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Weekly What's On

w/c 20th April 2026

Whole school Reminders

School
Carpark



To ensure the safety of all our pupils, families, and staff, please follow these important guidelines:

- **Be Vigilant:** Please be aware of cars pulling in and out of the carpark at all times. Drivers may not always see you or your child.
- **Supervise Children:** Make sure your child stays by your side as you arrive and leave the school site. Do not let them run ahead or behind.
- **Do Not Walk Through the Carpark Gate:** For everyone's safety, please use the designated pedestrian routes and avoid walking through the carpark gate, even if you are in a hurry.
- **Use Designated Pedestrian Paths:** Always stick to the marked walkways and crossing points. These routes are designed to keep pedestrians separated from vehicle traffic.
- **Be patient and courteous** with other drivers and pedestrians.
- **Please discuss these safety** reminders with your child so they understand why it's important.

Online Safety
Newsletter
Primary April
2026

April's Online Safety Newsletter can be viewed on our website. The link is below:

<https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>



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Special Menu
-Thursday
23/04/2026





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Messy
Church -
21/04/2026



**God's Big
Stories**

The Road to Freedom



**Come and join us for crafts,
story time, celebration and a hot
meal for all the family.**

Tuesday 21st April 2026

3.30pm-5.30pm

The Eric Payne Centre, Alcester





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Book Fair Reminder

- We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair on the KS2 playground next week between on Monday to Thursday.

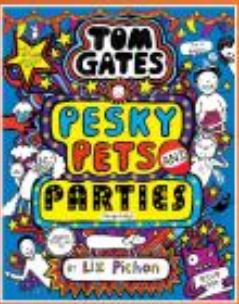
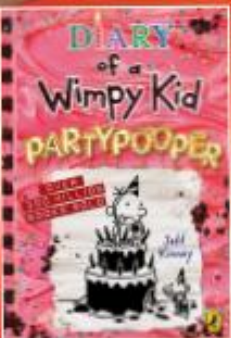


Every book you buy earns
FREE BOOKS
for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2



DATE:
Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April

TIME:
3:30-4:00 daily

LOCATION:
On the KS2 school playground



National Year of Reading 2020



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Discover
books from
£2.99

MORE NEW BOOKS YOU'LL LOVE!



Includes 4
free mini figures!

All books subject to availability.

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases



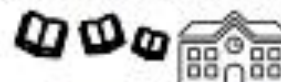
Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books.

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines. If your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over 25,000 worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. Warning: Not suitable for children under 5. Smaller print.



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Wanted - Chess Board	 If you have a chess board that you no longer use, we would appreciate if you could donate it to the school, via the school office. Thank you in advance.
Wanted - Herbs	Mrs McGarr is making a herb garden in Forest School with the children. If you could spare any herb plants, they would be much appreciated. 
Jogging Bottoms – Spare	We are after spare size 5/6 jogging bottoms. If you would like to donate, we would be happy to take them off your hands. Thank you in advance.
Activity Clubs	Don't forget.....activity clubs for Summer term starts w/c 20th April 2026. The bookings have now closed. They finish w/c 6th July 2026
SAVE THE DATE – Sports Day	 We wanted to share the initial arrangements for this year's Sports Day. We are planning to hold the event on 23rd June (weather permitting). Due to the longer session required, KS2 will take place in the morning, with KS1 and Reception scheduled for the afternoon. In the event that we need to postpone due to weather, the reserve date will be 30th June. Further details about the organisation and running of the day will be shared in due course. Thank you all for your support.



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Bingo – 24th
April 2026

The link for
purchasing
tickets is

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/bingo-night-142>

BINGO

24 APRIL

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

DOORS OPEN AT 5.30PM • EYES DOWN FOR 6 PM

RAFFLE • TUCKSHOP • LICENSED BAR

**£3
ENTRY**

(INCLUDES 1 BINGO BOOK)
ADDITIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT

SCAN FOR TICKETS



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BINGO NIGHT RAFFLE!

Fantastic Prizes to be Won!

-  £50 Arrow Mill Voucher
-  Afternoon Tea at Hillers
-  Adventure Cinema Tickets
-  All Things Wild Family Ticket
-  Cotswold Wildlife Tickets
-  Highland Cow Experience

 And many more... to be announced soon!

8 Tickets on sale soon through school & available on the **night!**

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BINGO

9	25	30	32
9	35	39	37
5	17	35	37
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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 If you have yet to do so, please give consent and make payment on ParentPay as soon as possible, 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	Diary Change – 17.7.2026 - Leavers performance/awards is in the morning.

Other news

Useful Links	
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Vacancies	We currently have no vacancies.
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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

Summer

Date	Time	info
20.04.2026		YR NHS Vision Screening
w/c 20.04.26		Book Fair (Monday to Thursday)
24.04.2026		Bingo to raise money for Year 6
27.04.2026	Morning All day	Year 5 Local river walk for geog/art 3J Heart of England Forest
28.04.2026	All day	3L Heart of England Forest
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 All week	Year 4 MTC 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	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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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.