



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year 2024-2025. A special warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this week! This is the first addition of the fortnightly newsletter where we share school news, celebrate successes as well as advertise community events.

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our new nursery and reception pupils this week. They have settled in so well and are adapting to life at Henley. I have also been very impressed by all of the older children in school who have settled into their new year groups.

Our whole school curriculum theme this half term is 'Who am I and who am I becoming?'. In this unit children will gain a better understanding of who they are as a person, develop an understanding of where they come from and their local area as well as their history. The children have been producing some fantastic self-portraits this week for us to share with you.

Please can I ask that all parents ensure we have up to date contact information for you should we need to communicate information or contact you in an emergency. Key diary dates are now found on the school website under 'News and Events'.

Arden Road is very busy in the morning and after school. Please ensure you leave in plenty of time and park in a safe place.

Have a lovely weekend

Kate Adcock



Next Week's Menu

DINE WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DINE Main Meal	Comfort Hot Dog with Wedges and Baked Beans	Tuna Tuna Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Italian Side Salad	Roast Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Broccoli	ABOUND THE World Chicken Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice and Cauliflower or Roasted Carrots	Fish & Chips Chicken Nuggets with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
DINE Vegetarian Meal	Cheese and Potato Pie with Baked Beans	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Italian Side Salad	Spring Vegetable Tart with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Broccoli	Creamy Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice and Cauliflower or Roasted Carrots	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
DINE Jackets or Pasta	Fresh Pasta and Tomato Sauce available every day Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches are also available				
Dessert Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Salad	Chocolate Brownie	Flapjack	Ice Lolly

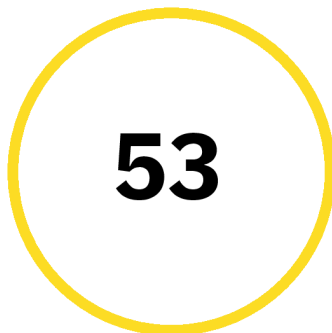
Fresh Bread, Yoghurt, Jelly, Fruit and Tray bakes are available daily

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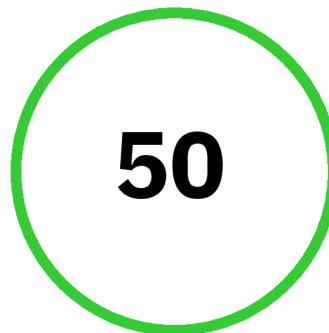
WEEK COMMENCING:
15/04, 06/05, 27/05, 17/06, 08/07, 29/07, 19/08, 09/09, 30/09, 21/08



We look forward to awarding children with 'Star of the Week' and 'Value Champion of the Week' from next Friday. Parents will be contacted if their child is receiving an award. You are welcome to attend the assembly on Friday mornings at 9:00



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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

On Tuesday we welcomed everybody back to school and thought about how we can make people feel welcome.

On Wednesday we focussed on our school Christian vision 'Living life to the full'. We discussed how we live life to the full at home and at school.

We were introduced to 'Lyfta' on Thursday. Lyfta is a platform which provides us with learning experiences about other cultures across the globe. It features pictures, videos and interviews from people and places all over the world. We will be visiting a different place every Thursday during our class collective worship.



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

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 2023-24

It is important to note, 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 in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days). Where a Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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).
 - oFirst 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.
 - oSecond 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.