



# Message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Easter holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, full of energy and ready to learn. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform which now includes summer dresses and shorts. Children should be wearing black school shoes - not trainers.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Puar, who has joined us as the new Year 3 and 4 teacher while Mrs Griffin is on maternity leave. We know she will be a wonderful addition to the team.

Our school value for this term is Compassion. During assemblies, the children have been exploring what compassion means and how we can show kindness, care and understanding to others through our words and actions. We have talked about recognising when someone needs help, treating others fairly, and looking after both people and the world around us.

Learning across the school this term links beautifully with our focus on compassion:

- EYFS enjoyed a fantastic Welly Wednesday as part of their topic "Our Wonderful World", where they explored the outdoors and identified natural and man-made objects. This encouraged the children to show compassion towards our world.
- Year 1 and 2 have begun learning about queens across history, including Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. Through this, they are learning about leadership and how compassion plays an important role in serving others.
- Year 3 and 4 are exploring Rainforests in Geography, developing compassion by understanding the importance of protecting habitats, wildlife and the people who live there.
- Year 5 and 6 are learning about the Victorians, discussing compassion through social reform, children's lives in the past and how society has worked to improve fairness and care for others.

Year 6 are in the final stages of preparing for their SATs tests, which will take place in May. The children are working incredibly hard, and we are proud of their mature attitude and determination. Your continued encouragement and reassurance at home is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to check the school diary dates regularly, as this term is a particularly busy one with lots of exciting events planned. Finally, a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 4th May for the bank holiday. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

We look forward to another positive and compassionate term together.



**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026**

## Summer Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Summer Term begins  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Y1/2 scootability  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Whole school boogie bounce workshops  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - EYFS Attwell Farm trip  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday (school closed)  
w/b 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - PTA Break the Rules Day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - INSET day (school closed)  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Class photographs  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Y1/2 Heart of England visit  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - 17:30 EYFS 2026 parents open evening  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 5/6 Heart of England visit  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day & picnic

## Attendance - Target 94%

Year 1	93.2
Year 2	94.1
Year 3	98.0
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	91.5
Year 6	92.4
Year R	95.3

## House Points



### EYFS News

EYFS have voted for their representatives for the school council and eco council  
**School Council:** Lottie and Asher  
**Eco Council:** CJ and Louis



### Princess Trust Charity

A huge well done to Erin in Nursery who donated her hair to the Princess Trust during the Easter Holiday. She raised over £100.

**Congratulations** to Mrs Griffin and her family. Ada-Rose arrived safely during the Easter holidays. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We look forward to meeting Ada-Rose soon.

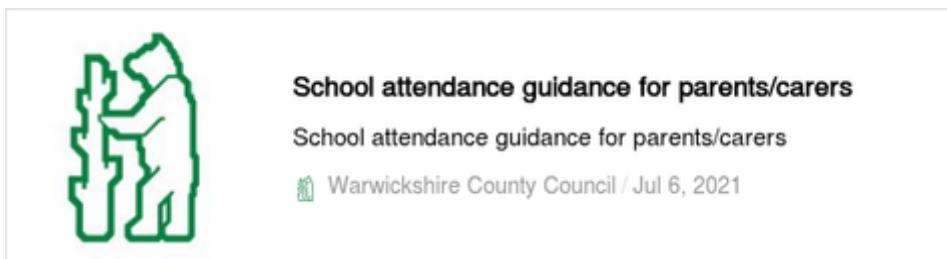




Thank you for ensuring we have a safe environment for our families by driving and parking considerately during drop off and pick up times. We are continuing to work with Warwickshire Police to monitor the area.

### **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.