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C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 16th March 2026

Whole school Reminders	
Rashes	If your child develops a rash, we kindly ask that you seek medical advice, before returning them back to school. Some rashes can be associated with infectious illnesses, and we need to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils and staff.
Appointments	We are seeing a significant increase in children being collected for appointments. We ask that optician and dental appointments are booked outside school hours. For urgent medical/specialist appointments, provide proof (e.g. email, letter, appointment card, text) to admin3595@welearn365.com .
Drop-off and collection	We would like to remind everyone that scooters and bikes are not permitted to be ridden in the playground during drop-off and collection times. This is an important safety measure to protect children and adults, particularly during busy periods when the playground is crowded. We ask that: • you encourage your child to dismount from their bikes and scooters before entering the school grounds. • you discourage your child from scooting/ cycling in the playground • you walk with your child whilst pushing/carrying their scooter or bike through the playground
Welcome to Our Community Ambassador	 Welcome to Our Community Ambassador We are delighted to introduce Mary, who has recently joined us in a new role as Community Ambassador. This is an exciting pilot initiative that we are running in partnership with another school in our Trust, designed to further strengthen the connection between school and the families we serve. Mary's role is all about supporting families and building positive relationships between home and school. She will be a friendly, welcoming presence at the school gates and around our community, and will work closely with families to help navigate any challenges that may arise. Whether that means helping families access support services, connecting them with local organisations, or simply being someone to talk to, Mary's role is to help ensure that every family feels supported, listened to and confident in engaging with school life.



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	We are very pleased to be trialling this role for the Arden Forest MAT and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have for our children, families and wider school communities. Please do say hello to Mary if you see her around school. 😊	
Puzzles	Our Wrapround staff are after 100 – 300 piece puzzles. If you have any child friendly puzzles that you wish to donate, please drop them to the school office. They would be very grateful!	
Comic Relief		If you wish to make a donation towards this incredible charity, please pay your donation directly to our schools Just Giving page – the link is below. https://www.justgiving.com/page/alcester-st-nicholas-c-of-e-primary-school-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020
Menu Changes – Tuesday 17 th 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.

Don't forget
to bring cash.





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Science
Week
Competition

Science Competition

British Science Week
9th – 13th March
This Year's Theme: Curiosity

You are invited to participate by doing your own science research at home and making a **display board** or large **A3 poster** of your findings.

- There are loads of **STEM topics** to be explored!

Do you have a pet at home? Perhaps you're interested in **animal behaviour**.

Or maybe you're curious about your **local environment**?

Or would you like to know more about your **favourite toy or snack**?

Projects need to be brought to school by **Monday 13th April** for **display and judging**. All pupils who enter will receive a **certificate and small gift**. There will be a larger prize and medal for the overall winners in each phase-EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. **Good luck!!**

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.



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	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	Class Photos – Reception A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 23rd March to take class photos of the Reception children. Stay and Play – 16.03.2026 We're delighted to invite you to a Stay & Play session in your child's classroom! Date: Monday 16th March Time: 9:00–10:00am This is a lovely opportunity for you to spend some time in school with your child, enjoy some activities together and see some of the wonderful learning that takes place each day, alongside your child's teachers. Please let us know if your child will not have an adult attending with them, so we can make sure everyone is supported during the session. If a parent is unable to attend, a grandparent or other family member are very welcome to join instead. Due to limited space in the classroom, we kindly ask that you avoid bringing younger siblings or pushchairs, where possible. We're really looking forward to welcoming you into the classroom and sharing this special time with you and your child. Best wishes, Reception Team



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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 25 th February, thank you.
Year 4	
Year 5	Walking home We appreciate that some Year 5 and 6 pupils walk home independently and we would be grateful if you could please remind your child to walk out of the school sensibly, ensuring they are courteous and respectful to parents who may be navigating the path/ playground.
Year 6	Leavers Photos – Year 6 A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 23 rd March to take photos of the Year 6 children in readiness for their leavers pack. Walking home We appreciate that some Year 5 and 6 pupils walk home independently and we would be grateful if you could please remind your child to walk out of the school sensibly, ensuring they are courteous and respectful to parents who may be navigating the path/ playground.
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



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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
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
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)



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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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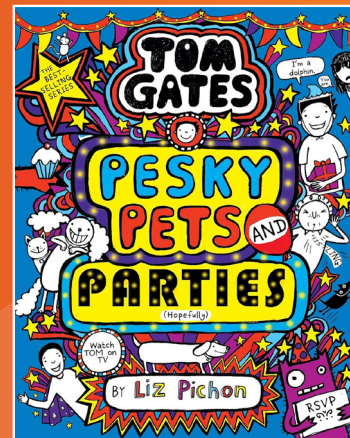
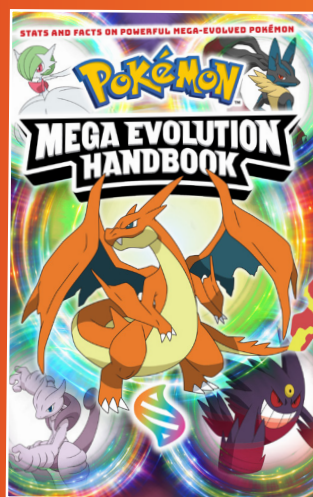
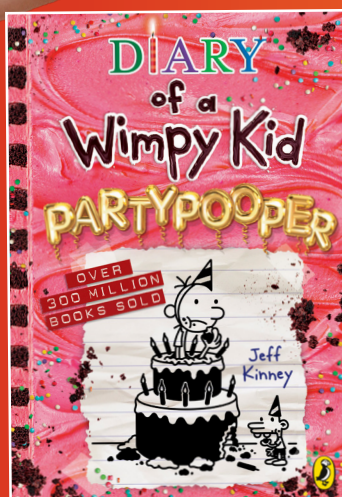
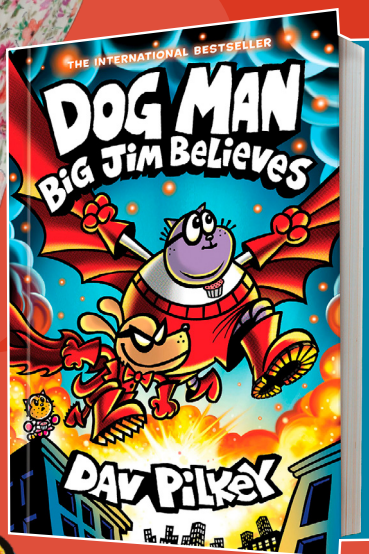
- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 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.

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AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

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DATE:

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April

TIME:

3:30-4:00 daily

LOCATION:

On the KS2 school playground

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