

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first 2 weeks of this half term - there are only 3 left until the Easter break. The sun has been shining which always brightens up school.

Last week I had a pleasure of taking 8 of our Year 5 girls to the South Warwickshire Netball Tournament where will played against multiple other schools. The morning started with some fantastic coaching and drills led by some of the senior PE staff from Kings High in Warwick who were hosting the event. Following the fantastic training sessions, the matches began. Despite little experience playing competitive netball the girls played incredibly well following the rotation rules which enabled them to play every position across the court. A special mention to Harper for her excellence, particularly when in Centre position and to Ella who scored whilst in the Goal Shooter position. As always, the children represented our school with very high standards and sportsmanship.

Yesterday we had a wonderful day celebrating World Book day. The day started with a wonderful bedtime story themed assembly led by Mrs Field. As well as taking part in the costume parade, the hall fell silent as every child in school read the book which they had brought with them. Throughout the day children engaged in book scavenger hunts, created bar charts to represent favourite texts, used their art skills to recreate front covers as well as many more fun filled activities.

Parent evening consultations and SEN reviews are taking place later on this month. Please be reminded that if you are attending an SEN review meeting you do not also need to attend the parent evening consultations.

Finally, I would like to introduce Mary Hands who has joined the Arden Forest MAT as a community ambassador. She is working with Henley C of E Primary to support parents who would like advise or support with any aspect of home life. This could be from bedtime routines to finding playgroups in the local area. Mary will be working with us every Tuesday. You will have the opportunity to meet her on the gate at the start and end of the day when she is here. Please get in touch if you would like any support!

Have a lovely weekend
Kate Adcock



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

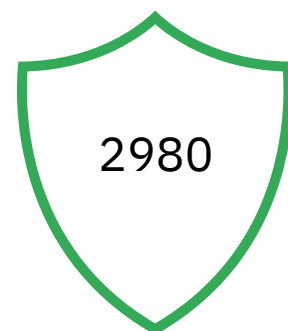
Spring Term Dates

Monday 9th March - PTA wonderful woman sale (lunchtime)
Thursday 12th March – Year 1/2 Heart of England
Tuesday 17th March – Year 3/4 Roman Museum Trip
Tuesday 17th March - SEN review meetings (EYFS, Y1/2, Y5/6)
Thursday 19th March - SEN review meetings (Y3/4)
Wednesday 18th March – PTA football event
Wednesday 18th March - Y5/6 BCFC football event
Thursday 19th March – Y5/6 Heart of England
Friday 20th March - Athelete visit
Monday 23rd March – 9:30 Easter Service at St John’s
Tuesday 24th/Wednesday 25th March – Parents Evening
Friday 27th March – End of Term

Attendance - Target 94%

Year 1	92.7
Year 2	94.1
Year 3	97.8
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	91.1
Year 6	92.6
Year R	95.6

House Points



Blu - School Dog

Some of you will remember Blu who visited our school. It is with great sadness that I share the news that Blu sadly passed away following a car accident. Many of the children have been asking about him as he hasn't visited for a while. He was a lovely dog who supported many of the children when he was in school.



Netball Tournament



Esmay, Harper, Amelia, Emilia, Robyn, Ella, Maisie, Phoebe
Well done to our Year 5 netballers.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Theo Hare's parents who made a very generous donation to round up our Young Enterprise funds. We are now able to give £100 to each of the 5 charities.

World Book Day



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.





FOOTBALL DARTS FUNDRAISER

We are raising money for

NEW EQUIPMENT
&
SCHOOL TRIPS

WIN



**FAMILY TOUR
OF
WEMBLEY
STADIUM**



**HOW MANY POINTS
CAN YOU GET?**

EVENT DATE

**WED 18TH
MARCH 2026**

SPONSOR DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026 | 11:00am

To ensure your child receives their prizes on the day of the event, all sponsor money must be donated online before the date and time shown above.

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.