



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have reached the end of the half term which makes us half way through the academic year. We have noticed that the days are getting longer and this will continue as we enter the second half of the spring term after the holiday.

Rev Cath Rindl

On Monday night some of our children sang before the instalment ceremony for the new rector Rev. Cath Rindl. The children performed beautifully and the church sent a personal thank you for their contribution. The Bishop of Coventry led the ceremony where many church and local community members welcomed Rev. Rindl to Henley in Arden. We are very excited to welcome her to our school and support us with our Christian Vision and ethos.

Valentines Bake Off

A huge thank you to the children who baked and those who bought cakes for the valentines bake off. We have raised over £160 which will go towards events for Science Week in March. Well done to our winners: Sebby, Lillie/Pixie, Esmay, James H and Mrs Lidgate-Taylor

Diary Dates

There are lots of events coming up after half term. Please add them to your personal diaries. This includes world book day, PTA events, Comic Relief, parents evening and Easter Celebrations.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February.

Kate Adcock



Diary Dates can be found on the school website using this link:
<https://www.henleyinardenprimary.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/9/>

COMING UP:

- WB 17th February Half Term Holiday-

Monday 24th February School reopens

Friday 28th February Y3/4 Swimming Begins

Thursday 6th March World Book Day

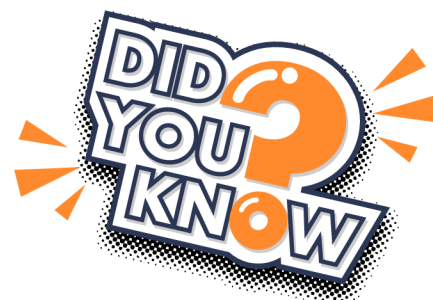
w/b 3rd March PTA Pancake Toss events

Friday 7th March Key Stage 2 'Get Girls Playing Football' Event at Stratford FC

Friday 7th March Y1/2 Heart of England Visit

Wednesday 18th March Y3/4 visit St Johns Primary and Gurdwara

Friday 21st March Red Nose Day - wear red or 80s theme for £1



St Valentine

St Valentine originated as a Christian feast day honouring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.





Stars of the Week

Marci Sebby
 George Ernie
 Anona Jack
 Parker Oli

Value Champions



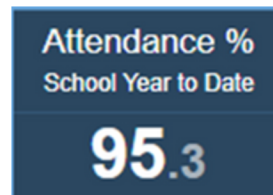
Harvey Khayri
 Casie Lillie
 Alex Rosie
 Lucas Ella

Attendance %

Year 1	92.9
Year 2	98.0
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.4
Year 5	96.0
Year 6	95.3
Year R	92.6



Whole School Target 96%



Arden



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Reporting Concerns

If you have a worry or concern, please speak to the class teacher at the end of the day. If you are not satisfied that your concern has been dealt with then please make an appointment with Mrs Griffin as our Assistant Head teacher. If you are still not happy, then you can make an appointment with myself through the main office. If you have a concern regarding your child's additional needs, please contact our SENCO Mrs Gray.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



5 minutes late per day,
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year	15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year	20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year	30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year
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WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE

- Get everything you need for school ready.

Values 2024-2025



Collective Worship

Our current value is Perseverance

We heard the story of Noah's Ark. This is a very familiar story for many. We considered how much Perseverance it would have taken for Noah to build the Ark and wait for the storm and sea to calm.



We summarised our understanding of Perseverance and related it to playtime and lunchtime. We have noticed an increase in unkind behaviour and rough play and we are supporting the children in working out if their fun is fun for everyone. We are encouraging the children to work together and discuss their problems with adults.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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 the parents' 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 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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.