Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

I hope all of our families had a lovely half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They have returned in great spirits and have quickly settled into the new half term, ready for another busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Our new school value this half term is Generosity. During collective worship and class discussions, we have been exploring what it means to be generous. We asked the children to reflect on the question, "What could you give to someone?" While many considered material gifts, it was heartening to hear so many children suggest giving their time, love, kindness and patience. Their thoughtful responses are a true testament to the values they demonstrate every day

We have a packed half term ahead, including visits to the Heart of England Forest, our annual pantomime trip, and the many exciting Christmas preparations and celebrations that take place throughout December. Please take note of any events your child is involved in to ensure that you do not miss out on these special occasions

Next week, we will be marking Remembrance Day through two special assemblies and by observing a two-minute silence. We are also continuing to sell poppy merchandise in support of The Royal British Legion. Sales will continue until Wednesday 11th November

If your family is celebrating Bonfire Night this weekend, please stay safe. Fireworks and sparklers can be a fantastic way to celebrate, but it is important that they are enjoyed responsibly and under appropriate supervision.

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable named coat each day. Children who wish to continue enjoying our field at lunchtimes are also encouraged to keep a named pair of wellies in school and stored in the Welly Stores.

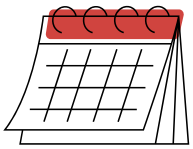
We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.
Kate Adcock

House Points

765

959

1004



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

Attendance %
School Year to Date
96.6

Year 1	100.0
Year 2	94.0
Year 3	96.3
Year 4	97.9
Year 5	94.7
Year 6	97.5
Year R	98.0

Coming up....

02/11/26 School Reopens
09/11/26 Y3/4 Heart of England (HoE) Forest
11/11/26 Remembrance Day
20/11/26 Tillman Lodge HoE Forest
26/11/26/ Year 1 and 2 HoE Foresst
27/11/26 School Break the Rules Day
27/11/26 Tillman Lodge HoE Forest
30/11/36 Christingle Service
03/12/26 Y5 and 6 HoE Forest
10/12/26 9:15 EYFS and Y1&2 Nativity (hall)
11/12/26 Christmas PJs Day
14/12/26 KS1 and KS2 Pantomime
15/12/26 9:30 Church Service St John's
16/12/26 Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner day, Christmas Party Day
18/12/26 End of Term







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Bonfire Night Safety

Keeping our school families safe

Bonfires



- Keep a safe distance and stand behind barriers.
- Keep children and pets well away from the fire.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive a bonfire.
- Avoid loose clothing and tie back long hair.
- Make sure the bonfire is fully out before leaving.

Fireworks



- Only responsible adults should light fireworks.
- Read the instructions carefully before lighting.
- Light one firework at a time and stand well back.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Never go back to a firework that has not gone off.
- Go to an organised display if possible.

Sparklers



- Children should always be closely supervised.
- Wear gloves and hold sparklers at arm's length.
- Light sparklers one at a time.
- Keep sparklers away from faces, clothes and other people.
- Put used sparklers in a bucket of water or sand.

Have fun and stay safe!

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Break the Rules Day!

Friday 27th November

Raising money towards Christmas Events

£1 per rule

Payable by cash or ParentPay

Rules you can break:

- Wear own clothes
- Wear nail varnish
- Crazy hair
- Temporary tattoos
- Face glitter
- A sweet treat for your snack

*Shoes must be suitable for school.





Thank you to the school council who have set up our remembrance display at the front of school





Recommended Reads

Reception to Year 6

Poster 2

BE KIND
READ
EXPLORE
GROW

Reception





Warm
Friendship
Kindness
Stories!

Year 1





Year 2





Year 3





Year 4





Year 5





Year 6





CURIOSITY
ADVENTURE
DISCOVERY
BELONGING

Inspired by BooksForTopics recommended reads

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.