



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2025. We have had a very busy start to the term - made more challenging following the burst pipe in the Year 3 and 4 classroom on Monday. I am very proud of how well the children have adapted to the very sudden changes that have occurred. Change is unsettling for many children but they have coped exceedingly well. Thanks to the quick action of staff, the area of school affected is now dry. The Nursery room will reopen next week. We will then be working on repairing areas which are damaged and purchasing new furniture and carpet.

This term we begin our new whole school curriculum topic 'Heritage and Culture'. During this learning children will focus on significant figures, inventions and organisations through the lens of the Global Goals. All year groups explore the influence that people or events have had over major developments. Children will study moments and movements that have changed the world. Can your child tell you about what they are learning about?

This week we welcomed an inspector from OPAL play who came to assess how we run our lunchtimes using the OPAL play approach. I am pleased to share we have been awarded with a Silver Accreditation. A huge thank you to Mrs Field and the play team for their hard work towards this.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend

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:

Wednesday 22nd January KS1 and KS2 Maths Workshops 9:00-10:00 (Parents Welcome)

Tuesday 28th January EYFS trip to SANS Chinese Restaurant

Thursday 30th January Year 3 and 4 trip to Heart of England

Friday 31st January Year 5 and 6 trip to Tamworth Castle

Thursday 6th February Y1 and Y5 Fire Service in school

Monday 10th February St Johns Church Service 7:00-7:30 for KS2 singers

Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February Valentines Day Bake off

Friday 14th February Year 5 and 6 trip to Heart of England

WB 17th February Half Term Holiday

## Maths Parent Workshop

We hope to see lots of parents on  
Wednesday 22nd Jan 9-10 for our  
Maths Workshop



## Reading

In our recent pupil survey 42% of children say they 'sometimes' or 'rarely' read at home. All of our children have access to Accelerated Reader where they can access online books using a tablet or device. This may encourage your child to read different books which they do not have at home. I have posted a video on the school Facebook page to explain how this can be accessed.



## Stars of the Week

Ella-Rose  
Elliot  
Ivy

## Value Champions



Molly  
Josh C  
Vinny

## Attendance

Year 1	93.1
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	95.4
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	94.9
Year R	92.9



*Whole School Target 96%*

	Attendance % Monday-Friday
Overall	96.1
	Attendance % School Year to Date
Overall	95.3

*Well done!*



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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.

## Values 2024-2025



### Collective Worship Our current value is Perseverance

This week we have started to focus on the meaning of Perseverance and what that looks like in school and at home. We worked together to write an acrostic poem:

Patient people perseverance  
Everybody working together.  
Right attitude to achieve  
Showing determination  
Edging others to reach their goals!  
Valuing help from others.  
Even if it's hard-keep going.  
Really trying hard to reach our goals.  
Always trying- Never give up!  
Never quitting and never giving up  
Carrying on with it even if it is hard  
Even when it is dark, look for the light.

## 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.