



Weekly What's On

w/c 18th November 2024

Whole school Reminders	
Medication	As we approach the winter months, a reminder to administer prescribed medication (e.g. three doses of antibiotics) out of school hours where possible please, thank you for your support.
Leave of Absence	We are a referring school and refer all absences to Warwickshire County Council. Headteachers are not able to grant any leave of absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances attached to the application. Please note that family holidays are not permitted during term time. It is crucial for your child's education that they attend school regularly. If you feel your child's absence falls under exceptional circumstances, a Leave of Absence application can be made. This is done via an electronic form. The link is as follows: https://forms.office.com/r/2jbNUFCAda If a leave of absence is refused and the child is taken out of school, the absence will be considered as unauthorised and may result in legal action being taken. Attached to this letter is the Leave During Term Time information – Updated Information for Parents document.
Online Safety Newsletter	Our Online Safety Newsletter is ready to view on our website. The link is https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-nicholas-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/74a1f05b-9218-4d43-9680-61b592c90afb/online-safety-newsletter-primary-november-2024.pdf
School Uniform	<u>My Clothing</u> My Clothing are offering a 10% discount on school clothing until 20/12/2024. The discount code is UNIFORM10 <u>Preloved Uniform</u> Please sell your preloved uniform on our Grown Out Of It shop! There are a few items listed already but we would love to see more added over the



	Autumn Term. Listing items is quick and easy. It is an amazing opportunity to donate money to your school whilst selling your school uniform. Please note that we are no longer taking donations of uniform so if you are having a clear out this is the best place to go. https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/school/St_Nicholas_CofE_Primary/21517
Coming up next week	
22/11/2024 Crazy Hair Day	see attached poster
22/11/2024 Cake sale	The Alcester Brownies are holding a charity bake sale on the KS2 playground at 3.15 pm in aid of their chosen charities.
Window Wanderland	Message from Alcester Town Council: "Window Wanderland is back in January 2025. You can find details and join in this free fantastic event for everyone via https://www.windowwanderland.com/area/alcester/
22/11/2024 Assembly	This week's Dream Big, Shine Bright assembly is for KS1
Year 3	Girls Football Festival – Please give consent on ParentPay by Monday 18 th November if you would like your child to take part.
Year 4	Girls Football Festival – Please give consent on ParentPay by Monday 18 th November if you would like your child to take part.
Year 5	Tuesday 19th November: Y5 visiting Alcester Academy – Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Performance. Bikeability – please give consent on ParentPay by 22nd November if you would like your child to take part.
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



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Vacancies

St Nicholas C of E Primary School

We are looking for a Caretaker and a One to One Teaching Assistant.

<https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/vacancies/>



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We are
looking for
a Caretaker

 01789 762578

apply now!

St Nicholas C of E Primary School is committed to the promotion of equal opportunities and diversity. It is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and references. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to online checks.

Bayleaf

Wanted: After-school cookery club class leader, five days per week, term time only for Bayleaf Cookery School.

We run the after-school cookery club on Tuesdays at St Nicholas' and we're looking for a class leader to run our clubs at St Nicholas' in Alcester and at four Stratford primary schools – Bridgetown, Holy Trinity, Alveston and The Croft. The job will start as soon as possible with full training being given. No specific experience is required, just enthusiasm for cookery and enjoyment of working with children. The pay is £16 per hour for 12.5 hours per week – each class requires 2.5 hours work and pays £40. If you're interested, please contact Andrew on 07976 623 727 or andrew@bayleafcookeryschool.co.uk



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Crazy **HAIR DAY**

Friday 22nd November 2024

BRING A BAR OR BOX OF CHOCOLATES

Children are invited to add a crazy hair style to their uniform in exchange for a forfeit of chocolates for our St Nicholas Night stall and Grotto. Children can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky, or creative manner.

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.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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.

- 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.

A background image of a swimming pool with children. In the foreground, a young boy with dark hair and green swimming goggles is holding a green ring. In the background, other children are visible in the water.

BOOK TOURS NOW

**APPLY FOR
SEPTEMBER 2025**

Book your morning tour of
our school

Tuesday 15th October
Tuesday 19th November
Thursday 9th January

Or book for our open evening
between 6.00 and 8.00 pm on
Wednesday 6th November

The logo is circular with a blue border. Inside, there is a yellow building icon. The text "Dream big, shine bright" is written in a curve at the top. The text "St NICHOLAS Alcester" is in the center, and "CE Primary School" is written in a curve at the bottom.

www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk

A standard black and white QR code located in the bottom right corner of the banner.