



Whole school Reminders/ Notices

Message from Mrs Newell	As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to wish all of our families a safe, happy and fun-filled summer break. I hope you all find time to relax, enjoy special moments together, and—fingers crossed—we get treated to some good British sunshine too! Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year—it means so much to us. We are also incredibly grateful for the thoughtful cards, kind words, and generous gifts received by staff. Your appreciation never goes unnoticed. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.
Children return in	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Parking enforcements	 From September, Warwickshire County Council will begin providing <u>enhanced parking enforcement</u> support around a number of primary priority schools in Warwickshire. Our school has been assessed and has been included in this first tranche which is planned to go live in the Autumn term. Their primary focus will be to deter and prevent illegal parking on school keep clear (zig-zag) markings, and the double yellow lines supporting the school aiming to educate drivers and to ensure safer access for children and families. Vehicles parked in contravention will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). You may have seen the additional signage. Please be mindful when parking in September.
Dinner Money and Wraparound charges	Please can we ask that all parents log into their ParentPay to check balances are up to date for Dinner money and to ensure that there are sufficient funds in your account to cover meals for the final week of the Summer term. If you are a Wraparound user, please log on to your Childcare Online booking account to check your balance and settle any outstanding monies, or ensure that all Childcare Voucher payments are up to date.
Keeping Skills Sharp over the Summer	As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we know how important it is to keep young minds active and engaged over the summer break. We're



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	excited to share with you our “Keeping Skills Sharp Over Summer” booklet, designed to help your child continue learning in fun and meaningful ways. You’ll find a variety of activities that reinforce key skills, support retention of learning, and help prevent the “summer slide.” These activities are meant to be enjoyable and easy to integrate into your family’s summer plans. In addition to supporting academic growth, there are many activities included that provide great alternatives to screen time, encouraging children to explore, create, and think critically. We encourage you to explore the booklet together and make it a fun summer goal to try as many activities as possible. Your support at home makes a tremendous difference in your child’s confidence and readiness for the new school year. https://st-nicholas-cofe-primary.secure-primariesite.net/home-learning/
School Council - Summer Term Update	Our School Council have been busy this term, gathering ideas and feedback from their classmates to support whole-school projects and pupil voice. 1. What does it feel like to pray? The children explored different perspectives on prayer. Councillors led a class vote offering five options, with results showing a wide range of thoughtful reflections. The most popular responses were: • “A peaceful time” – especially among Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and one Year 6 class. • “It’s just you and God” – a common view in several Key Stage 2 classes. • Other responses included: “Having some quiet time to rest and think” and “Being respectful and sending a message to God.” This was a meaningful discussion across the school and gave children the chance to express their individual thoughts on spirituality and reflection. 2. Improving Our School Planner The council also asked each class what helpful information could be added to future school planners. Suggestions ranged from tricky word lists and breathing techniques to useful websites and zones of regulation. After discussing all the brilliant ideas, the following were prioritised as key additions:



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	• A list of times tables, tricky words, and phonics sounds • Recommended reading books for each phase • The school prayer • A “worry notes” page for pupils to write messages to their teacher • Learning websites for use at home • Zones of regulation strategies and breathing techniques Well done to all our School Councillors for their thoughtful contributions and for representing their classmates so brilliantly!
Long Term Medication	We will be sending your child's medication/inhaler home via your class teacher on the last day of term to enable you to review the expiry date and refresh for September if required please. Children in Years 5 and 6 who walk home will be given their medication to bring home. We then require you to renew your child's medication or inhaler consent with us for the start of the next academic year please and we will write to you again towards the end of the summer holiday with the necessary online consent forms. Please ensure that all medication/inhalers are then delivered to the school office in the morning on the first day of term (please do not hand them to your child's teacher).
Bikeability	Alcester Level 1 & 2 Holiday Course Our Bikeability Level 1 & 2 course is for children in Year 5 (aged 9 and above) who can already ride independently without stabilisers. We can deliver one-to-one training for children who cannot ride. All courses are run by first aid and safeguarding trained National Standard Instructors. The course runs over two consecutive days from 10.00am – 2.30pm (4 hours of training) including a 30-minute supervised lunch break each day. Children receive a realistic cycling experience equipping them with the skills to cycle short journeys. We educate riders on effective observations, understanding road priorities, communicating with other roads users and effective road positioning. There is no charge for this course for residents of Warwickshire. Participants will need a roadworthy cycle and a helmet, please contact us if you would like to make use of WCC's fleet of cycles available for loan. Available places 6 Venue Eric Payne Community Centre, Alcester Eric Payne Community Centre, Jubilee Fields, St Faith's Rd, Alcester



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	B49 6AG B49 6AG Sessions · 04/08/2025 (10:00 - 14:30) · 05/08/2025 (10:00 - 14:30) Please see the booking link here, long format below https://outspokenbookings.co.uk/PublicBooking/Index?v=93be13a7-1d2e-4c72-03c8-08dc64718802&t=&s=&e=
Sports News - Results from Sports Day	The winners are..... Quidditch – Ragley Dodgeball – Kinwarton Golf – Ragley Curling – Oversley Rowing – Kinwarton Netball – Arrow Football – Oversley Sprinting - Arrow KS1 Sports Day – Kinwarton KS2 Sport Day – Ragley Overall Sports Day – Ragley
House points winner	The winner is.....drum roll.....Kinwarton
Coming up next term!	
Year 5	Young Voices Concert – please see letter of 15 th July, a reminder that consent and payment is due on ParentPay by Friday 5 th September, and purchase of tickets and t-shirts (if required) is due via The Music Room by Friday 5 th September, thank you.
Year 6	PGL Boreatton Park Trip – please see letter of 15 th July, a reminder that the initial deposit is due by Friday 5 th September, thank you.
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



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court 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 the parents' 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.



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The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 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).
 - 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.
 - 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.



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Uniform Swap Shop

Throughout the Summer



WHAT WE WANT

Please donate your unwanted quality uniform:
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DROP IT OFF

At the Eric Payne Community Centre Depot
between 1pm - 2pm on Wednesday 30th July

BROWSE AND TAKE AWAY FOR FREE

At the Eric Payne Community Centre Depot
between 1pm - 2pm on Wednesday 6th August

The Depot, Eric Payne Community Centre
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Alcester Court Leet

Family Fair Day

BAR- BBQ- STALLS & GAMES

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