helmets, builders hats, bike helmets
- Sunglasses, Goggles, Snorkels, Ski goggles ~ non-prescription/no glass lenses
- Plastic props e.g plastic masks
- Rain ponchos, funny coats




Light Construction Zone & Small World Zone

- Plastic or foam bricks
- Lego base boards
- Plastic trucks and cars
- Action figure and dolls




Roleplay

- Pots and pans
- Plastic food and kitchen items
- Shopping baskets
- Plastic bowls. Jugs, funnels, sieves, colanders
- Scoops and ladles

Den Building / Other

- Plastic guttering
- Plastic tubes
- Milk crates and plastic crates
- Large paint brushes and rollers
- Brooms and mops
- Tarpaulins
- Shower curtains
- Pegs and bungee cords
- Pallets
- Tyres and wheels
- Wooden planks



We do ask families to ensure that items are in good, clean, safe condition to facilitate safe play on the playground.
Donated items must be taken to the child's classroom.
Donated items cannot be received at the office.

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 to 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	Tuesday & Wednesday
Hawthorn	Wednesday & Friday
Pine	Monday & Friday
Cedar	
Maple	Monday & Wednesday
Sycamore	Thursday
Juniper	Tuesday & Friday
Chestnut	Tuesday - Swimming & Friday
Ash	Tuesday & Wednesday
Elm	
Oak	Wednesday & Thursday
Rowan	

Important Dates - Applying For School Places

Warwickshire Secondary Schools

Date	Deadline
01 September 2026	Application opens
31 October 2026	Closing date for applications
31 December 2026	Extended closing date for house moves
01 March 2027	National Offer Day
12 April 2027	Deadline for submitting appeals

Warwickshire Primary Schools

Date	Deadline
01 November 2026	Application opens
15 January 2027	Closing date for applications
01 February 2027	Extended closing date for house moves
16 April 2027	National Offer Day
14 May 2027	Deadline for submitting appeals

For more information go to: warwickshire.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals

Collection Day!

Our School is raising money by collecting reusable clothes on:

04 November 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



FUEL YOUR... LITTLE HEROES!



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/parents. 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.

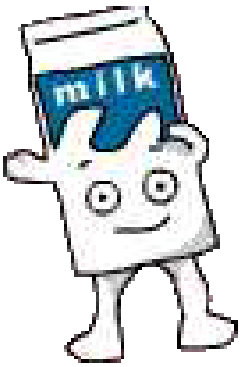
If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

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.



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

This October Half-Term

Monday **26th** to Friday **30th October**

Active Autumn!



Football & Active Kids

Fun, active and flexible holiday childcare for ages 5 -11



ONLY **£18** per day

or save money 5 days for **£80**

Childcare vouchers accepted.

At

Newburgh Primary School

TIMES **9.30am to 3.30pm**

Early Drop off and **late pick up** available **+£3.50 each**

BOOK NOW AT **onsidecoaching.co.uk**

Select **Redditch & Alcester** for our Warwick venue



Onside Coaching

School Holiday Clubs with Onside Coaching

All places booked online – www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

After a great first Summer running Active kids and Football clubs at Newburgh Primary School, we are excited to share information about our next club coming this October Half Term.

IMPORTANT BOOKING INFO CHANGE PLEASE READ

As part of a growing Onside organisation the holiday club at Newburgh will now sit under the Redditch and Alcester Team. Same great coaches and experience, just a slight change in how you book this venue for the holiday clubs and some schools Extra curricular activities.

Bookings for Newburgh now need to go through our Redditch and Alcester site. To do this we use the same www.onsidecoaching.co.uk website, by default if booked Newburgh over the summer you will be on the Central Warwickshire page.
To change and find Newburgh, click switch team/location from the main menu on the right of the site and scroll down to Redditch and Alcester. Click and the website will switch to this location and the Newburgh club will be available to book.



Dates: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Times: 09:30am to 15:30pm

Early Drop Off: Available from 08:30am £3.50 additional cost

Late Pickup: 3:30pm-4:30pm £3.50 additional cost

Cost: £18 per day. 5 days for £80

Active Kids Club: Sports, Games, Forest School and more.

Football Club: Skills, challenges and plenty of matches.

Book Via our Website: www.onsidecoaching.co.uk

Set Location to Redditch and Alcester, select Holiday Childcare, then Newburgh as the venue.

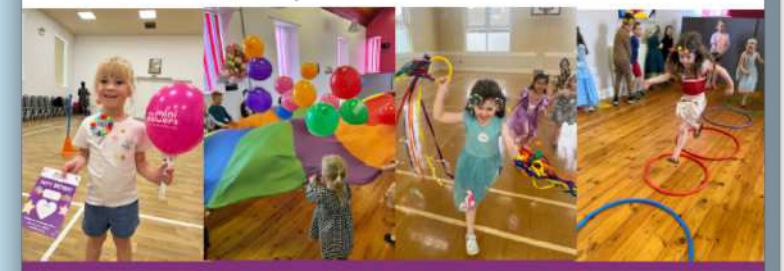
What will children need? Children will require suitable clothing for outdoor activities including tracksuits and suitable footwear.
Children should have a refillable water bottle and packed lunch.

How to book? Please book online at www.onsidecoaching.co.uk. This ensures that we have all the necessary details on our club register, which is essential for the safeguarding of the children in our care. Full details of where and how to book can be found overleaf. SET LOCATION TO REDDITCH AND ALCESTER

To ensure you have space booked, we require full payment at the time of booking.
Any queries on the club or how to book contact us via email: redditch.alcester@onsidecoaching.co.uk

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TERM TIME CLASSES

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Cygnets Art School

October Half Term Holiday Workshops

FOR AGES 5-12

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Stoneleigh Arms Arts Space,
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CV31 2DP

£27/Class
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Cygnets teaches traditional drawing, painting, and sculpture, combined with unique projects, experienced teachers & professional quality materials.

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Lots of different projects to choose from:



Monday 26th October

10.30 - 12PM 'The Floating Carnival' with Soft Pastels

12.30 - 2PM 'The Rabbit Who Escaped the Hat' with Clay & Acrylic





Tuesday 27th October

10.30 - 12PM 'The Coyote Who Stole The Moon' with Gouache

12.30 - 2PM Potion Bottle with Acrylic



leamingtonspa@cygnetsartschool.com cygnetsartschool.com/branch/leamington-spa-2

Don't miss out on your child's FREE flu vaccine

NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust



The School Aged Immunisation Service will be coming to your school on:

2nd November 2026

Look out for an email or text with a consent form.
If you do not receive the consent email or text, please contact your School Aged Immunisation Service OR follow this link to complete a consent form for your child:

Give or refuse consent for your child's flu vaccination – Give or refuse consent for vaccinations

Please contact us on:

01926 353899 or SouthImms@covwarkptnhs.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IMPORTANT CHANGES

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a Universal Free School Meal

There have been changes to Free School Meal Entitlements

Due to the update to the national free school meals rules set by the Department for Education, some children may no longer be entitled to Free School Meals. This is because the eligibility is now based on a household's **CURRENT** circumstances.
However, under the new arrangements, eligibility is also assessed on whether you are receiving **Universal Credit**.

We would ask everyone who is receiving **Universal Credit** and/or has an annual household income of £7,400 or less to apply now for Free School Meals. This applies to ALL year groups, even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and receives Universal Free School Meals.

It is very easy to apply, just follow this link:
warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

If you already have one child at school in receipt of Free School Meals, you will need to apply for each subsequent sibling that joins the school. It does not automatically carry over to them.

APPLY TODAY!

Don't miss out on support you may be entitled to.



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN CHOCOLATE MAKING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 12PM, 2PM, 4PM
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 12PM, 2PM, 4PM

JOIN US FOR SOME SPOOKY TRUFFLES AND GHOULISH GOODIES

Make your very own chocolate bars

TAKE ALL OF YOUR DELICIOUS CREATIONS HOME

And taste many more as you wait for yours to set

£25 PER CHILD

Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult

Limited spaces available

To avoid a booking fee please pop into or call our Lillington shop or email events@cenucacao.co.uk

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Family Support

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

COME AND MEET US!

SEND Help Drop-In

Kingsway Children's Centre
Baker Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV31 3HB

09:30am - 11:30am

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2026

We're here to support you!
Come along for a friendly chat, share your ideas, ask for advice or information, and find out about the resources available to you.

Your views help shape what we do!

- Free to come and go as you please
- Join us for a cuppa and biscuit
- Come for a chat, advice or signposting
- Resources available

Different organisations and professionals joining us:

SENDIAS | Family Information Service (FIS) | Early Support | Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice | DWP | and many more.

More Information
01926 41 41 44

Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Early Support Feedback

Have you received Early Support through your child's school or nursery, a health service, community oganisation, or another professional working with your family in Warwickshire?

We would like to hear about your experience. Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and how we can improve support for families.

Share your thoughts:

https://padlet.com/be_heard/share-your-early-support-experience-sxl474hiwl610e6q



Warwick District **Foodbank**
Together with Trussell

Our Weekly Distribution Centres

From 5th October 2026

Monday
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Heathcote Parish Church
Cressida Close
Heathcote
CV34 6DZ

Tuesday
11am -1pm
Lillington Free Church
Cubbington Road
Leamington Spa
CV32 7AL

Wednesday
11am - 1pm
Abbey Hill URC
Abbey Hill
Kenilworth
CV8 1LW

Wednesday
1pm - 3pm
The SYDNI Centre
Cottage Square
Sydenham
CV31 1PT

Thursday
2pm - 4pm
St Paul's Church
Leicester Street
Leamington Spa
CV32 4TE

Friday
1pm - 3pm
Saltisford Church
Albert Street
Warwick
CV34 4JX

Please scan the QR code which will take you to our website and all the distribution centres.

Warwick District Foodbank - 07850 293383
Registered Charity - 1160705



Tuesday 20 October 2026

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

Half-term activities
Wellbeing walks
Free child car seat and vehicle checks

and much more!

Click here for Newsletter

BHLC

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

BHLC
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

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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

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

CHILD FRIENDLY WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire County Council

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

Warwickshire County Council

Department for Education

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 may get access to free school holiday activities and food?

HAF

To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact:
freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk
or call freephone: **0800 408 1558**

CHILD FRIENDLY WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire County Council

Can I apply?

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

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- guarantee element of Pension Credit

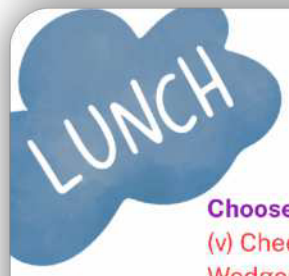
You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Some families who have no recourse to public funds are also eligible for free school meals, please see the webpages below for more details.

Depending on the benefits you receive and your level of income, your child may also get access to the Holiday Activities and Food programme and their school could receive extra funding for them. Find out more and apply at:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm

Warwickshire County Council

Lunch Menu - 02 November 2026



WEEK THREE



MONDAY

Choose a main meal...
(v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Slice with Potato Wedges (D.G)
(vg) Saag Aloo Curry with Rice
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans
Cheddar Cheese Petit Pain (D.G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(vg) Carrot & Orange Cookie (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit





TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Chicken Fillet Wrap with Herby Diced Potatoes (G)
((v) Pasta Peas & Sweetcorn with Malted Wheat Baguette (D.G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans
Tuna Mayonnaise Bap (F.G)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) Caramelised Banana Waffle (G.E.SB)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit





WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal...
Pork Toad in the Hole & Gravy with Roast Potatoes (G.SB.SU.E.D)
(v) Quorn Fillet in Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes (D.E.G)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans
Chicken Mayonnaise Wrap (G.SU)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(vg) Chocolate Cracknell (G)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit





THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...
Beef Bolognaise with Garlic Bread (G)
Cheese (D)
(V) Vegetable Burrito with Rice (G.D)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans
Cheddar Cheese Crunch Sandwich (G.D.SB)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) Apple Crumble & Custard (G.D)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit





FRIDAY

Choose a main meal...
(msc) Fish Fillet Finger with Chips (F.G)
(v) Crispy Quorn Dippers with Chips (G.)
Jacket Potato - (v) Cheese (D), Tuna (F.E) or (v) Baked Beans
Ham Sandwich (G.SB)

On the side...
Fresh Salad Bar
Vegetables of the Day
For dessert...
(v) Spiced Pear Muffin (G.E.D)
(v) Yoghurt (D,SB) or Fresh Fruit





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



What's On ...

October 2026

23	Friday	Day	INSET day
26-30	Week	Week	HALF-TERM
31	Saturday	Day	SECONDARY APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE

November 2026

Month	Month	Month	Well-being Month
02-06	Week	Week	Road Safety Week
02	Monday	Day	Children back to school
02	Monday	Day	Year 5 Bikability
04	Wednesday	9.00am	Rags2Riches Collection
04	Wednesday	9.45am	Beauty & The Beast Performance to KS1
05	Thursday	Lunch	Bonfire Night Menu
10	Tuesday	3.30-5.30pm	Parents Evening
12	Thursday	3.30-6.00pm	Parents Evening
13	Friday	1.30pm	Hands on Music Workshop - Woodwind
16-20	Week	Week	Anti-Bullying Week
17	Tuesday	1.30pm	Reception & Year 6 National Child Measurement
23	Monday	9.10am	Strategic Thinking & Organisation Achievement Assembly
25	Wednesday	AM	Toys & Games Workshop - Year 1

December 2026

01	Tuesday	AM	Reception Classes walk to Post Office
01	Tuesday	PM	Christmas Trees up at Whitnash
03	Thursday	DAY	Game Over Workshop - Years 5 & 6
07	Monday	PM	Hawthorn Craft Afternoon for Parents/Carers
08	Tuesday	5.30pm	Music Concert
09	Wednesday	AM	Church Visit
09	Wednesday	2.00pm	Reception Dress Rehearsal to School
10	Thursday	2.00pm	Reception Performance to Parents/Carers
11	Friday	AM	Year 3 Dress Rehearsal to School
11	Friday	PM	Hazel Craft Afternoon for Parents/Carers
14	Monday	PM	Year 3 Performance to Parents/Carers
15	Tuesday	Evening	Year 3 Performance to Parents/Carers
16	Wednesday	Lunch	Christmas Lunch
17	Thursday	TBC	Christmas Disco
18	Friday	PM	Sing-a-long - Break up for Christmas

Please note that dates are subject to change

View 2026/27 calendar here