



Dream big, shine bright
St NICHOLAS
C of E Primary School, Alcester

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St Nicholas C of E Primary School – Newsletter



Dear families,

There is definitely a feeling of Spring in the air this week. The weather seems milder and the days are getting a little longer too. It was the perfect weather for our cross country event, at Coughton Court, on Monday afternoon. Well done to all those who took part – I hear that your effort, resilience and the overall results were super! Last week we hosted the festival of Inclusive sports which saw some of our key stage 2 children taking part in archery, boccia and curling. There are many sporting events planned over the remaining two terms, including competitions with our family of schools within the MAT.

Finally, I would really like to extend our gratitude to families regarding your patience over the logistics around disruption and support for teachers nationally that are taking strike action. We have had such lovely messages via Studybugs and whilst on the gate.

Lots of news and events to share with you in this weeks issue...

Mrs Laura Newell, Head of School



Oversley

House points

Congratulations to
Oversley who were this
week's winners of the
House Cup.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th February

Reception children Festival of Football

Friday 10th February

Valentine's disco

Monday 13th February

Reception litter pick in local area

Tuesday 14th February

Year 3 & 4 children Festival of Football

Thursday 16th February

SENDCo coffee morning

Friday 17th February

Staff training day – school closed to children

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February

Half term

Tuesday 28th February

Year 1 & 2 children Festival of Football

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day

Wednesday 8th March

Year 5 & 6 children Festival of Football

3H Heart of England trip

Thursday 9th March

Year 6 SATs meeting

Friday 10th March

3KH Heart of England trip

Monday 13th March

Reception – Cotswold Farm Park

Week beginning 13th March

Science week

Tuesday 14th March

Reception families stay and play session

Wednesday 15th March

Year 2 SATs meeting

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd March

Parent consultations (face to face)

Tuesday 28th March

Year 3 visit to St Nicholas Church

29th – 31st March

Year 4 Residential to Edgmond

Friday 31st March

Break up for Easter holiday

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Next week is Children's Mental Health week
Mrs Hartley is our Wellbeing lead and has been
sharing useful resources with staff and our children.



As a school, we will be implementing Mental Health Champions training over the course of the year, where children learn to support each other with their emotions, resilience and friendships in school.

One Goal have created a Mental Health challenge – if you would like to get involved click on the link below

https://www.onegoal.co.uk/10dayMHCC?fbclid=IwAR3js_XtN6vbBzfjmvO-8Z6tJV3xFv8KuJomr7bTqdFVKox4wwr7av1Y2Xw



The BBC have also produced a range of fun resources to support talking about and managing our emotions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters>



Prayer for Reflection

Dear God,

We know that our physical wellbeing is linked to what we eat and how much exercise and physical activity we do.

Our happiness, contentment and satisfaction are also connected to our actions and the actions of others. This year as a community, may we learn and put into practise the things we can do to improve our well-being.

Amen



DISCO

Have you got a dancer at home?

Well then come on down to the St Nicholas Friend's School DISCO. Where children are welcome to come floss, boogie or rock at St. Nicholas' CE Primary School on Friday 10th February 2023. There is no dress code, but costumes are welcome!

Please note this disco is only open to pupils who attend the school.

Time: Reception, year 1 and 2

4.30-5.15pm

Year 3,4 ,5 ,6

5.30 – 6.30pm

Cost: £ 3.50

Bookings close 7pm on Wednesday 8th Feb and online booking is required.

Please follow this link; [Friends of St Nicholas \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Tickets can be printed or shown on your phone at the door. Please note that with the new format, NO 'on the door' bookings are possible.

Dear Parents and Carers,



I am very pleased to be able to invite you to our first **Inclusive SEND Coffee Morning** on Thursday 16th February at 9:30am.

The idea behind starting this group is to develop an opportunity for parents of children, who are supported for their educational needs attending our school, to meet one another and share experiences. Joining together in a relaxed and friendly setting, we would like to provide an opportunity to discuss the provision at St Nicholas – along with lots of discussion about how to shape and share ideas for school development within Inclusion and Special Educational Needs. I am also really keen for families to build their own networks and potentially make some new friends.

As this group develops, I would like to invite different professionals to join each coffee morning as guest speakers to allow you to find out more about their service, ask questions and collect some helpful hints and tips.

If you think that you would like to join us, please send me an email to: allen.h4@welearn365.com – this is so we know how much water to boil and how many cakes to buy!

In our first meeting we will meet some key members of the Inclusion Team and start to map out a plan for our meetings moving forward.

I really look forward to meeting you all. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Hannah Allen

Dream Big Shine Bright

Well done to Yin Yee, in year 6, who has passed her latest music exam, Grade 3 Piano, with none other than a distinction!
She has worked incredibly hard on her piano practice and should be extremely proud of her efforts.



Congratulations
Yin Yee





Festival of sports
An Inclusive competition
with a number of other
local schools



Reception – Trip to China



Once they arrived in China they enjoyed trying different Chinese food.



Reception children loved their trip to China on Friday.



They enjoyed sharing their suitcases, checking in at the airport, going through departures and boarding the plane for their flight to China.

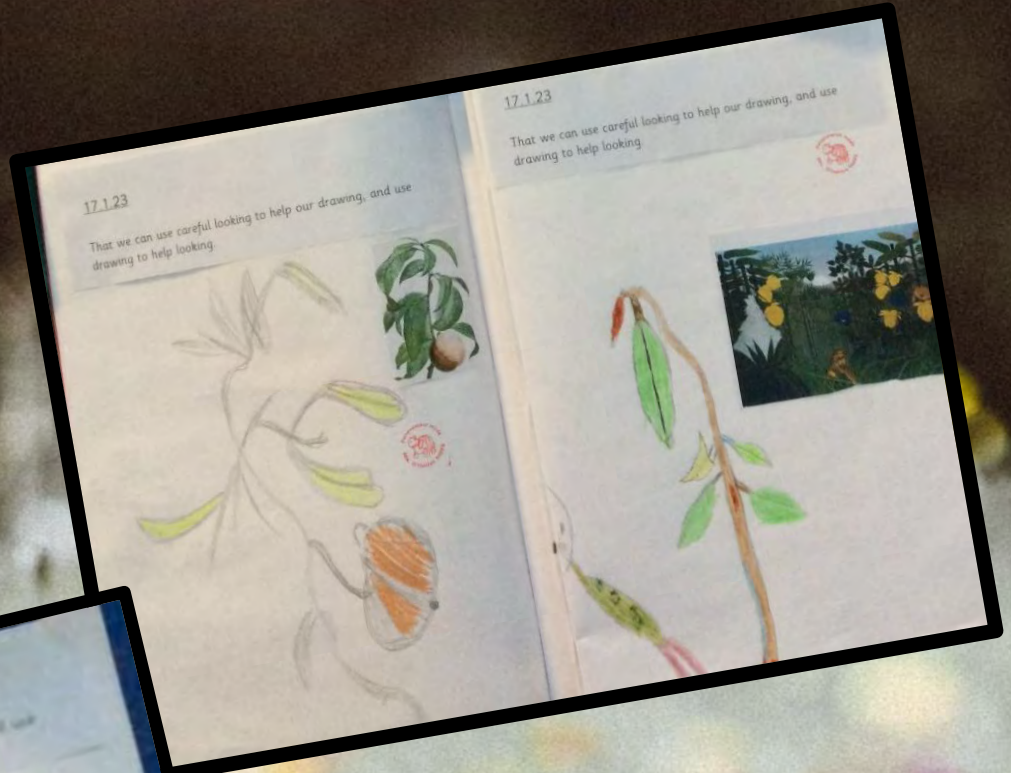


Reception – Maps of Alcester



Reception loved their adventure into Alcester last week. They took a trip over the bridge and down the High Street. They have worked so hard on creating maps of their route and using their phonic knowledge to write labels too. Well done Reception!





Such detailed observational drawings completed by year 1 children in their Art sketchbooks.





In RE, 3H have been listening to Sikh stories and discussing their meanings. They also created a freeze frame, each portraying a character from the story.

Year 3 – RE



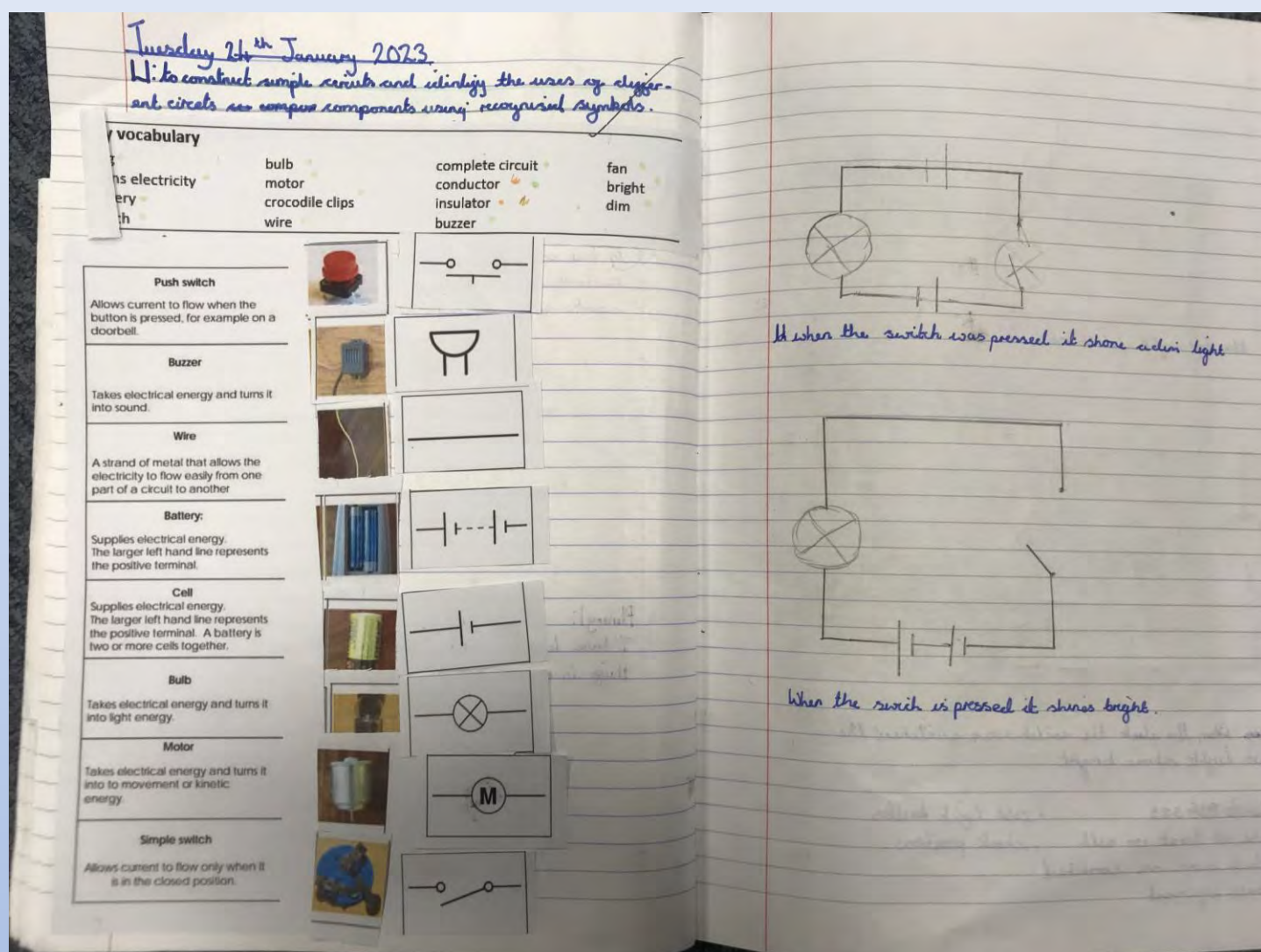
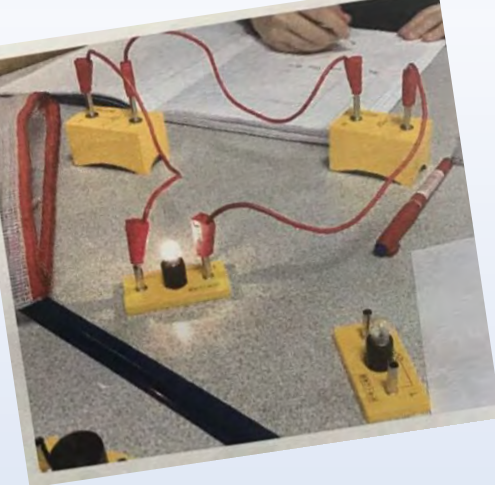
Year 4 – PSHE, dealing with disappointment



In our PSHE lesson, we worked in groups to act out different scenarios where we explored the feeling of disappointment.



We discussed how this disappointment felt and how we could think about positive experiences to help us counteract this.

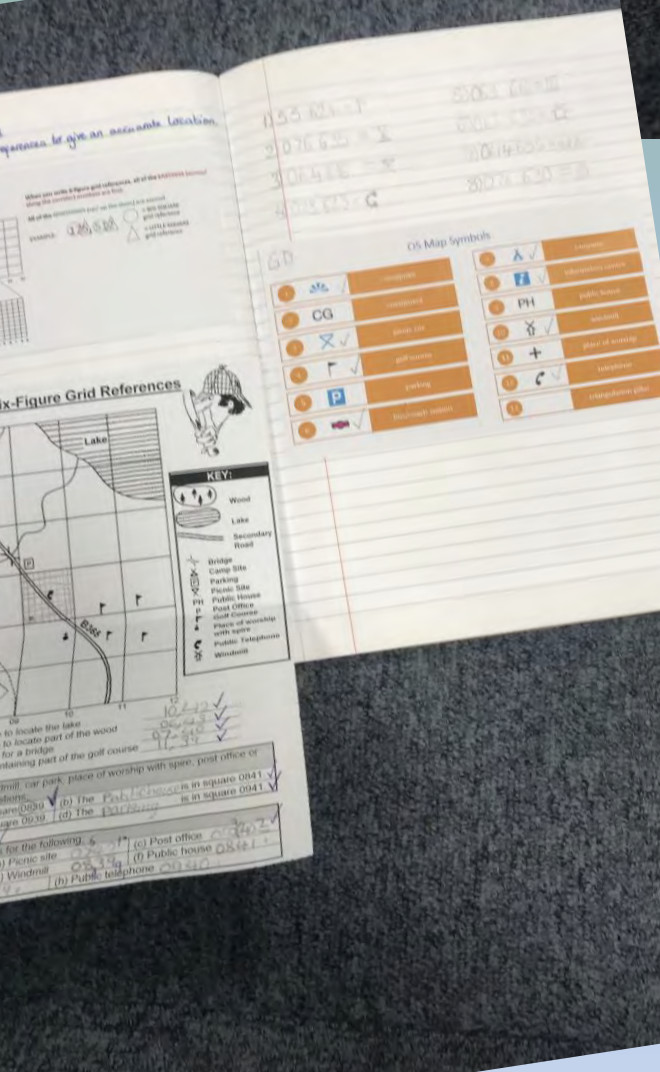
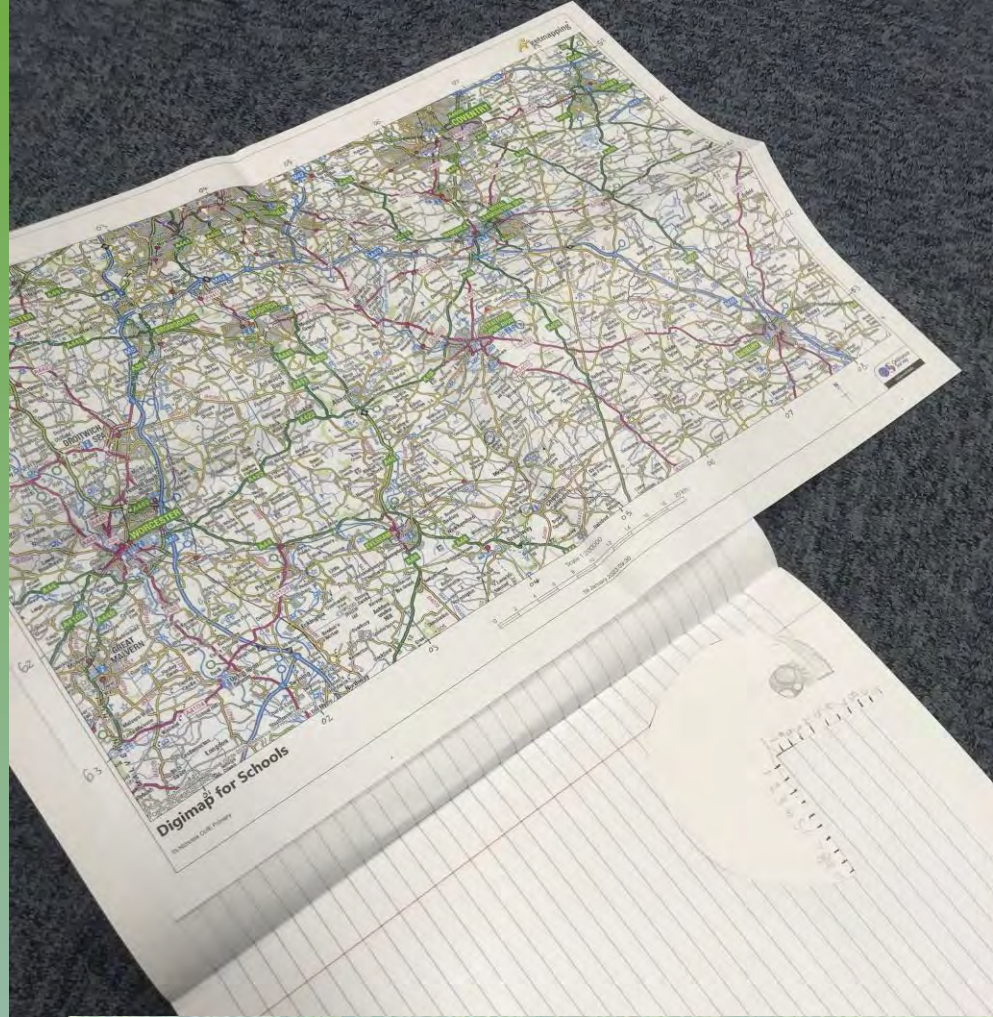


Year 6 have been investigating electrical circuits and drawing circuit diagrams.

Year 6 – Science

Year 6 Geography

Year 6 field trip
to Alcester to see
how it is fit for
people to live
there and 6
figure grid
reference work.





DQ SPORTS

FEBRUARY MULTI

SPORT COURSE



Venue: Our Lady's Primary

Dates: Mon 20th, Tues 21st, Wed 22nd

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Age: 5 - 11

Cost: £18 per day

£9 for half a day option 9 am – 12 pm or 12 pm – 3 pm.

Limited spaces of 30 children.

Cash payment or bank transfer is optional please ask for details. Contact details: Dave Geden on 07990972762 or davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk

Clothing: Children are required to wear suitable clothing for a wide range of sports. Children may bring football boots and shin pads as football will be one of the sports played. Children are required to bring a packed lunch and drinks to the course. **Reminder: Please do not send any food into school containing nuts.**

Aims are to introduce, adapt and improve skills in a wide range of SPORTS e.g.

Football, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Tag Rugby, Netball, Archery, Kan Jam, Corn Hole and many more. With the emphasis on fun and participation.



Court Leet and Court Baron of the Most

Honourable Henry Jocelyn Seymour,

Marquess of Hertford ARAgS, DL

Alcester Court Leet Pancake Races

Tuesday February 21st 2023

The High Bailiff of Alcester cordially invites you to the above event. Races will take place in Alcester High Street

on Tuesday February 21st between 11.30am and 14.00 p.m.

This year's pancake races fall on Half term, so we are giving you and your parents a huge heads up.

We would love to see you at the start line.

For more information regarding age slots please contact:

Alcester Court Leet FB page

highbailiff@alcestercourtleet.co.uk

Or

mv.euphoria@hotmail.co.uk

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 regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance 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. 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 will be required 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, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

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 and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

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'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed 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 Fixed 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

WARM

WELCOME

@Warwickshire Libraries



Free warm bags and toiletry bags

Warm bags contain:

- Blanket
- Hat
- Scarf
- Hot water bottle
- Gloves

Three different toiletry bags are available:

- *Bag 1* - Sanitary towels
- *Bag 2* - Toiletry products for children - toothpaste (3 - 8 years), toothbrush (6+ years), shampoo and bubble bath
- *Bag 3* - Toiletry products for adults - toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shower gel and soap

Bags are available, for free, while stocks last. Customers collecting a bag do not need to speak to a member of staff.

Find your nearest Warm Welcome location:

www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/warm-welcome-locations

Or scan the QR code



For more information on Cost of Living support visit:

www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk

This offer is in partnership with the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme, funded by the Household Support Fund

