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C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 23rd March 2026

Whole school Reminders

Community
Litter Pick -
21/03/2026



Community Litter Pick

21st March 2026

12th March 2026

Good day,

Litter Free Alcester is group formed in 2014 by volunteers who love our Town to be litter free.

Our volunteers regularly litter pick in areas where they live, work, go to school or enjoy leisure time. They also litter pick at events such as Alcester Food Festival and the Street Market.

Each Spring and Autumn we arrange a Community Litter Pick and to this I cordially invite any of your pupils and their families to join with us.

When & Where

The date is Saturday 21st March 2026.

We meet at The Eric Payne Centre (formally known as the Jubilee Centre) Alcester.

Start time is from 10am and finishes at 1pm although volunteers can litter pick for as short a time as they wish.

Other details

All equipment is provided including high viz waist coats and litter pickers.

In recognition of participation and as a thank you, all children will be given a certificate which is brought into school the following week.

Any efforts would be hugely appreciated.

Thank you very much.

King regards,

Siobhan Knight, Susan Juned & Di Jackson

Litter Free Alcester



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Parking	We wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of parking safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please remember to: • Avoid parking on yellow lines or on pavements • Be mindful of our neighbours and avoid blocking their driveways • Consider walking, cycling or car-sharing where possible to reduce congestion • Never stop or park on the zigzag lines outside school - these are in place to keep our children safe Inconsiderate parking can create dangerous situations for our pupils, particularly when children are crossing roads or walking on pavements. It can also cause frustration for our neighbours and the wider community. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping everyone safe and maintaining good relationships with our local community. Thank you for your understanding and support.
Scooter and bikes	Please could we encourage you/ your child to park their scooter or bike neatly in the bike shed when they arrive at school. It's important that scooters and bikes are positioned carefully to ensure they do not obstruct the pathway. This helps keep everyone safe and allows all children to access the bike shed easily. To ease the pressure on the bike shed near the office, we would like to encourage KS2 children to use the bike/ scooter storage/ racks that are located in the entrance of the KS2 gate.
Wraparound and Activity Clubs – Summer term	Please keep an eye out on Studybugs for a letter we will be sending early next week detailing our summer term activity clubs and wraparound. Places on our clubs will be on a first come first served basis
Doughnut Sale – Thank you.	 A big “thank you” to all the parents who supported the Year 6 fundraising event at the parent consultations and bought a yummy doughnut. They have not had a chance to count up the money but they know they have over £250 was raised.



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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. 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).
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	Change to PPA arrangements Next week, Year 4 will have their PPA slot on Monday due to the Edgmond Hall residential. Please could children come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day. This change is for one week only. Edgmond Hall Trip – 25th – 27th March Our exciting residential trip is nearly here!
Year 5	
Year 6	Leavers Photos – Year 6 A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 23rd March to take photos of the Year 6 children in readiness for their leavers pack.

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/
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News <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events>

Vacancies



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.



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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
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)
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 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.