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C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 9th March 2026

Whole school Reminders

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please could you ensure that children who have had sickness and diarrhoea, remain off school for 48 hours from the last bout.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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Comic Relief



If you wish to make a donation towards this incredible charity, please pay your donation directly to Comic Relief. We are unable to take cash in school.

Glow Dodgeball
(Years 2 – 5)

Glow dodgeball has been rearranged for Wednesday 11th March 2026. HOORAY!

This action-packed day promises lots of fun, teamwork, and glowing excitement as children take part in dodgeball games under UV lights.

To help everyone glow as brightly as possible, all children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day. Their plain white T-shirt is essential (and of course, glowing white teeth)!



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	Glow-in-the-dark face paint will also be provided to make the day even more special. If you do not give permission for face paint to be used on your child, please inform a member of staff in advance. We can't wait to see the children light up the sports hall and enjoy this unique enrichment experience!
Royal Mint Writing Competition	Dear families, We would like to share a lovely optional writing opportunity that your child may enjoy taking part in at home. The Royal Mint Museum Short Story Competition is open to children aged 7–11 and invites them to write a short story of up to 500 words inspired by the theme of gold. This could include ideas such as hidden treasure, mysterious discoveries, magical objects, or anything imaginative linked to gold. This is a fantastic chance for children to develop their creativity and writing skills beyond the classroom. The winning pupil will receive a gold coin, and their school or local library will be awarded £5,000 worth of books or equipment, with the story professionally illustrated by a professional artist. If your child would like to take part, full details and entry information can be found here: https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/ Please note that this is entirely optional and will need to be completed and submitted by families at home. If your child chooses to enter, we would love to hear about it and celebrate their participation.



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Menu Changes – Tuesday 10th March 2026 Caterlink will be showcasing their upcoming Spring/ Summer menu	
Social Media Consultation	 WARWICKSHIRE SEND Parents, guardians, and young people across the UK are being urged to shape the country's next steps on children's digital wellbeing, as the UK government opens the world's most ambitious consultation on social media today (Monday 2 March). Please contribute your perspective and help shape the country's next steps in supporting and protecting young people in the digital world. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/landmark-consultation-seeks-views-on-major-measures-to-protect-children-on-social-media-gaming-platforms-and-ai-chatbots



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Menu
Changes –
Tuesday 17th
March 2026





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Caterlink ART
Competition

FOODIE WALL ART COMPETITION

Let your imaginations run wild and win £200 fund for your school and £20 book voucher for **YOU!**

DEADLINE 31ST MARCH

CREATE AN A4 PAGE OF COLOURFUL, FOODIE-INSPIRED LANDSCAPES.

THINK BROCCOLI TREES, BAGUETTE FENCES, OR EVEN CARROT CHIMNEYS – THE MORE CREATIVE, THE BETTER!

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR **NAME, AGE AND SCHOOL** ON THE BACK!

EITHER POST TO **HOP HOUSE TN2 4HS** OR EMAILED TO **INFO@CATERLINKLTD.CO.UK**

Good luck

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Fundraiser –
Doughnut
Sale

18th & 19th
March 2026

These will be
sold during
the Parent
Consultation
Evening.





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Online Safety Newsletter – March	This months Online Safety Newsletter is on our website. https://st-nicholas-cofe-primary.secure-primarysite.net/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//
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
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. 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	10th March - The sessions will be taking place on the school playground. All children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day.
Year 1	10th March - The sessions will be taking place on the school playground. All children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day. Twycross Zoo Trip – Wednesday 11th March
Year 2	11th March – Glow Dodgeball



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Year 3	11th March – Glow Dodgeball Heart of England – 2nd Visit Please give consent for your child to attend on ParentPay, see letter of 25th February, thank you.
Year 4	11 th March – Glow Dodgeball
Year 5	11 th March – Glow Dodgeball
Year 6	Boreatton Park – Final Instalment Due If you have an outstanding amount, we would be grateful for payment as soon as possible please, as we are required to pay the final balance to the venue, thank you. As always, if there are any problems please let us know ASAP.
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
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
10.03.2026		Rugby Tots (Years R-2)
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church
10.03.2026		Menu Change
11.03.206	All day	Glowball Dodgeball (Year 2 – 5)
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



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19.03.2026	Am	Easter service at church (year 5) with year 5 families
20.03.2026		Red Nose Day
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
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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EASTER MULTI SPORTS CLUB

VENUE: ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY

DATES: Week 1- Tues 31st Wed 1st Thurs 2nd

Week 2 – Tues 7th Wed 8th Thurs 9th

TIME: **DROP OFF** 8.45am – 9 am

PICK UP 3pm – 3.15pm

COST: £19 per day

£10 for half a day 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm

HAF places are available but limited spaces of 12 per day

Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer, please ask for details.

Contact Dave Geden 07990972762 or davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk



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 packed lunch and drinks to the course. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD 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 and many more. With the emphasis on fun and participation.



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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 Wight 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.