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Weekly What's On

w/c 2nd March 2026

Whole school Reminders

Menu
Changes –
Thursday 5th
March 2026

 

WORLD BOOK DAY 5TH OF MARCH

LADY AND THE TRAMP SPAGHETTI
MEATBALLS

BFG'S HUMAN BEAN FAJITA WITH
RICE

PETER RABBIT'S CARROTS
GANGSTER GRANNY'S CABBAGE

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE
FACTORY CAKE WITH OOMPA
LOOMPA CHOCOLATE SAUCE

 



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Menu
Changes –
Tuesday 10th
March 2026

Caterlink will
be
showcasing
their
upcoming
Spring/
Summer menu

SPRING THEME LUNCH

SAUSAGE ROLL
RAINBOW PIZZA
HOMEMADE POTATO WEDGES
SPRING SALAD
CARROT AND CUCUMBER STICKS

BANANA MOUSSE
STRAWBERRY JELLY
CHOCOLATE AND BEETROOT
BROWNIE





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Menu
Changes –
Tuesday 17th
March 2026





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Message from the Road Safety Education Team - Stop, Think, Park Safely	Dear Parents and Guardians, We have been asked to share the following information from the Warwickshire Road Safety Education Team as a reminder to park legally, safely, and considerately to help keep the area outside our school safe for our pupils. We are asking all parents and carers to park legally, safely, and responsibly, and to avoid parking in a way that causes unnecessary obstruction. Please: • Keep the School Keep Clear (zigzag) markings free during restricted times, never stop, wait, or park on these markings, even briefly. • Avoid parking on restricted areas, such as double yellow lines. • Do not obstruct dropped kerbs, as this prevents safe crossing. • Use designated parking areas or park a short distance away and walk. • Be considerate of residents, pupils, and other road users, and avoid blocking driveways. • Avoid parking on pavements, as this can force children, wheelchair users and parents with prams into the road. • Do not park within 10 metres of a junction, to maintain safe visibility for all. • Model safe and respectful behaviour for children to follow We understand that school journeys can be challenging but taking a few extra minutes to park safely makes a big difference. By working together, we can create a safer and more respectful environment for every child at our school. Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police do enforce these restrictions to improve safety around schools. Enforcement helps protect your children, other road users, and encourages longer-term safe behaviours. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.
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Fundraiser –
Doughnut
Sale

18th & 19th
March 2026

These will be
sold during
the Parent
Consultation
Evening.





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Window Wanderland	We're excited to tell you that our school has been partnered with the charity shop, Headway, for Window Wanderland this year. The Year 6 children have worked hard to create some wonderful artwork to the theme of 'hope' that has now been used to create a display on Headway's store front. From 5-8pm, between the 28th February and the 7th March, the display will be lit up for members of the community to see as they complete the Window Wanderland trail. For more information on how you can take part and download the map, you can visit the website below: https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/alcester-2026/ Even if you're not taking part in the whole event, we encourage you to pop along to Headway with your child and take a look at the wonderful artwork they have completed in school. Best wishes, The Year 6 Team
Feedback	Caterlink our carrying out their annual pupil survey to assist them in improving their catering service to their customers and they would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at our school. If you wish to reply on behalf of your child, the link for your survey is below. Primary Pupil Survey Link - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV Survey closes on 27th March 2026
Reminder – World Book Day	We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day 2026 on Thursday 5th March. A reminder that this year, instead of dressing as a book character, children will be asked to dress as an adjective from their year group list. This links to our work on vocabulary and encourages lots of imaginative ideas! Costumes can be simple and homemade—children might use colours, props, labels, or accessories to show their chosen adjective. Please see the examples below for inspiration. World Book Day Book Tokens Next week, your child will receive a World Book Day £1 book token, which can be redeemed from 12th February to 15th March, 2026 at participating bookshops – including our new local bookshop, JT Books on Alcester High Street. Half term will be the perfect time to visit the bookshop and spend your voucher. Children can use their token in one of two ways:



- Swap the token for any of the World Book Day £1 books, or
- Get £1 off a full-price book or audiobook, as long as it costs at least £2.99 at participating booksellers.

World Book Day Dress-Up

Book Cover Redesign Competition

On World Book Day, children will also be participating in an in school **competition to redesign the cover of their favourite book**. You can support this by encouraging them to plan which book they will choose and their design ideas. Children are welcome to bring their chosen book to school on the day for inspiration. The winning designs will be proudly displayed in **JT Books on Alcester High Street**, giving our pupils the exciting opportunity to see their artwork showcased in a real bookshop!

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children and inspiring a love of words and reading that lasts a lifetime.

Laura O'Hanlon
 Assistant Head
 English Lead

Dress-Up Adjectives

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Crimson	Magenta	Azure	Mysterious	Courageous	Sage	Resilient
Golden	Emerald	Indigo	Gregarious	Selfless	Furtive	Charismatic
Glowing	Luminous	Amber	Tranquil	Powerful	Elegant	Enigmatic
Unusual	Shimmering	Glittering	Magical	Fragrant	Rebellious	Ambitious
Positive	Valiant	Curious	Ancient	Audacious	Determined	Victorious
Cheerful	Mystical	Radiant	Incandescent	Gracious	Impish	Spirited
<u>Mighty</u>	Reflective	Mischievous	Stealthy	Animated	Prudent	Melancholy
<u>Sparkling</u>	Feathered	Thoughtful	Lethargic	Serene	Timid	Resourceful
Spotty	Sneaky	Energetic	Whimsical	Loyal	Imaginative	Ruthless
Stripy	Fierce	Precious	Shadowy	Studios	Vivid	Noble

Wraparound

Please ensure where possible that Wraparound bookings are made and paid for in advance of the session you require.

Due to our ratio restrictions, we need to know the number of children we will be expecting at each session to ensure we have the correct number of staff and resources for the right number of children.



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	If your child arrives for Breakfast club or After school club without a prior booking, we can't guarantee them a space.
Dinner Money	A reminder to parents of children in years 3-6. Please ensure that your child's Parentpay account is in credit for school dinners. We require payment to be made in advance of the meals being taken. If an account remains in debt, we would expect your child to come to school with a packed lunch until this amount is cleared. We appreciate your co-operation.
Coming up next week	
Reception	Measurement Programme – Monday 2nd March Please see our letter of 10th February for further information.
Year 1	Twycross Zoo Trip, Wednesday 11th March 2026 If you have yet to do so, please give consent and make payment on ParentPay to secure your child's place as soon as possible. Any problems please let us know, thank you.
Year 2	
Year 3	Heart of England – 2nd Visit Please give consent for your child to attend on ParentPay, see letter of 25th February, thank you.
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Measurement Programme & Health Needs Assessment – Monday 2nd March Please see our letter of 10th February for further information. Boreatton Park – Final Instalment Due The final instalment for the Boreatton Park residential trip is due on Friday 6th March 2026. We would be grateful if this deadline is strictly adhered to please, so that we can pay the final balance to the venue. As always, if there are any problems please let us know ASAP.
Other news	



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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
Vacancies	No vacancies at present

Diary Dates

We thought it would be helpful to share the diary dates for the whole year. Please note: they are subject to change

Spring

Date	Time	info
02.03.2026	All day	Height and weight (Rec pm/year 6 am)
05.03.2026	All day	World Book Day
10.03.2026		Rugby Tots (Years R-2)
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church
11.03.2026	All day	Glowball Dodgeball
11.03.2026	All day	Year 1 Twycross Zoo Visit
16.03.2026	9.00 am	Reception Stay and play
18.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	Am	Easter service at church (year 5) with year 5 families
23.03.2026	AM	Class Photos YR & Y6
25.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
26.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026		Children break up from school
Easter break – 30.03.2026 -10.04.2026		

Summer

Date	Time	info
13.04.2026	All day	Return to school
04.05.2026		Bank holiday – May Day
05.05.2026	Am	Year 1 church visit – Creation
07.05.2026		Reception Little Owl Farm Park



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11.05.2026	All week	SATs week
22.05.2026		Children break up
Half term break – 25.05.2026 to 29.05.2026		
01.06.2026	All day	Teacher Training day
08.06.2026	All week	Year 4 MTC all week
	All week	Phonics screening year 1 and year 2 retakes
09.06.2026	Am	Year 2 Church visit – world views
24.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
25.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
06.07.2026	All day	Redpoint Mobile Climbing Wall (Year 3 – 6)
07.07.2026	Am	Year 6 Church visit – worldviews/truth
10.07.2026	All day	Reports out to families
		Leavers festival (provisional date)
15.07.2026	4pm	Optional parents' consultations (families call office to book)
17.07.2026	Pm	Leavers performance/awards (TBC)
17.07.2026		Last Day of term
Break up for summer		
20.07.2026	All day	INSET day
21.09.2026	AM	Individual school photo's – All Years



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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.

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.



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- 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.