



Message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and exciting time in school, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, explore and celebrate their achievements.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a very successful visit to the Heart of England, where they took their learning beyond the classroom and into the outdoors. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for hands-on experiences, teamwork and developing new skills, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout.

We also recently celebrated Numbers Day, which was filled with fun and engaging number-based games and activities across the school. A particular highlight was our lunchtime number challenges, which proved extremely popular, with many children keen to test their mathematical thinking in a fun and relaxed way.

A big thank you goes to our PTA for organising the Football Darts event, which raised an impressive £400 for the school. Well done to Eli, Rose and Alfie, who raised the most sponsorship—an excellent achievement!

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had an enriching visit to Alcester Roman Museum, where they explored a range of fascinating artefacts and deepened their understanding of Roman life. The trip really brought their history learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm.

Today, we were delighted to welcome two Team GB athletes to school: Jasmine Wilkins, a Team GB sprinter, and Maddie Thompson, a Team GB Paralympic basketball player. They delivered a fantastic assembly, sharing their inspiring journeys, before leading coaching sessions with the children. It was a memorable experience for all and a great way to encourage resilience, determination and a love of sport.

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday after school. We look forward to seeing you there to discuss your child's progress.

As we approach the end of term, we have some lovely events to look forward to. Our Easter Service will take place on Monday at 9:30am at St John's Church. Then on Friday 27th at 9am, we will be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg-arama. Parents are very welcome to join us for both celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

Spring Term Dates

Monday 23rd March – 9:30 Easter Service at St John’s
Tuesday 24th/Wednesday 25th March – Parents Evening
Friday 27th March - 9:00 Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS/KS1) and eggarama
Friday 27th March – End of Term

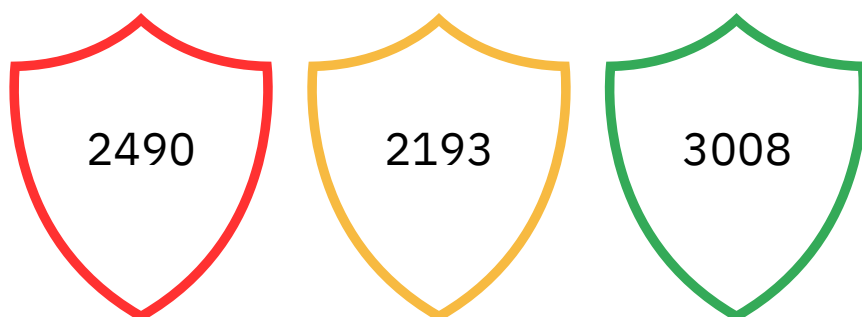
Summer Term

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

Attendance - Target 94%

Year 1	93.0
Year 2	94.4
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	96.6
Year 5	91.1
Year 6	92.5
Year R	95.6

House Points



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

In this envelope there are some sunflower seeds and planting instructions.

Your mission is to grow the tallest Sunflower (measured from the top of the soil, to the top of the petals)

Email your photo of the plant to admin2059@welearn365.com by Friday 10th July - include height in cm, child's name/class and width of flower.

Prizes will be awarded in the last week of the Summer Term.

There will be a winner in each class!

GOOD LUCK! From the Eco Team.





EASTER EVENTS

MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026 @ 9:30

WHOLE SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE

9:30 St John's Church

Families Welcome

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH @ 9:00

EYFS AND KS1

Easter Bonnet Parade

Parents welcome

KEY STAGE 2

Egg-arama Competition



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.

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.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2025-26

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.