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Weekly What's On

w/c 18th May 2026

Whole school Reminders

School Keep Clear (zig-zag) markings – an important reminder for parents and carers



School Keep Clear markings are in place to protect children, families and the wider school community.

By keeping these areas completely clear of vehicles, visibility is improved for:

- Children and young people crossing the road
- Parents and carers walking to and from school
- Drivers navigating busy, congested environments

When drivers stop, wait or pull over on the School Keep Clear markings, sightlines are reduced and the risk of a collision increases.

The Highway Code states:

"You must not wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping."

What This Means for All Drivers

No parking or waiting: Drivers must not pull over, wait, park, or briefly stop for any reason on the zig-zag markings. Even stopping briefly to let a child out or collect them is not allowed.

Always check the signs: School Keep Clear restrictions operate at the times shown on the upright signs and apply to all vehicles during those periods.

Simple actions, such as stopping just a little further away and walking the final distance, play a significant role in keeping the school entrance safer for everyone.

Civil Enforcement Officers patrol School Keep Clear zones and vehicles stopping in contravention may receive a £70 Penalty Charge Notice. However, the primary aim remains education, awareness and long-term behaviour change.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/onstreetparkingrestrictions>



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Census Menu

On **Thursday 21st May 2026** it is school Census Day. On this day, we'll be serving a fun and exciting school menu and we would love as many children as possible to join in!

Census Day is when schools record how many children have a school meal. The number of meals taken on this day directly affects the funding our school receives for the year ahead. More pupils enjoying a school meal on Census Day means more money for resources, activities, and experiences for all our children.

Please encourage your child to have a school meal on the day, even if they don't usually do so. Our kitchen team will be offering a special, child-friendly menu to make the day extra enjoyable. There is no need to book in advance, just let your child know to choose a school meal on the day. If you have any questions or concerns (including about dietary needs or Free School Meals eligibility), please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support. By encouraging your child to enjoy a school meal on Census Day, you'll be helping the school secure valuable funding that benefits every pupil.

21st May Census Day Menu

Chicken Nuggets
or
Vegetarian Hotdog
Served with
Beans
Sweetcorn
Potato Wedges

Chocolate Cookie

caterlink
feeding the imagination



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Book Sale

On Friday 22nd May 2026, the Year Six children will be running a second-hand children's book fair after school. The event will be in the KS2 Playground, weather permitting. All are welcome to come and grab some bargains!

We are also seeking donations of children's books you no longer need to sell at the event. Books in good used condition can be dropped off either at the school office (into the postbox in the lobby, or to Alcester Library during opening hours, between 11th-21st May.

This event is to raise money for the leaver celebrations, and is also part of the National Year of Reading (www.goallin.org.uk).





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NEARLY NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS WANTED

Unwanted children's books in good condition are wanted for a book sale in aid of the St Nicholas Class of 2026 Leaver's Fund

Please only donate books you would be happy to buy yourself. Old books are welcomed but please ensure they are intact with no missing pages, or damage such as drawing or stains.

**Donations can be dropped off between
Monday 11 May - Thursday 21 May to:**

St Nicholas School Reception
or Alcester Library
(during opening hours)



National
Year of
Reading
2026



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Advance Notice
– Non School
Uniform

**FRIENDS OF
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**NON
SCHOOL
UNIFORM DAY**

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

**PLEASE BRING
SWEETS**
TO HELP US WITH OUR
STALL AT THE
ALCESTER STREET MARKET

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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Advance Notice
– Glow Disco

**FRIENDS OF
ST NICHOLAS
SCHOOL**

**GLOW
DISCO**

GET YOUR GLOW ON AND LET'S DANCE!

★ FRIDAY 5TH JUNE ★

	REC YR 1 & 2	3-4 PM
	YR 3 & 4	4-5 PM
	YR 5-6	5-6 PM

GLITTER, GLOW & GOOD VIBES!

TICKETS £5
WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO BUY **NEXT WEEK**
THROUGH FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS

TICKET £5



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Volunteers
Needed – Sports
Day



WALK TO
SCHOOL WEEK!

As part of our upcoming Sustainability Week, we're excited to be launching a fun "Walk to School Bingo" challenge for all children to take part in! Whether your child walks all the way to school, scoots part of the journey or tries a simple "park & walk" approach, we'd love everyone to join in where they can. The idea is all about encouraging children to notice the world around them while enjoying a little extra fresh air and movement.



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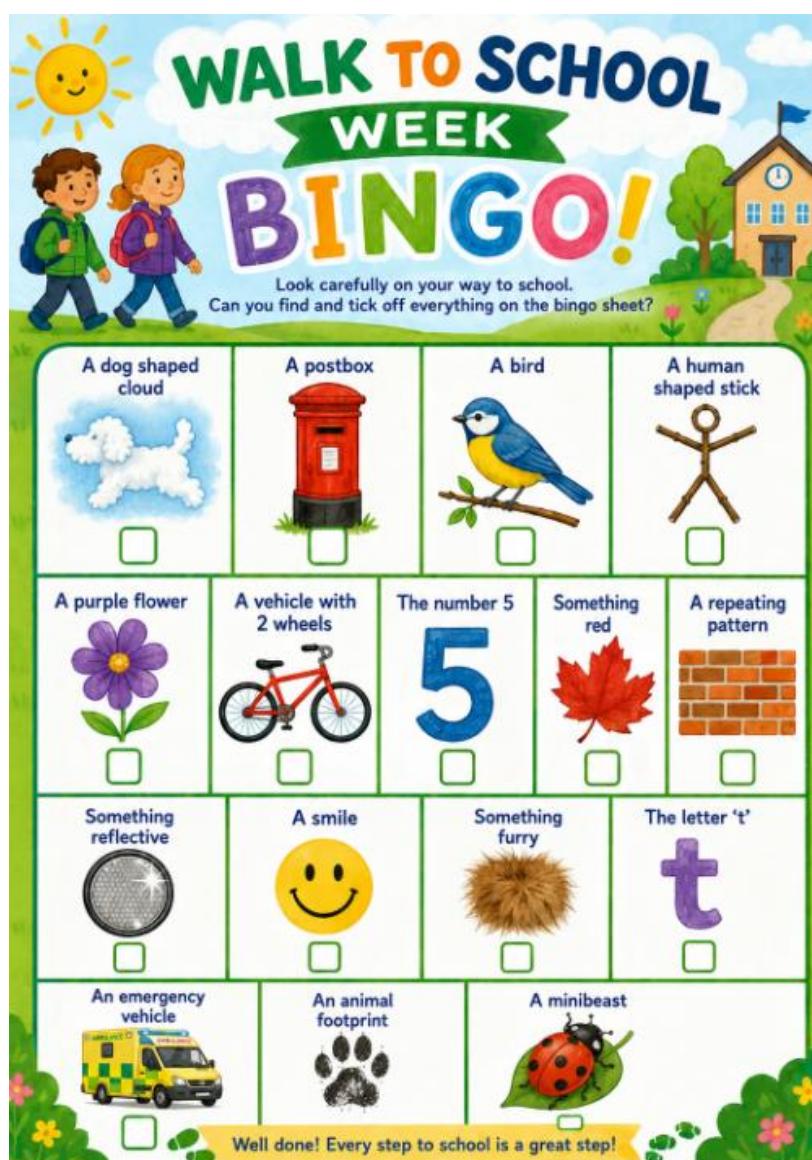
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Walking to school can help children feel more awake and ready for the day, build independence, improve wellbeing, and reduce traffic and pollution around school, even small changes can make a big difference.

Children will receive a “Walk to School Bingo” sheet filled with things to spot on their journey, such as birds, flowers, road signs, different vehicles and more. The aim is simply to enjoy the journey and see how many things they can tick off throughout the week!

This is not a competition, we just hope it will be a fun incentive to help children get moving a little more during Sustainability Week. We can't wait to hear about what they spot along the way!





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Tennis Coaching	We have arranged for Alcester Tennis Club to teach each year group some specialist tennis skills. Please ensure your child comes to school in full PPA on their allotted day (see below) Tuesday 2nd June KS1 / Rec 9.20 - 9.50 RD 9.50 - 10.30 RP 11.00-11.40 1K 1.00-1.40 1B 1.40-2.20 2W 2.20-3.00 2H Friday 5th June KS2 (it is also Non-Uniform Day – please ensure your child’s clothing is appropriate for sports) 9.30-10.30 Year 3 11.00-12.00 Year 4 1.00-2.00 Year 5 2.00-3.00 Year 6
Planet Protectors Sustainability Week 18th - 22nd May	We are excited to announce we are having a Planet Protectors Sustainability Week from 18th - 22nd May, this has been inspired by David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on Friday 8th May. On Monday we are kicking the week off with a no electricity day (apart from the kitchens, phones, and laptops for Studybugs / CPOMS!). On Tuesday, we will have our school water assembly from Severn Trent Water. On Wednesday: Animal print day (except for Reception) – children have the option to come to school dressed as an animal or an explorer. If they don't wish to dress up, children can come to school with an animal print accessory which they can wear with their school uniform i.e. t-shirt, leggings, hair accessories, shoes etc On Friday, we will come together for a celebration where each year group will get to share the outcome of their activity.



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Parent Survey	We'd really value your feedback. We are inviting you to take part in a short survey about parent and carer engagement at St Nicholas and across the Arden Forest Trust. Your views genuinely make a difference and help us continue to improve the experience for our children and families. To take part, please click here: https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/zVt7Rok0fKq67ZCfP3ufltnu3z The survey is anonymous and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. It does need to be completed in one go and will remain open until 22nd May. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts—we really appreciate it. If you have any questions, please do get in touch. With thanks, Mrs Newell, Mrs Allen and Mrs O'Hanlon
Bags2School 	The Friends of St Nicholas have organised a clothing & shoe collection with Bag2School for the morning drop-off on Wednesday 20th May 2026, which is an easy way to raise funds. The children will come with a Bag2School bag today. Items can include adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), belts, handbags and bags as well as jewellery, household linens and soft toys. There is no limit on the number of bags so if you are having a massive clear-out, we can accept multiple bags! Note: they do not accept school or work uniform, soft toys, towels, bedding & curtains. Please note duvets, pillows and work or school uniform are not accepted. <u>Please do not drop any bags before Wednesday 20th May 2026.</u>



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Coming up next week

Reception

19/05/2026

Next week you might have noticed there is an exciting option to dress as an animal or in animal print to celebrate the great David Attenborough's 100th birthday! Due to the children having swimming that day and the summer fair, we have decided to move this dress-up day to Tuesday 19th May instead, for Reception only.

Reception Fair

We are really looking forward to our upcoming Reception Summer Fair on Wednesday 20th May 2026 and hope you can join us for a fun-filled afternoon! ⌚ Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm As the school is now cashless, all payments for the fair will be made using our special “Bug Bucks” system.

How it works:

- Bug Bucks must be purchased in advance via ParentPay. <https://www.parentpay.com/>
- 1 Bug Buck = 50p. They need to be purchased in increments of £5.00. Select Quantity x 1 for 10 Bug Bucks (£5.00) Select Quantity x 2 for 20 Bug Bucks (£10.00) Select Quantity x 3 for 30 Bug Bucks (£15.00) Select Quantity x 4 for 40 Bug Bucks (£20.00) Select Quantity x 5 for 50 Bug Bucks (£25.00)
- These will be sent home with your child before the fair
- On the day, children will use their Bug Bucks at each stall
- The deadline for Buck Buck sales is Friday 15th May 2026. You will not be able to purchase Bug Bucks, thereafter. You are welcome to purchase as many Bug Bucks as you wish, and you may also buy them for other family members.

Please note that:

- All purchases must be made through your child's ParentPay account in advance
- Unfortunately, Bug Bucks are non-refundable To help you plan, a poster is attached showing each stall and how many Bug Bucks are needed.

Additional information:

- All family members are very welcome to attend
- Due to space, pushchairs will need to be left outside the school office



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- If you are unable to attend, another family member is welcome to come in your place
- If your child will be attending without a grown-up, please let us know in advance so we can ensure they are supported. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you there for a wonderful afternoon!



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Reception Fair

Wednesday 20th May 2026

Join Us for Our Reception Fair!



We're raising funds to help provide even more wonderful opportunities and experiences for our children... **Everyone is welcome, we can't wait to see you there!**

Tattoos—1 buck
Adopt a cuddly toy—2 bucks
Tombola —2 bucks for 5 tickets
Guess how many gummy bears in the jar—1 buck
Crazy golf—1 buck
Lucky dip—1 buck
Your child's handmade craft—2 bucks
Guess the name of the bear—1 buck
Ring toss—1 buck for 5 rings
Pop the nose on the bear—1 buck
Bows, bling and beautiful things—1 buck each
Biscuits—1 buck each
Raffle—2 bucks a strip





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Year 1	22/05/2026  On Friday 22nd, Year 1 will be watching a PG film version of The Lorax. This will support our current learning about sustainability and will provide a valuable opportunity to deepen the children's understanding of environmental responsibility in an age-appropriate way. If you would prefer that your child does not watch the film, please let us know via Studybugs by Friday 22nd. Kind regards, Year 1 Staff
Year 2	22/05/2026 On Friday 22nd May, the children are invited to bring in a soft toy or cuddly creature from home to help with our roleplay activity. We have already designed a habitat in school and we would now like the children to prepare a short presentation at home to share with the class. Please help your child to practise becoming a "Habitat Expert" for their creature by preparing a few ideas to talk about, such as: What their creature is called How to look after it What it likes to eat Where it sleeps How to keep it happy, healthy and safe The children should practise speaking clearly and using an "expert voice" ready to present to the class. On Friday the children will: Bring in their soft toy or creature Present their ideas to the class Pretend to be Habitat Experts Share their top tips for caring for their creature Please only send in a toy that is soft and easy to carry, named if possible and not precious, valuable or sentimental. We are looking forward to hearing all of the wonderful expert presentations on Friday 22nd May!
Year 3	For our upcoming Sustainability Art Project, we are collecting a range of recyclable materials for the children to use in their artwork. Please could you save and send in the following items: Milk bottle caps Cardboard Cereal boxes Old magazines Plastic lids Crisp and chocolate bar wrappers Buttons Any other clean recyclable materials Please ensure all items are clean and safe for children to handle. Could all donations please be brought into school on Monday 18th May.



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	Thank you for your support — we are looking forward to creating some fantastic sustainable artwork!
Year 4	
Year 5	Y5 Viking Experience Day – Tuesday 16th June 2026 Please see our letter of 12th May regarding this exciting event in school, consent and contribution to be made on ParentPay by Friday 29th May please. Y5 Bell Boating – Monday 8th 5W & Tuesday 9th 5G Please see our letter of 13th May regarding the Bell Boating trips for Y5 in June, please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 29th May. Open Mornings



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Year 6

Sustainability Week – Single Use Plastics by Monday 18th May

Week commencing the 18th May 2026, is sustainability week, in conjunction with David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Year 6 have been tasked with creating sustainable fashion using single-use plastic. Over the next couple of weeks, please save any single-use plastics you have at home and send your child in with these on Monday 18th, which they will then be using to create their sustainable fashion items.

Class Leavers Photo

Photo proofs with order codes went home with your child on 6th/7th May. If you would like to order please do so by Wednesday 20th May for free delivery to school.

Y6 Boreatton Park Parents' Information Meeting

We would like to invite you to attend a **Parents' Information Meeting on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 5.00 – 5.30 pm** in the school hall. We



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	look forward to seeing you then. Children welcome if you are struggling for childcare.
Other news	
Useful Links	
Vacancies	We currently have no vacancies.

Diary Dates

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

Summer

Date	Time	info
20.05.2026	PM	Reception Summer Fair
20.05.2026	9.00 am	Bag2School collection
21.05.2026		Census Day/ Special Menu
22.05.2026		Year 6 Book Sale
22.05.2026		Children break up
Half term break – 25.05.2026 to 29.05.2026		
01.06.2026	All day	Teacher Training day
02.06.2026	All day	KS1 & Reception – Tennis Skills
05.06.2026	All day	KS2 – Tennis Skills (as it's Non School Uniform – please ensure clothing is suitable for sport)
05.06.2026	All day	Non School Uniform
05.06.2026	After school	PTA – Glow Disco
08.06.2026	All week All week	Year 4 MTC all week Phonics screening year 1 and year 2 retakes Year 5 Bell Boating
09.06.2026	Am	Year 2 Church visit – world views Year 5 Bell Boating
16.06.2026		Year 1 Water Walk Year 5 Viking Day
23.06.2026		Sports Day
24.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
25.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL



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26.06.2026		Year 6 PGL Year 3 Fishing
30.06.2026		Reserved Sports Day Date
06.07.2026	All day	Redpoint Mobile Climbing Wall (Year 3 – 6) Year 4 Open Water Swimming
07.07.2026	Am	Year 6 Church visit – worldviews/truth Year 2 Trip to Brean
10.07.2026	All day	Reports out to families Leavers festival (provisional date)
13.07.2026		3J Heart of England
15.07.2026	4pm	Optional parents' consultations (families call office to book) 3L Heart of England
17.07.2026	AM	Leavers performance/awards
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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Warwickshire Libraries presents...

SATURDAY STORY ADVENTURES



Alcester Library
Saturday 30th May
3:30pm-5pm

FREE event - Book on Eventbrite

Come and join us for brand new, monthly sessions for children ages 6-12! We will have games, themed crafts and activities as well as designated book choosing and reading together time. May's theme is **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**.

Scan to book your place



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Repair Cafe Alcester

Fix it for Spring

SHARPEN YOUR TOOLS
REPAIR BROKEN SPADE/FORK HANDLES
REFRESH YOUR BICYCLE
SPRING CLEAN YOUR ELECTRICAL CUPBOARD
PATCH UP YOUR OUTDOOR TEXTILES
FIX WOBBLY GARDEN CHAIRS
REPAIR BIRDHOUSES

THURSDAY 28TH MAY
2pm until 5pm

Eric Payne Community Centre
Alcester
B49 6AG

THE BIG FIX
2026



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**ALCESTER
COMMUNITY
ORCHARD BIOBLITZ**

DISCOVER THE WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Date : 9th June 2026
Location : Alcester Community Orchard, Jubilee Fields B49 6AG
Time : drop in between 12pm – 2pm or 5pm – 7pm
(Allow 30 mins to take part)

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY –
JUST CURIOSITY AND ENTHUSIASM!
EVERYTHING ELSE PROVIDED**

**HELP RECORD REAL WILDLIFE DATA AND LEARN FUN
FACTS ABOUT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

**JO FROM HAVEN 4 WILDLIFE WILL BE
THERE TO GUIDE YOU AND HELP COLLECT THE DATA
PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR**



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CLIMATE AND NATURE FAMILY DAY

9th June 3pm - 6pm @ Eric Payne Community

Centre



MEET LOCAL GROUPS MAKING A DIFFERENCE
EASY IDEAS TO GO GREENER AT HOME
FRIENDLY EXPERTS WITH HELPFUL TIPS
MAP YOUR FUTURE WALL - SHARE YOUR IDEAS
ENERGY SAVING ADVICE & EASY ECO SWAPS
CREATE YOUR OWN SAUSAGE DOG DRAUGHT EXCLUDER
HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP WITH DISCOUNTED HOT
AND COLD COMPOSTING BINS

<https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com>





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WHITSUN HALF

TERM MULTI SPORTS CLUB



VENUE: ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY

DATES: TUES 26TH, WED 27TH, Thurs 28TH May

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-3.15pm

Limited spaces

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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Join us for a buzzing
day of family fun
celebrating pollinators
and nature!

BEE FESTIVAL

free family event
(car parking charges may apply)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

BEE BOMBS

BUILD A BEE B&B

BEE-AUTIFUL FACE PAINTING

GARDEN TOURS (LIMITED SPACES)

LIVE MUSIC

HONEY THEMED TREATS

PLANTS FOR SALE

FREE WILDFLOWER SEEDS

INSECT HUNT TRAIL

Saturday 30th May

10am until 2pm

Coughton Court,

Alcester, B49 5JA



<https://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/information/natural-environment/>