

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

We have had a fabulous couple of weeks in school! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising last week's Colour Run. For those who were able to attend, you will have seen how much fun was had by all of the children (and staff!) who took part,

October marks Black History Month, and this week we have been taking the opportunity to deepen the children's knowledge and understanding of Black History. As part of our wider enrichment offer, every class took part in a Black History workshop on Thursday, led by an external company. The children explored the importance of equality and why Black History Month is so important. Across the school, they have also produced some fantastic work in class to further develop their understanding and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people throughout history. It has been wonderful to see how thoughtfully and enthusiastically the children have engaged with their learning.

Another whole-school focus for us has been handwriting. We use Letter-join to support a clear progression in handwriting from Reception through to Year 6. The children have been working incredibly hard on their letter formation, presentation and, as they progress through school, developing a fluent joined style. I have been particularly proud when looking through books this week and seeing the care that children are taking with the presentation of their work. Please keep up the fantastic effort!

Next Monday we will be holding our Harvest Festival at St John's Church, with the service beginning at 9:30am. Children from Years 1 to 6 will each be contributing something to the service, and we are looking forward to coming together as a school community to celebrate Harvest.

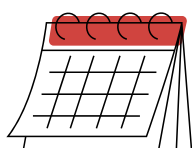
We would also be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Henley-in-Arden Food Bank. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

We are really excited that in December we will be taking the whole school to Stratford to see the Robin Hood pantomime. Experiences such as this are an important part of the enrichment opportunities we want to provide for our children and should be a wonderful festive experience for everyone. If you have not already done so, please make your contribution via ParentPay. We rely on parental contributions to enable us to offer trips and experiences such as this, and without sufficient contributions they unfortunately cannot go ahead. Thank you for helping us to continue providing these opportunities for our children.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

House Points



Did you know you can find our diary dates including trips, parents evenings and school events on our website

<https://www.henleyinardenprimary.org.uk/calendar>

Coming up....

5/10/26 Harvest Festival

14/10/26 Open morning

20/10/26 Animal Man (EYFS)

21 and 22/10/26 Parents Evening

22/10/26 School photographer

22/10/26 Open afternoon

23/10/26 INSET day

Attendance %
School Year to Date

97.3

Year 1	100.0
Year 2	93.3
Year 3	98.5
Year 4	98.1
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	97.1
Year R	99.2

School Council

I had the pleasure of meeting with the school council this week. We discussed the role of a school council and how their contributions can support decision making in school. We discussed how they might like to make playtime more engaging and what meals they would like to see on the lunch menu. They will be taking the enquiries to their classes and feeding back at our next meeting.

Respect Code!

Responsible: for your behaviour and learning

Everyone is: kind, helpful and thoughtful

Show God's forgiveness

Persevere with your learning, always

Empathy: consider others and their feelings

Courage: to make the right choices

Tell the truth



SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Whole grain
Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Plant based
Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Added plant protein
Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Chef's Special
Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Lower Carbon Footprint
Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	

DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt



Harvest Festival

Learning
Belonging
Flourishing
Together

Families are welcome to join us



St John's Church



9:30am



Monday 5th October

Children in KS1 and KS2 will be performing as part of the festival.

Give Thanks
Share Kindness
Stronger Together

A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW
FOR OUR
COMMUNITY

FOOD
KINDNESS
STRONGER
TOGETHER

Please help us support Henley Food Bank at St Nicholas Church Hall

Food donations will be donated to Henley Food Bank at St Nicholas Church Hall.
Please send unopened goods only.



Most needed

- Deodorant
- Hot tinned meat
- Instant mashed potato
- Long-life juice
- Savoury snacks
- Shaving foam/gel
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned corned beef
- Tinned curry

Small
donations
make a big
difference



Please do not send

- Adult toothpaste
- Baby food
- Baby wipes
- Baked beans
- Cereal
- Children's toothpaste
- Conditioner
- Fabric conditioner
- Incontinence products
- Pasta
- Pasta packets (microwavable)
- Razors for shaving
- Sanitary towels

Thank you
for your
support!



Stratford-upon-Avon
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Local People ♥ Local Support ♥ Brighter Futures

Harvest
brings people
together

Leave of absence

Leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday.

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.

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.
- 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 i.e. 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).

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.

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.