

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the last half term of the year

We hope you all had a wonderful half term and were able to enjoy the glorious sunshine – it really did feel like summer had arrived. As we move into another busy few weeks, we would like to remind families that on warm, sunny days children should arrive at school with sun cream already applied and bring a named sunhat to help keep them safe and comfortable while learning and playing.

Our new school value this half term is courage, which is particularly relevant as we begin to look ahead to transition and children starting to think about their move into new classes. Courage can mean trying something new, facing challenges with a positive attitude, or stepping out of our comfort zone. We will be exploring this value in school and encouraging all children to embrace the opportunities ahead with confidence and resilience.

We have a very exciting half term coming up, with lots of events and opportunities planned. Please do take a moment to add key dates to your diaries – these can be found later in this newsletter and on our website. We are currently transitioning to a new website, so we appreciate your patience as we continue to update information. Finally, a huge well done to our Year 1 and Year 2 children, who had a fantastic visit to the Heart of England this week. They showed great enthusiasm and represented the school brilliantly.

A quick reminder that children should continue to wear the correct school uniform, including school PE kit rather than their own sportswear, and school shoes, even as the weather becomes warmer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Term

Attendance - Target 94%

wb 8th June Year 1 phonics assessments
wb 8 June Year 4 MTC assessments
Thursday 11th June Henley Tennis Festival
Monday 15th June Quad kids sports event
Thursday 17th June - Science Dome visit (PTA supported)
Thursday 18th June - 17:30 EYFS 2026 parents open evening
Friday 19th June - PTA Marvellous men sale
Friday 26th June Whole school sports enrichment day
wb 29th June Book fair
Thursday 2nd July - Year 5/6 Heart of England visit
Wednesday 8th July Transition Day
Thursday 7th July Year 6 RSE
Friday 10th July - Sports Day & picnic. PTA Colour Run
Monday 13th July - 9:30 St Johns Church Service
Wednesday 15th July 2pm Y5/6 Performance of 'Gigglebox'
Thursday 16th July - 9:00 Music End of Year performance
Thursday 16th July - 14:00 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Friday 17th July - 9:00 Nursery Graduation

Year 1	93.8
Year 2	94.1
Year 3	97.8
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	91.8
Year 6	92.6
Year R	95.2

House Points





PTA

EVENT DATES



BREAK
the
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**MARVELLOUS
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WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL.



**COLOUR
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WILL BE HELD
AFTER SPORTS DAY.



★ WE WILL GIVE MORE DETAILS TO ALL THE EVENTS
CLOSER TO THE EVENT. ★

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SOME
MORE VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP RUN THESE EVENTS.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED PLEASE
CONTACT THE OFFICE OR EMAIL MARIANNE AT
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Leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday

Please be aware that requests for leave for a family holiday will not be authorised. Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. Further detail can be found on the Warwickshire County Council website which informs our school policy.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school ‘regularly’ means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school’s discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2025-26

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - o First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - o Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount,
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice) A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.