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Weekly What's On

w/c 26th January 2026

Whole school Reminders	
Label belongings	We would like to remind all families to label ALL of your child's belongings, including: • School uniform (jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts, trousers, skirts, dresses) • Coats and jackets • PE kit and trainers • Shoes/ trainers • Lunch boxes and water bottles • Book bags and rucksacks • Hats, scarves and gloves Labelling your child's belongings helps us reunite lost items with the correct child quickly and efficiently. Without clear labels, items often end up in our lost property and it becomes very difficult to return them to their rightful owners.
Advance Notice Rugby Tots	We are excited to announce that Alcester Rugby Club will be running some taster sessions for our youngest budding rugby stars on the morning of Tuesday 10th March 2025. The sessions will be taking place on the school playground.
Year R – 2	All children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day.
Get Ready to Glow Year 2 – 5 Only	Dear Families, Get Ready to Glow! We are excited to announce a Glow Dodgeball Enrichment Day taking place at school on Monday 2nd February 2026! This action-packed day promises lots of fun, teamwork, and glowing excitement as children take part in dodgeball games under UV lights. To help everyone glow as brightly as possible, all children should come to school wearing their PPA kit on this day. Their plain white T-shirt is essential (and of course, glowing white teeth)! Glow-in-the-dark face paint will also be provided to make the day even more special. If you do not give permission for face paint to be used on your child, please inform a member of staff in advance. We can't wait to see the children light up the sports hall and enjoy this unique enrichment experience!



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There will be other exciting sporting opportunities for other year groups in case anyone is disheartened x

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We are incredibly proud to share that one of our Reception children is the **winner of the Warwickshire Road Safety competition!**



Her fantastic poster design, encouraging everyone to **"Park Safely"**, was chosen as the winning entry and has now been turned into a **real road safety sign**, which we will proudly display at the front of our school. What an amazing achievement at such a young age! 🙌 🧐

A huge thank you to **Kate from Warwickshire Road Safety** for joining us at today's **Dream Big, Shine Bright** celebration and helping us recognise this brilliant success.

Well done — we couldn't be prouder! ❤️ ★

🐼 **Panda Club Competition Winners!** 🐼

We're delighted to celebrate the winners of our **Panda Club competition!** 🌿 Children across the school were encouraged by our fantastic **Year 6 Panda Club members** to create a poster or fact file all about **pandas and the challenges they face**. We were blown away by the number of entries and the effort, creativity and care shown by everyone who took part.

The winners have now been announced and were presented with a **Panda-themed goodie bag**, independently designed and created by the Panda Club themselves – a brilliant example of leadership, teamwork and initiative. Well done to all who entered, and a huge thank you to our Year 6 Panda Club for inspiring others and championing such an important cause 🐾 ❤️



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Coming up next week

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Bikeability Learn to Ride Cycle Training If your child is taking part in the Learn to Ride training please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible please. KS2 Cross Country Competition If your child would like to participate please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 30th January, thank you.
Year 4	Bikeability Learn to Ride Cycle Training If your child is taking part in the Learn to Ride training please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible please. Edgmond Hall Payment The final payment for Edgmond should now have been made, if you have an outstanding balance we would be grateful this could be paid on ParentPay as soon as possible please. Any problems please let us know on admin3595@welearn365.com. Thank you. KS2 Cross Country Competition If your child would like to participate please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 30th January, thank you.
Year 5	Bikeability Cycle Training If your child is taking part in Bikeability training please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible please. KS2 Cross Country Competition If your child would like to participate please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 30th January, thank you.
Year 6	Boreatton Park Payment If you have yet to pay the January instalment on ParentPay please do so as soon as possible, thank you. Any problems please let us know on admin3595@welearn365.com. Thank you.



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KS2 Cross Country Competition

If your child would like to participate please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 30th January, thank you.

Youth Alpha starts on Sunday 25th January.



You're Invited!

Ages 10-18

Every Sunday from 25th January
to 29th March.
6-8pm

CHURCH HOUSE, BUTTER STREET.
Food. Fun. Real conversations about
life and faith.

Come as you are - bring a friend!

To register email: julie.lindsay@alcesterminster.org



What is it?

Youth Alpha is space to explore and ask questions about life and faith through fun and real conversations over food.

Who is it for?

Youth Alpha is for young people from year 6 to 18 years of age. You do not have to be a Christian or a regular church attendee to join the Youth Alpha course. It is designed to be welcoming to all and to help you to answer some of your own "big questions" about life and faith. We keep it light hearted and fun so don't worry about things being heavy or scary.

What do you need to bring?
Just yourself. We provide the rest.

Where and when is Youth Alpha?
We will meet every Sunday from 25th January to 29th March.
It runs from 6-8pm in Church House, Butter Street.

How do I get involved?
All you (or your parent) need to do is
email: julie.lindsay@alcesterminster.org to register.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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	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
02.02.2026		Get Ready to Glow (Years 2–5)
03.02.2026	AM	Reception church visit – mock wedding
07.02.2026	AM	KS2 Cross Country Competition – see letter dated 21.01.2026
09.02.2026	PM	Reception local walk
10.02.2026	AM	Rugby Tots (Years R-2)
13.02.2026		Break up for half term
Half term 16.02.2026 to 20.02.2026		
22.01.2026	5 pm	Year 6 SAT's Meeting – To be confirmed
23.02.2026		Children return to school
02.03.2026	All day	Height and weight (Rec pm/year 6 am)
05.03.2026	All day	World Book Day
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church
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
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
06.05.2026	All day	Reception School Trip
11.05.2026	All week	SATs week
22.05.2026		Children break up



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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
02.07.2026	Pm	Big Camp – year 2
03.07.2026	All day	Big Camp – year 2
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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FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CLUB



VENUE: ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY

DATES: MON 16TH TUES 17TH WED 18TH

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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WINTER WELLNESS

This series of workshops aims to give you the tools to keep you and your family well this winter, Sign up today, to support your family's health.



Winter Illnesses and Prevention

Monday, 2 February 2026 at 9.15am

- how to take a temperature and how to manage a fever
- taking a look at winter illnesses
- immunisations
- supporting an unwell child, with confidence



Getting Your Home Ready For Winter

Monday, 9 February 2026 at 9.15am

- black mould and how to prevent this in your home
- how to help prevent accidents, injuries or harm in the home
- how to help a person, should they fall, trip or get injured
- what can cause risk, or be a threat, to a child at home



Empowering Dads and Male Carers

Monday, 23 February 2026 at 9.15am

- join other male parents and carers to discuss techniques to deal with stress and anxiety
- get the tools you need to protect your own mental health and that of your children.



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Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 9PB



To book your place at your centre
Tel:01789266624

OR

for other dates online

SIGN UP USING OUR QR CODE OR GO TO:

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/virtual-family-space-coventry-warwickshire>

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Warwickshire
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Integrated Care System

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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.