



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of January we have had a busy few weeks in school. Year 3 and 4 have continued to settle into their new classroom following the flood earlier this month. It is anticipated that they will remain in this classroom until at least Easter. Some are voting to stay there forever as they feel 'more grown up' near Year 5 and 6.

School Trips

Many of our classes have enjoyed extra curricular trips over the last couple of weeks. EYFS enjoyed their visit to Sans Chinese Restaurant as part of their learning about Chinese New Year. This was the first school trip for many of the Nursery and Reception children and they were very sensible throughout. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their visit to the Heart of England forest where they learned about the Stone Age. Year 5 and 6 have taken a trip to Tamworth Castle to enhance their understanding of Saxons and Vikings. They took part in 2 workshops where they became archaeologists and studied evidence from the past to understand what life was like during that time.

Age appropriate games and tv shows

We have seen an increase in our younger pupils sharing their experience of watching shows and playing games which are targeted at older children and adults. This includes games and shows such as Fortnite and Squid Game. Such shows and games contain inappropriate content for young children and we encourage you to not allow children who are under the recommended age to access these. Squid Game is rated 15 and Fortnite is rated PEG12.

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:

Monday 3rd February PINS coffee morning 9:00 Parents welcome

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

Thursday 13th February Valentines Day Bake off 3.15 in the hall

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

- WB 17th February Half Term Holiday-

Monday 24th February School reopens

Thursday 6th March World Book Day

Friday 7th March Y1/2 Heart of England Visit

On Monday 10th February some of our KS2 children will be performing at St John's Church in a special ceremony to welcome Rev Cath Rindl. I would love for as many children to take part as possible from Years 3-6. Siblings in Years 1 and 2 are also welcome. The children are singing before the ceremony so will only be needed at St John's Church from 7:00-7:30. Parents would need to stay and watch.





Stars of the Week

Chloe Rimika
 Leila Josh J
 Jessie Ameliya
 Lottie Rauri

Value Champions



Alana Freddie
 Leo Harper
 Arlo Rian
 Ruby Isla

Attendance %

Year 1	92.8
Year 2	98.1
Year 3	96.9
Year 4	95.6
Year 5	96.2
Year 6	95.0
Year R	92.8



Whole School Target 96%

Attendance % Monday-Friday	95.1
Attendance % School Year to Date	95.4

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.

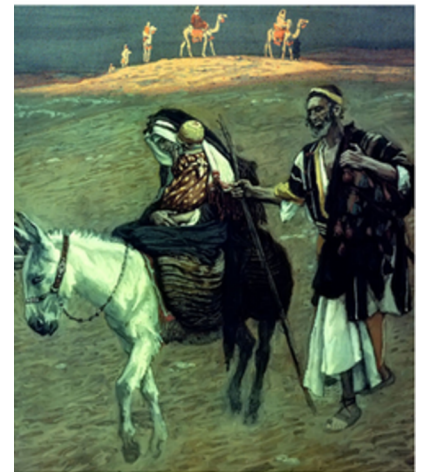
Values 2024-2025



Collective Worship

Our current value is Perseverance

We studied the artwork by James Tissot which represents Mary and Joseph's journey into Egypt as refugees. We learned about those who are refugees today and the perseverance they have to find a safe place to live.



We have also learned about the story of Jeremiah and his perseverance to share God's word despite being hurt and ridiculed.

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.