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C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 13th April 2026

Whole school Reminders	
Happy Easter	As we approach the end of the Spring Term, we wanted to take a moment to wish you and your families a restful and joyful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 13th April 2026.
Activity Clubs	We still have availability on the following activity clubs for Summer term starting w/c 20th April: Mondays – Gymnastics 8am-8.45am Multisports Tuesdays – Ultimate Frisbee Wednesdays – Dance and Cheerleading Cross Country Fridays – Rugby KS2 Places can be booked via the Childcare Online Booking system: https://st-nicholas.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/
NEW Menu Spring/ Summer	We have a new menu which can be found on our website. This new menu will commence from Monday 13th April 2026 on Week One. https://st-nicholas-cofe-primary.secure-primariesite.net/lunches/ The kitchen have also tweaked the baguette schedule for the week. See the new schedule below: Mon: Cheese Baguette Tue: Tuna Baguette Wed: Tuna Baguette Thu: Ham Baguette Fri: Ham Baguette



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Lyfta Easter Competition



🌐 Lyfta Easter Competition 🌐

We are excited to launch our Lyfta Easter Competition! Children are invited to explore how Easter is celebrated around the world by creating a piece of artwork or poster inspired by a tradition from another country. For example, kite flying in Bermuda and decorated palms in Poland. We would like children to reflect on what this symbolises and why it is an important tradition. There will be prizes for winners in each phase, so we encourage everyone to get involved and be creative! Entries are to be handed to Miss Jones by Friday 17th April. Good luck to all who take part – we can't wait to see your egg-cellent entries!





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Advance
notice –
Bingo – 24th
April 2026

BINGO

24 APRIL

**ST NICHOLAS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
ST FAITHS ROAD, ALCESTER

DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM • EYES DOWN FOR 6PM

★ RAFFLE • TUCKSHOP • LICENSED BAR ★

£3 ENTRY (INCLUDES 1 BINGO BOOK)

ADDITIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

★ £2 EACH ★

Tickets coming soon



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Non-Uniform
Day!

17th April
2026

NON-UNIFORM DAY!

17th APRIL

DONATION FOR BINGO NIGHT!

★ RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 ★
PLEASE BRING:
PACKETS OF SWEETS!

★ YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 ★
PLEASE BRING:
CHOCOLATE!

★ YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 ★
PLEASE BRING:
£1 DONATION!

All donations will go towards prizes for the bingo evening on 24th April.
More information about how to book your bingo tickets will be out soon!

7 BINGO! 14

Thank you for supporting the Year 6 Leaver's Party fundraising events.



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Coming up next week

Reception	Vision Screening A reminder that the NHS will be in school to carry out vision screening with the Reception children on Monday 20th April. Please see our letter of 23rd February for further information. If you do not want your child to be screened please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible (hard copies of the form can be obtained from the school office). Little Owl Farm Park Trip – 7th May Please give consent and make payment on ParentPay by Monday 13th April, thank you. See letter of 25th March for further information.
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Heart of England – 2nd Visit If you have yet to do so, please give consent for your child to attend on ParentPay, see letter of 25th February, thank you.
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	  Reminder: SATS & SAUSAGES – Year 6 Family Quiz Night A quick reminder that our first ever SATS & Sausages Quiz Night is taking place on Tuesday 14th April at 5:30pm. Year 6 children and their families are invited to team up for an evening of SATS-style challenges, silly quiz rounds and, of course, sausage baps. Don't worry, there will be no actual SATS papers, no timers and definitely no invigilators pacing the room! Instead, it's a chance to show off your knowledge, have a few laughs and prove that parents might still remember a thing or two from school. Most importantly, teams will be battling it out for the highly prestigious Golden Sausage Trophy. The question is... will your family be the ones to take home the sausage-shaped glory?  

Other news

Useful Links	
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Vacancies



**Warwickshire
School Crossing Patrol
Service**

Vacancy

Would you or anyone you know like to be a
School Crossing Patrol
St Faiths Road, Alcester
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School / St Nicholas Primary School
Join our team now and make a real difference!

Full training and uniform provided.
With excellent rates of pay!

Please call 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk for further details.



Warwickshire
County Council

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Warwickshire*

We currently have vacancies in school for 2 midday supervisors and a cleaner. Please click below for more information:



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Role: Midday Supervisor
Location: St Nicholas C of E Primary School
Salary: Band B (3) - £4194
Hours: 7.5
Working weeks: 38
Days a week: Monday to Friday 11.30 to 13.00 or 11.45 to 13.15.
Closing date: 16th April 2026
Anticipated start date: 5th May 2026
Contract Type: Permanent

St Nicholas C of E Primary School is a part of the Arden Forest C of E MAT, a community of schools who strive to give all of our children the hope and aspiration to achieve their full personal and academic potential and to "Inspire Educational Excellence in Everyone".

Please follow this link <https://www.ardenforestmat.org/visions-and-values/> to find out more about our visions and values.

St Nicholas C of E Primary School is looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor to supervise and ensure the safety and well-being of pupils during the lunchtime period working term time only. This is a vital role, integral to the smooth running and of our lunchtimes. The successful candidate will need to be fit and able to cope with the physical demands of the job.

ROLE

You will be responsible for:

- Supervising toileting and washroom activity.
- Escorting children to and from dining room and supervising collection of meals, assisting with use of cutlery and returning used plates, trays, cutlery, glasses/beakers.
- Supervise pupils eating food brought from home and ensure packed lunch equipment is cleared away and empty bins.
- Clean tables between and at the end of sittings.
- Ensure a safe environment by cleaning up spillages.
- Monitor pupil behaviour, intervening as necessary in accordance with behaviour policy
- Support the children with our Outdoor OPAL play
- Ensure orderly return to classroom.

Your qualities will include

- Good communication and listening skills, enthusiasm, commitment, reliability and a willingness to learn and work as part of a team are essential.
- Knowledge of school rules, procedures, policies



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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
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
13.03.2026		New Caterlink menu
17.04.2026	All day	Non-Uniform Day
24.04.2026		Bingo to raise money for Year 6
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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Holiday Lunch Club

**FREE
FOOD
FOR KIDS!**

• Wednesday 1st April &
• Wednesday 8th April
• 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!
WHEN IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE!**

at the Depot,
Eric Payne Community Centre
off St Faiths Road
Alcester B49 6AG





Stratfordcfc

Stratford-upon-Avon District Children and Family Centres

Barnardo's

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

MONDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Outdoor Messy Play (0-8 yrs) (30/3)
10:00 - 11:00am

Stratford C&FC
Creative Dance Workshop (2-4 yrs) (30/3)
09:30 - 10:15am
10:45 - 11:30am

TUESDAY

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Family Time (31/3 & 7/4)
09:30 - 11:00am

Badger Valley, Shipston
Family Time (31/3 & 7/4)
1:15 - 2:45pm

Stratford C&FC
Easter Special (0-8 yrs) (7/4 only)
10:30 - 11:30am

Baby Time (7/4 only)
2:00 - 3:00pm

Children's Activity Club (4-8 yrs) (31/3 & 7/4)
3:30 - 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Stratford C&FC
Little Stars SEND (0-5yrs) (8/4)
09:30 - 11:00am

Family Time (1/4 & 8/4)
1:30 - 3:00pm

Alcester C&FC
Family Time (1/4 & 8/4)
09:45 - 11:15am

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Cook Stars (3-8yrs) (8/4 only)
10:30 - 11:30am

THURSDAY

Wellesbourne Methodist Church
Let's Play Special (2/4 & 9/4)
09:30 - 11:00am

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Baby Time (2/4 & 9/4)
1:00 - 2:00pm

FRIDAY

Stratford C&FC
HomeEd (5-11 yrs) (10/4 only)
10:00 - 12noon

Alcester C&FC
Baby Time (10/4 only)
2:00 - 3:00pm

Eventbrite Bookings

If you are unable to attend please CANCEL your booking on Eventbrite to allow others to have your place

EASTER

Lighthorne Heath C&FC
Every SECOND Saturday of the month
Saturday Club 11/04 (suitable for children under 8 years)
10.00 - 11.30am

04/03/2026

24/03/2026



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CREATIVE DANCE WORKSHOPS
FOR AGES 2-4 & THEIR GROWN-UPS
AT STRATFORD CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTRE
Monday 30th March
9.30-10.15 or 10.45-11.30

BOOK A FREE PLACE
t: 01789 266624
e: stratforddistrictcfcadmins
@barnardos.org.uk
or call in at Stratford
Children & Family Centre

Funded by Stratford Children & Family Centre. Please let us know if you are unable to attend, where possible within 24 hours, as there will be a waiting list due to room capacity.

time to move, play & be creative with your child

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Early Support Team

Family Support Drop in Sessions

Stratford Children's Centre Every **Thursday 12.30-3pm**

Alcester Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre Every **Wednesday 1-3pm**

We can offer Support with...

Health and wellbeing

Supporting your Child's Mental Health

Understanding your Child's Behaviour

Behaviour Management

Developing Routines and Boundaries

Parenting Advice

Guidance and Support

So Much More...

**Pop in for a Relaxed Chat, Cuppa and
Support or Call us on**

Early Support Duty Line 01926414144

Monday-Friday between 9am-4pm





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**Barnardo's Warwickshire
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SEND

Outdoor Messy Play

Mondays 10-11am
Lighthorne Heath CFC
0-5years

Outdoor garden and
mud pit

Mud pies and potions

Pavement chalks

Stick painting

Sand and water play

Book your free space here!



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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.