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St NICHOLAS
C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 16th December 2024

Whole school Reminders

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Snow White Christmas Panto – Tuesday 17 th December 2024. To cover the cost of this wonderful experience, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.20 per child. If you have not already done so, please log into ParentPay to make the contribution. Thank you!
KS2 Advent/ Carol Service	9.30 am on 17 th December 202 at St Nicholas Church. Parents welcome to attend.
Choir	Upcoming choir events: • KS2 Christmas Service, St Nicholas Church, Alcester – 17th December 2024 during school day. • Community Christmas Carols at School – 17th December 2024 during school day
Christmas Dinner	Our annual Christmas dinner is taking place Wednesday 18th December 2024. There will only be two options; Meat Roast or Quorn Roast You do not need to pre-order your child's dinner. However, if you child is in KS2, you will need to ensure there is enough credit in their account to cover the cost. And of course, if a Christmas dinner does not appeal to your child, please bring in a pack lunch. Don't forget your Christmas jumper with your school uniform!
Party day - FSM prevision	Friday 20 th December 2024 - If your child is entitled to FSM and requires a cheese deli bag for the Christmas Party Day, please notify the office via StudyBugs by Friday 13 th December 2024.
Thank you	Your Poppy Appeal collecting tins totalled £151.10. This is a great amount. Thank you very much for your support. Regards. David Malin Poppy Appeal Organiser Alcester District MGD01
Football Kit Sponsorship	We are looking for a local company who would like to sponsor our football kits. Our goal is to purchase 4 kits. We have a thriving football team for both girls and boys. We are delighted to see an increasing number of fixtures and would like to look supersonic in a new kit. There are over 50 children who want to participate in football, to represent our school across the county. Our after-school football clubs are extremely popular with 20 children in our KS1 and KS2 sessions. If you are interested in sponsoring our team kit, please message via StudyBugs



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Reminders	Last day of term is Friday 20 th December 2024. Monday 6 th January 2025 is a teacher training day and is closed to students. Children return on Tuesday 7 th January 2025.
After-school clubs	Clubs for the Spring Term will go live on Monday 16 th December 2024 after 3.00 pm on the Childcare Online Booking system. If you are entitled to free school meals, we will be sharing a promotional code with those parents and carers next week. Please note this is only valid for one activity club in each term. https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/activity-clubs-instrumental-music-tuition/
Wraparound	The Spring Term Wraparound dates will go live on Monday 16 th December 2024 after 3.00 pm on Childcare Online Booking. To take advantage of the advanced booking rate, please ensure any sessions are booked and paid for by Monday 6 th January. https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/wraparound-care/
Winter Craft Ideas	https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/winter-crafts-3839253
Coming up next week	
Reception	Party Day - Friday 20 th December 2024 - Please send your child in with a festive party packed lunch - staff will share further info on StudyBugs
Year 1	Party Day - Friday 20 th December 2024 - Please send your child in with a festive party packed lunch - staff will share further info on StudyBugs
Year 2	Party Day - Friday 20 th December 2024 - Please send your child in with a festive party packed lunch - staff will share further info on StudyBugs
Year 3	Dear Families, 🎄🌟 It's time to celebrate the festive season! 🍷 Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 20th December. To make the day extra merry, here are a few reminders: Please send your child to school with a sandwich and a drink for their lunch. They can also bring a snack for break if they wish. Each child has been sent home with a slip today, letting you know what buffet item they should bring to share with their friends. Thank you for helping us make this a magical day for everyone! Warm Christmas wishes, Year 3 and 4 Team
Year 4	Party Day - Dear Families, 🎄🌟 It's time to celebrate the festive season! 🍷 Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 20th December. To make the day extra merry, here are a few reminders: Please send your child to school with a sandwich and a drink for their lunch. They can also bring a snack for break if they wish. Each child has been sent home with a slip today, letting you know what buffet item they should bring to share with their friends. Thank you for helping us make this a magical day for everyone! Warm Christmas wishes, Year 3 and 4 Team



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Year 5	Party Day – Friday 20th December 2024 - Children will need to bring a drink, snack and one sandwich for themselves. They will then choose an item to supply for the shared buffet, this will be written in their planner.
Year 6	Party Day – Dear Parents/ Carers, We will be celebrating Christmas during party day on Friday 20th Dec, and the children have decided what they will be bringing to share for our Christmas party buffet. They have stuck a note of what they need to bring onto a slip inside their planner. They will also need to bring a snack, drink and sandwich of their choice for themselves to enjoy before the shared buffet in the afternoon. Children are also allowed to wear their own Christmassy/ party clothes on party day, but please bear in mind that these should be appropriate for school: not strappy/ cropped tops, no football shirts, no heels etc. and that children will still be outside doing Opal at break and lunchtime. We are looking forward to the celebrations next Friday. Kind regards The Year 6 Team
Other news	
Useful Links	Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB Our calendar https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/ News https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events
Reception in September 2025	You need to apply for September 2025 if your child: was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 (for a place in Reception). The applications process is open and the deadline for applying for a Reception place is 15 January 2025. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2025). Applications made after this date will be classified as late and not considered until after 16 April 2025, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.



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Children are welcome to take part in...



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

*Wednesday 18th
December*

**WEAR YOUR MOST FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS JUMPER
TO SCHOOL FOR SOME FESTIVE CHEER**



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SPANISH LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

¿Qué incluye? A lovely group lesson full of songs, games and Spanish speaking countries' traditions and culture.

¿Quién? 6 to 9 years olds

¿Cuándo? Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30

January 8th - April 2nd

12 weeks (excl. 19/02/25)

¿Cuánto? £96.00 (£8 per lesson)

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Swan nest lane CV37 7LS

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To **St Nicholas School**

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total **£151.10**

District total **£12,000 +**





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Christmas Party Day

20TH DECEMBER

COME TO SCHOOL WEARING YOUR
PARTY CLOTHES FOR A DAY FULL OF
FESTIVE FUN



educaterers  A FOOD STORY

the
**NUTRI
GANG**



Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey

**Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball with
Gravy [G.SU]**

or

**[vg] Roast Quorn Fillet, Veggie Sausage,
Stuffing Ball with Gravy [G]**

**Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes, Garden
Peas, and Sliced Carrots**

[vg.h] Christmas Cracknel [G.SU]

or

[vg.h] Christmas Shortbread[G]



Seasons Greetings from The
Nutrigang & everyone at
Educaterers

Allergen Key
V - Vegetarian
VG - Vegan
D - Dairy
G - Gluten
SB - Soya
SU - Sulphites
H - Homemade



Venues Contact Details

Alcester C&FC, c/o St. Nicholas CE Primary School,
St Faiths Road, Alcester, B49 6AG
Studley Village Hall, High Street, Studley, B80 7HJ
Tel: 01789 764093

Lighthorne Heath C&FC, Stratford Road, Lighthorne
Heath, CV33 9TW
Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam,
CV47 0LY
Wellesbourne Methodist Church, Bridge Street,
Wellesbourne, CV35 9LR
Tel: 01926 691105

Stratford C&FC, c/o Bishopton Primary School, Drayton
Avenue, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9PB
Badger Valley, Tilemans Lane, Shipston on Stour,
CV36 4HP
Ken Kennett Centre, Clopton, 100 Justins Avenue,
Stratford upon Avon CV37 0DA

Tel: 01789 266624

**Follow the links for free online parenting guides
to understanding your child's behaviour**
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>
<https://warwickshire.gov.uk/parentingcourses>

**For support around debt, housing, finance or information
around childcare;
children & young people please contact the
Family Information Service**
on Freephone 0800 408 1558 or visit:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Citizen Advice South Warwickshire
0808 250 5715 (Monday- Friday 9am - 5pm).
Out of hours service continues on Monday evenings
from 5pm-7pm on 0800 995 6047

Refuge
08004 081552

**Early Help
The Family Support Line**
01926 412412
(Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

Baby Self - Weigh facilities at the Children and Family Centres

The facilities are only for non-walkers
up to a maximum age of 18 months
and you must book on the Health
Visiting Eventbrite page to attend

**Midwifery
Postnatal & Antenatal Clinics
Appointment only**
01926 495321 Ext 6976/6977

Infant Feeding Team
01926 495321 Ext 8584

**Safeguarding Concerns
Warwickshire Children and Families
Front Door**
01926 414144
(Mon-Thu 8.30am – 5.30pm,
Fri 8.30am – 5pm)
Emergency Duty Team
(out of hours only)
01926 886922

Stratford District Children & Families Centres' offer includes

Baby Time: Relax, play and socialise with your baby in a friendly, informal environment, suitable from newborn
Baby Massage: 5 week programme teaching parents the skills of massage which has many benefits for baby & helps to create a close bond, suitable for babies after they've had their 6 to 8 weeks check
Baby & Toddler Chatter Matters: 5 week courses of fun through songs, rhymes and sensory activities for babies and toddlers to support their early communication skills. Suitable from 5 months up to 2 years
Home Education Group - Parent Led group (5-11yrs): These sessions are perfect for families looking to connect with other local home educated parents and children. Share ideas, resources and support in a welcoming and informal environment.
Let's Play & Toddler Time: These sessions are aimed at toddlers, offering language enrichment learning through play. They incorporate paint and print, messy play, sound and music and outdoor play
SEND Little Stars (0-5yrs) & Big Stars (5-8yrs) : Small, friendly groups to support learning and play for children with additional needs. Children must have a diagnosis or be in the process of being diagnosed. A great opportunity to interact and meet other families
Wellcomm screens: A speech & language toolkit which can pinpoint areas in your child's speech which can be enhanced with targeted activities to help your child speak clearly and with confidence

Health Visiting Team Clinic

Talk to a trained health care professional about any family health or
developmental concerns and/or get your child weighed.

If your child is ill please contact your GP.

Prebooked appointments, please contact your Health Visitor to arrange.

For more information regarding Health Visiting Team Clinics
in the South please visit:

<https://www.swft.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-services/health-visiting>
Stratford - 01926 567164 Shipston & Wellesbourne - 01789 412844
Southam - 01926 815045

Alcester, Bidford on Avon, Studley & Henley - 01926 567098

Physio Advice Clinic

If you have concerns with
pre-school child's physical
development
01926 413737

NHS Healthy Start Scheme

Those who are pregnant and young families can get
help to buy food, milk & free vitamins
Check if you are eligible and apply online
www.healthystart.nhs.uk or call 0300 330 7010



**Use your NHS Healthy Start card to collect your
vitamins from the Children and Family Centres**

Speech & Language Therapy

Get in touch with the SALT team if
you have concerns regarding your
child's speech and language
01789 405100 ext 346
or email
SLT.AdminSouth@swft.nhs.uk

Adult & Community Learning

A wide range of courses and learning
opportunities to adults
and families across Warwickshire
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/adultlearningandtrainingcourses>

Advice & support for parents of pre-school children in Warwickshire

Warwickshire Health Visiting Team
Text Chat Service
TEXT: 07520 615293
(9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)
Advice Duty Line number
01926 567143

Health Visiting Team Introduction to Solids

Please contact your local Health
Visiting team for dates

Parenting Project

Offers a Family Wellbeing Pathway
that support families with children
0-19 (25 SEND)
Family Wellbeing Service,
Counselling Service, Parent Mentor
Service and MHISC group work in
the school

Contact familywellbeing@parentingproject.org.uk for more
information or visit the website
<https://parentingproject.org.uk/>



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Stratford-upon-Avon
District Children and
Family Centres



Barnardo's Warwickshire - Stratford District Children and Family Centres

A coordination of services for children, young people and families - aged 0-19 years and up to 25 with SEND

Alcester 01789 764093

Stratford & Shipston 01789 266624

Lighthorne Heath & Southam & Wellesbourne 01926 691105



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MONDAY

Alcester C&FC

Christmas Specials 16/12

Baby Time
9.30 - 11.00am

Toddler Time
12.00 - 1.30pm



BOOKING ESSENTIAL

To book our Let's Play & Toddler playing sessions, please use our Eventbrite page by scanning the QR code or accessing the below link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stratford-district-children-and-family-centres-49498983293>

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TUESDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

Christmas Specials
24/12 & 31/12
Toddler Time

9.30 - 11.00am

Badger Valley, Shipston

Christmas Specials
24/12 & 31/12
Fun With Friends

1.15 - 2.45pm

Stratford C&FC

Under 5's Christmas Special
17/12

10.00 - 11.30am

Over 5's Christmas Special
24/12

10.00 - 11.30am

Christmas Special 24/12
Bookstart
1.00 - 2.00pm

Let's Play 31/12
10.00 - 11.30am

Family Time 31/12
12.30 - 2.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Alcester C&FC

Christmas Special 18/12
Let's play
9.45 - 11.15am

The Graham Adams Centre, Southam

Christmas Special 18/12

Baby Time
10.30 - 12.00pm

Ken Kennett Centre, Clopton

Christmas Special
18/12 Baby Time
10.00 - 11.30am

Stratford C&FC

Christmas Special 18/12
Let's play

1.30 - 3.00pm

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Christmas Specials 18/12

Toddler Chatter Matters
9.30 - 10.30am

Home Education Group (5-11yrs)
12.30 - 2:00pm

THURSDAY

Wellesbourne Methodist Church

Christmas Special
19/12 & 02/01
Let's play

9.30 - 11.00am

The Graham Adams Centre, Southam

Christmas Special
19/12 & 02/01
Let's Play

11.30 - 1.00pm

Badger Valley, Shipston

Christmas Special 19/12
Baby Time

12.30 - 2:00pm

Family Time 02/01
10.00 - 11.30am

Lighthorne Heath C&FC

Christmas Special 19/12
Baby Time

1.00 - 2:30pm

FRIDAY

Alcester C&FC

Christmas Specials
20/12 & 27/12

Big Stars
SEND (5-8 yrs)
10.00 - 11.30am

Baby Time
12.30 - 2:00pm



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Dear Parents/Carers

12.12.24

Following on from the success of last year's event, the Court Leet and White Hart Morris Men will be holding a traditional Wassail at Alcester Community Orchard on Saturday 18th January 2025. There will be a torch lit procession from the Eric Payne Centre. We will gather there at 4.00pm where you will have an opportunity to make your own nature crown, sing some traditional Wassail songs, watch Morris dancing and meet the Winter Queen and Holly King. The procession will begin at 5pm led by the Morris Men.

The ancient tradition of the apple wassail is to awaken the trees from their Winter sleep and to bless them in song and rhyme so that they will bear a good crop for us later in the year. This year we are pleased to say we had a bumper harvest! We will adorn the old apple tree with ribbons and hang cider-soaked toast in the branches and make lots of noise with pots and pans.

Please come to this joyful event for families with your homemade nature crowns. There will be a prize for the best children's crown.

Hot dogs will be on sale for the adults. Alcester Town Council have kindly agreed to sponsor us so that we can provide a free hot dog for the children. There will also be cider, beers and juices.

It is essential that you dress in warm clothes and wear wellies.

Please bring a torch for the walk back from the orchard. The orchard will be lit with festoon lights.

Bring a pot or saucepan to bang with a spoon to make some noise. Wassail! (Good health!)

Best wishes

Rosa Burden (Court Leet Wassail Committee)

Please contact me if you require further information - rosa.burden@gmail.com