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C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c Monday 5th October 2026

Whole school Reminders

Office closed – Staff training on Monday 5th October 2026	The office will be closed for an hour on Monday 5 th October 2026 from 3.30 pm for staff training. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.	
School photo's		Tempest Photography were in school on Monday 21/09/2026 to take individual photos of the children. Your child will have brought an order form home and an order form to enable you to purchase photos through the Tempest website using your unique code. To take advantage of free delivery to school, orders must be placed by Wednesday 7th October 2026, please. Photographs ordered after this date will incur postage charges. If you have any queries please contact Tempest directly on 01736 751555.
Menu change-Tuesday 6th October 2026	Due to supply issues, next Tuesday's green option will be Vegetarian Sausages (instead of Mexican Bean Roll) and the pudding will be icecream and tinned pineapple (instead of crackers and cheese).	
Routine Appointment Reminder	We ask that you book routine appointments (dentist, optician etc) outside school hours, where possible. For urgent/specialist appointments, provide proof (e.g. email, letter, appointment card, text) to admin3595@welearn365.com .	
KS2 Drop off	We want to say how lovely it is to see families connecting and supporting one another at drop off. We really value the sense of community. Please could we ask that you avoid congregating directly by the KS2 playground gate. We have noticed that when groups gather in this area:	



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- It becomes difficult for other children to safely access the school premises
- Staff find it tricky to identify which adults are dropping off.
- It can be challenging for pedestrians, especially those with buggies or wheelchairs, to navigate the path safely

Please support us by arranging to meet and chat with other families a little further away from the KS2 playground gate and keep the pathways clear so all children and families can move freely and safely

**Thank you –
Census Day**



Thank you to all the parents who encourage their child to have a school dinner. 283 children had a meal. Here are some pictures from yesterday. A BIG “thank you” to all the Caterlink staff for their creative display and head pieces.





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Parking



At St Nicholas, we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families and the wider community.

We kindly ask for your continued support in maintaining a safe and considerate environment during school drop-off and pick-up times.

How You Can Help:

- **Park Responsibly:** Please avoid parking in the private garage area opposite the school and do not block or park over residents' driveways. This helps us maintain good relationships with our neighbours and ensures emergency access is always available.
- **Be Respectful:** Show consideration for local residents and other road users at all times.
- **Walk Where Possible:** If you live nearby, we strongly encourage you to walk to school. Walking not only eases congestion but is also beneficial for your child's health and wellbeing.
- **If you cannot walk:** Please park sensibly and refrain from double parking, parking on zigzags or stopping in unsafe places. Please plan your journey to allow extra time for parking a short distance away and walking the rest of the way.

By working together, we can keep our school community safe and foster a positive relationship with our neighbours. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



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Flu vaccine	 Don't miss out on your child's FREE flu vaccine The School Aged Immunisation Service will be coming to your school on: 9th October 2026 Look out for an email or text with a consent form. If you do not receive the consent email or text, please contact your School Aged Immunisation Service OR follow this link to complete a consent form for your child: Please click to complete a form Please contact us on: 01926 353 899 or SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Head Lice	We have had a case of head lice in the school. Head lice and nits are very common in young children. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly. The NHS website is full of advice, should you need it. https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/
Children in Need	 BBC Children in Need This year, after careful consideration, we have decided not to support this year's Children in Need appeal, as we plan to support other worthwhile charities, further in the year. We are aware that supporting different events puts both mental and financial pressures on families which we would like to avoid.



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Wraparound	We understand that, on occasion, unexpected circumstances can mean you are running late to collect your child from our Wraparound Care provision. What to do if you are running late: • Please send a message via StudyBugs as soon as you know you may be delayed. • Staff will check messages on StudyBugs at the end of the session, so this helps us to reassure your child and plan, if needed. Thank you for your co-operation and support in keeping our Wraparound Care provision running smoothly.
Carpark Gate	As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all members of our school community safe, we kindly ask that parents, carers, and visitors do not use the car park gate to access St Nicholas C of E Primary Academy on foot. Why This Is Important: • The car park is a busy area with frequent vehicle movement, especially at drop-off and pick-up times. • Using the car park gate as a pedestrian entrance increases the risk of accidents and compromises the safety of our pupils and families. • We are committed to maintaining a secure environment for everyone on site. What We Ask: • Please use the designated pedestrian entrances when entering or leaving the school grounds. • If you are unsure where these are, a member of our staff will be happy to direct you. • Remind any visitors, relatives, or friends who may be collecting your child to use the correct entrances.



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Last-minute
lunch money
panic? Solved



Keeping your child's account topped up has never been easier. With ParentPay's Auto Top-Up feature, you can set up automatic payments on a weekly or monthly schedule (or when their meal balance gets low) that works for your household budget. Once set up, your chosen amount will be added automatically, helping to

ensure your child always has funds available for school meals.

That means no last-minute top-ups, no unexpected low-balance surprises, and confidence that your child can access school meals daily.

Why use Auto Top-Up?

Peace of mind for you: Auto Top-Up helps reduce the risk of low balances and last-minute payments, giving you one less thing to think about during busy weeks.

Confidence for your child: By keeping meal funds available, Auto Top-Up helps ensure your child can access meals without interruption throughout the school term.

Set up Auto Top-Up in 3 simple steps

1. Choose when to top up

Select a weekly or monthly schedule or choose to top up when your balance falls below a set amount.

2. Choose your top-up amount

Decide how much you'd like ParentPay to add to your child's account each time.

3. Relax – we'll do the rest

Your account will be topped up automatically, helping to ensure funds are available for meals when they're needed. To get started, log in to ParentPay and set up an Auto Top-Up schedule today.



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FREE Parent
Workshop

✿ Parent & Family Workshop Programme ✿

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Working together to support
our school community

Beacon
Behaviour Support for Schools

Warwickshire
Family & Relationship
Support

PARENT & FAMILY WORKSHOP PROGRAMME 2026-2027

We are delighted to offer a range of **FREE** workshops to support parents and carers through every stage of childhood and adolescence.

Delivered in partnership with Beacon Behaviour Support for Schools and Warwickshire Family & Relationship Support, these practical sessions provide evidence-based advice, strategies and opportunities to connect with other parents.

WORKSHOP CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	TIME
TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2026	ADHD PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES BEGINS (6 sessions across Autumn Term) See separate flyer for full details.	9:00 - 10:30am
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2026	UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR	9:00 - 11:00am
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026	BOUNDARIES & RULES	1:30 - 3:00pm
TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2027	SLEEP	9:00 - 11:00am
THURSDAY 17 JUNE 2027	UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER	6:00 - 8:00pm

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

ADHD PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

- Understanding ADHD
- Practical home strategies
- Emotional regulation
- Executive functioning
- Building confidence
- Supporting big emotions
- Opportunity to meet other families

See separate ADHD flyer for full programme details.

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

- Why behaviour is communication
- Understanding children's needs
- Supporting big emotions
- Positive behaviour strategies
- Looking after yourself as a parent

BOUNDARIES & RULES

- Positive parenting
- Effective routines
- Praise and encouragement
- Setting consistent boundaries
- Parenting with confidence

SLEEP

- Why sleep matters
- Healthy sleep routines
- Common sleep difficulties
- Practical strategies for better nights

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENAGER

- Teenage brain development
- Communication
- Managing conflict
- Risk-taking
- Hormones & puberty
- Strengthening relationships

MONTHLY INCLUSION CONNECT
A welcoming space for all families

Whether your child has SEND, you're waiting for an assessment, or you simply have questions about inclusion, everyone is welcome.

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences in a relaxed, informal setting
- Ask questions about SEND and inclusion
- Find out about local services and support
- Enjoy a tea, coffee and a friendly chat

No booking required - just come along!

Supporting Families Together

- FREE** to attend
- Refreshments provided
- Open to all parents and carers
- Delivered by Beacon Behaviour Support for Schools and Warwickshire Family & Relationship Support
- Booking information available on the flyer
- Coffee Morning (please see booking)

BOOK YOUR PLACE
Visit the Eventbrite page for full details and to book your place for Warwickshire Family & Relationship Support workshops.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warwickshire-family-and-relationship-support-762333728>

At St Nicholas, we believe that supporting our families is just as important as supporting our children. We are therefore delighted to be launching our Parent & Family Support Programme for the Autumn Term in partnership with Beacon Behaviour Support for Schools and Warwickshire Family & Relationship Support. Throughout the term, we'll be offering a range of FREE workshops and support opportunities designed to provide practical advice, strategies and a chance to

connect with other parents and carers.

📅 Dates for your diary:

🕒 Monthly Inclusion Connect

A welcoming space for all families to chat, ask questions, meet other parents and find out about SEND and local support services.

Monday 12th October | 1:30-3:00pm

Monday 16th November | 1:30-3:00pm

Tuesday 15th December | 9:10-10:30am



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Coming up next week

Reception	Stay and Play On Thursday 5th November at 2pm, we will be holding a Stay and Play session for our Reception families. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to come into the classroom, explore the environment and take part in some of the activities and experiences that your children have been enjoying. We would love for you to join us and see the children's learning and play in action! We look forward to welcoming you into our classroom. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the Reception team. Many thanks Mrs Hatch
Year 1	Phonics Workshop We would like to invite you to a Year 1 Phonics Workshop on Tuesday, 17th November, from 9.15-10.15am in the school hall. The workshop will include a brief presentation about our phonics scheme; how it works, how you can support your child at home, and information about the Phonics Screening Check taking place in June. Following the presentation, Year 1 children will join us for some fun, hands-on phonics activities. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there! Kind regards, The Year 1 Team
Year 2	
Year 3	The Heart of England letter was sent this week. We would really appreciate a prompt response via ParentPay. Any questions, please contact the office.
Year 4	
Year 5	Science Committee This morning, we have had a really exciting meeting about a Year 5 opportunity. Children in Year 5 are able to apply to be on the Science Committee. This is for children who love science and practical scientific investigations. They will showcase the subject in school by leading an assembly, creating scientific demonstrations, making visual displays, supporting peers in other year groups, attending Family Learning Nights and events as part of our Ogden Science Partnership as well as testing/preparing scientific resources for science lessons across the school. This



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opportunity has been very popular in previous years. If your child would like to apply, they have been encouraged to invent their own application, being as creative as they like, demonstrating their passion for the subject. These can be presented in any way - poster, artistic design, model, photographs, etc. Every year I am amazed by the originality of the these applications - previously, I even had one that was sewn! Applications need to be in by **Wednesday 7th October**. They can be handed to Yr5 class teachers or emailed to the school office. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to seeing what the children create. Kind regards Mrs Godson

Year 6

STUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL
— always aiming higher —

A brighter future starts here

SCHOOL TOURS

FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

TOUR DATES (MORNINGS)
 Wednesday 7th October
 Thursday 8th October
 Wednesday 14th October
 Thursday 15th October

COME AND SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION

**EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
INSPIRING LEARNING
STRONG VALUES
BRIGHT FUTURES**

TO BOOK A TOUR
 Call us on **01527 852478**
 or email **office@shs.shiresmat.org.uk** to book a tour.

Deadline to apply for secondary school places for September 2027: 31ST OCTOBER

Apply online via Warwickshire County Council:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY. ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER.

Other news

Useful Links

Vacancies

We have no vacancies at present.

Diary Dates * subject to change



Autumn Term

Date	Time	Info
07.10.26		Closing date for Tempest orders
09.10.26	9.10am All day	DBSB KS1 Flu Vaccinations R - 6 Weekly What's On
12.10.26	All day 1.30 - 3 pm	Year 3 to Heart of England – 3W 1/3 Inclusion Connect – Coffee Afternoon
13.10.26	All day	Year 3 to Heart of England – 3L 1/3
16.10.26	9.10am	DBSB KS2 Weekly What's On
19.10.26	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
20.10.26	All day	Year 6 Bikeability
21.10.26	All day 4-7pm	Year 6 Bikeability Parents consultations
22.10.26	All day 4 pm-7 pm	Year 6 Bikeability Parents consultations
23.10.26	All day	Inset day Weekly what's on
Half term		
02.11.26	All week	Thrive week
05.11.26	2.00 pm	Reception Stay and Play
06.11.26	9.10am	DBSB KS1 Weekly What's On
10.11.26	1.30 pm	Parenting Workshop – Boundaries and Rules
13.11.26	9.10am	DBSB KS2 Weekly What's On
16.11.26	9.30am 1.30 – 3 pm	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights Inclusion Connect – Coffee Afternoon
17.11.26		Year 6 Phonics Workshop
17.11.26	All day	Year 5 Cadbury World Trip
20.11.26	9.10am	DBSB KS1 Weekly What's On
27.11.26	9.10am	DBSB KS2 Weekly What's On
04.12.26	9.10am	DBSB KS1 and Golden tickets Weekly What's On
09.12.26	2 pm	Reception Nativity
11.12.26	9.10am	DBSB KS2 and Golden tickets Weekly What's On



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15.12.26	9-10.30 am	Inclusion Connect – Coffee Morning
15.12.26	1pm	Pantomime for Rec-Y2 * Beauty and the Beast *
16.12.26	Evening	KS1 Christmas performance at the Grieg Hall
Christmas break		
04.01.27	All day	Inset day

Spring Term

Date	Time	info
04.01.27	All day	INSET Day
11.01.27	All day	Young voices – Year 5 and 6
15.01.27	9.10am	DBSB Rec/KS1
09.02.27	All day	Shrive Tuesday (Pancake day)
Half term		
08.03.27	All day	Year 3 Heart of England Trip 2/3 – class to be confirmed
09.03.27	All day	Year 3 Heart of England Trip 2/3 – class to be confirmed
22.03.27	AM	Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
23.03.27	All day	Year 4 to Edgmond Hall
24.03.27	All day	Year 4 to Edgmond Hall
25.03.27	All day	Year 4 to Edgmond Hall
Easter break		

Summer Term

Date	Time	info
03.05.27	All day	Bank holiday
10.05.27	All week	SATs year 6
11.05.27	Am	SATs year 6
12.05.27	Am	SATs year 6
13.05.27	Am	SATs year 6
Half term break		
28.06.27	All day	Year 6 to Residential
29.06.27	All day	Year 6 to Residential
30.06.27	All day	Year 6 to Residential



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05.07.27	All day	Year 3 Heart of England Trip 3/3 – class to be confirmed
06.07.27	All day	Year 3 Heart of England Trip 3/3 – class to be confirmed
07.07.27	AM	Moving up morning
21.07.27	All day	Final day of academic year
Break up for summer from 22.07.27		



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WELCOME TO ALCESTER

A FREE TO ENTER COMMUNITY SHOWCASE & WELCOME EVENT

Alcester Town Council invites new arrivals and long-standing residents to celebrate our vibrant community. This free event is your chance to discover what makes Alcester such a wonderful place to live, with over 40 local groups showcasing different opportunities. Enjoy a warm, inclusive atmosphere, family friendly activities, farm animals, Purple Spider Bus and engaging displays for all ages.

There is something here for everyone.

ENTERTAINMENT
&
REFRESHMENTS

CRAFTS
&
CAKE

SPORTS &
HOBBIES

CLUBS &
SOCIALS

VOLUNTEERING
TRY NEW
THINGS

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER, THE GREIG HALL 2:15PM-4:45PM

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FREE Bikeability



Level 2 gives participants on-road experience in residential traffic to help them prepare to make short journeys by bicycle

Open to
years
5 and above

Bikes
can be
provided

Bikeability Level 2
Single Day Course:
Thursday 29th October

9am
-
3pm

SCAN ME



Book your FREE place online:
<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/bel-plan-bush>

Venue: Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester

Places are limited. Email bikeability@nwactive.org.uk



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October Half Term
All Sessions are FREE



Level 1 takes place in an off road environment and teaches riders how to control and master their bikes

Open to
years
3 and above

Bikes
can be
provided

Bikeability Level 1
Thursday 29th October

10am-12pm
or
1pm-3pm

SCAN ME



Book your FREE place online:
<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/ark-debut-duke>

Venue: Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester

Places are limited. Email bikeability@nwactive.org.uk



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Coventry and
Warwickshire Partnership
NHS Trust

Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details



Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

✉ NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

✉ SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

☎ 01926 353899



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APPLE DAY
SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 11-3
ALCESTER COMMUNITY ORCHARD
Jubilee Fields B49 5QN
APPLE PRESSING * JUICE TASTING
THE WHITE HART MORRIS MEN
CHILDREN'S NATURE CRAFTS
WILLOW WEAVING
MAKE A TREE GARLAND
CAKES AND PRESERVES
CIDER * FOLK MUSIC
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