



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were all able to enjoy the Easter break. It has been wonderful to return to school in the sun. The children look very smart in their summer uniform!

### Staffing News

I am sad to say that Miss Parker will be leaving our school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. She has been offered a role at a Secondary School specialist resource provision working with children with complex needs. We are going to miss her greatly and all of the hard work she has put into supporting children at our school.

### Year 1 and 2

Mrs Field has been working very hard developing our approach to learning in Year 1 and 2. Many of your children may have told you about the changes that have been made to their classroom. We want to ensure that our approach to learning is developmentally appropriate rather than just age appropriate. We have adapted the classroom environment to enable children to engage in their learning in a multitude of ways which allows them to make choices - similar to that of EYFS. Resources and equipment are available all day for children to use to create, write, draw or construct a response to what they have learned. Research tells us that sitting at a table for 5 hours a day is not developmentally appropriate for children in KS1. Since introducing this approach the children have been amazing at choosing how they want to show what they have learned and this is being celebrated on subject specific displays around the classroom. In Maths and English every child now has Mrs Field to support them in small groups with their book work at different points during the day. If you have any further questions about this approach please come and find me or Mrs Field.

### Football Report by Amelia Payne (Head Girl)

Our football team played in a tournament at Studley St Mary's before Easter. We drew 0-0 with Wilmcote and Our Lady's. We then won 3-0 against Temple Grafton. In the Semi Finals we drew 0-0 with St Mary's and it went to penalties. Oli and I scored and Billy saved 2 goals. In the final we won 1-0 against Claverdon. Player of the match was Billy. We won the tournament!

I hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend

Kate Adcock

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2025



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



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday School closed  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Y4/5 Girls Nurse Menstruation Workshop  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2:15 Parent Steering Group  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day School Event  
wb Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs week  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Humanism Visitor Y3-5  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5/6 First Aid Workshop  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Break Up

-w/b 26<sup>th</sup> May Half term-

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June INSET day school closed  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Return to school  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June Class photos  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics Check  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June EYFS trip to Attwell Farm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June PTA Father's Day Marvellous Men Sale  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10am **Sports Day, picnic and PTA Colour Run**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June iSingPop Workshop **2:30 isingpop Assembly**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June Y3/4 Bouldering  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 18:00 New 2025 EYFS parents meetings  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Y1½ Heart of England  
Tuesday 1st July Y5/6 to Henley High to watch Matilda Junior  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July Y3/4 Heart of England  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July Badminton Workshop (KS2)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Secondary Transition day  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1:45 **Year 5 and 6 Production**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Heart of England  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July **End of Year Service**  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9:00 **End of Year Awards Assembly**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:00 **EYFS Graduation**  
End of Term

**Parents are welcome to attend events highlighted in red.**



## Stars of the Week

## Value Champions



Stars of the week and value champions will start again next week!

## Attendance %



*Whole School Target 96%*

Year 1	93.6
Year 2	97.6
Year 3	96.3
Year 4	95.2
Year 5	95.6
Year 6	95.1
Year R	93.1

Attendance %  
School Year to Date  
**95.3**



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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 Truthfulness

This week we launched our new value Truthfulness. The children worked together in collective worship to write an acrostic poem to explain what being truthful. This can also be seen on our value board in the hall.

**T**alking honestly

**R**emember to always tell the truth

**U**nderstanding that honesty is the best policy

**T**rust comes from truth

**H**onesty is key, it will set you free

**F**acing the truth

**U**sing the fact not fiction

**L**ying never wins, live the truth!



## **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.