



Whole school Reminders/ Notices	
Bank Holiday	A reminder that Monday 5th May is a bank holiday and school is closed. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 6 th May after the long weekend.
Cycles & Scooters Next Week	Please be aware that Y5 are participating in Bikeability training each day from Tuesday 6 th to Friday 9 th May so we anticipate a lot of cycle traffic around school! If your child is not in Y5 and is able to leave their bike or scooter at home on these days we would appreciate it, thank you.
VE Day Non-uniform 08/05/2025	As part of our school commemorating VE day on Thursday 8 th May, we are asking for children to dress up in red, white and blue outfits, in exchange for sweets for the Friends stall at the Alcester Street Market. Educateers have created us a wonderful VE Hot Lunch menu of Pork/ Vegetarian Sausages served with Mash Potato, Gravy and allotment vegetables. Followed by Jam Sponge and Custard or Strawberry Whip.
SIAMS inspection	Just a reminder. We have a SIAMS inspection on Thursday 8 th May 2025. The inspector will be on the school gate in the morning, please do feel free to say hello.
Cake Sale 8 th May 2025	A few of the Year 6 students are arranging a Bake sale after school in the KS2 playgrounds on Thursday 8 th May 2025 in aid of Alzheimer's Society (the poster is below). We hope you can support this cause. Please remember to bring loose change at pick-up .
Leave of Absence	Please see below the updated information for parents extract from Warwickshire County Council.
Boy Wonder & Girl Power Clubs	Invited pupils only – clubs start this week. If your child has been invited and would like to attend please give consent on ParentPay as soon as possible, thank you.
Activity Clubs – Summer term Y1-6	If your child would like to join an activity club for the summer term, we do have a few spaces remaining on some of our clubs. Please enquire with the school office on Tuesday morning should you wish to book them on.
Online Safety Newsletter- May	https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//
Dogs	We appreciate that some families combine their school walk with a dog walk and wait outside the school gates to collect their child, instead of entering the playground. It is very difficult for teachers to spot parents in this scenario. Teachers are unable to release children on the say so of a child and will not be released unless a parent is visible. This may mean that your child could be sent to the back of the queue. Ideally, we ask that parents make arrangements for



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their dog (i.e ask another parent to hold the lead), so you can collect your child as normal.

Sponsor Bug
and Mrs Howl



https://www.justgiving.com/page/alcester-st-nicholas-c-of-e-primary-school-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Our lovely Bug is a Pets as Therapy Dog (PAT) and has been since November 2023.

As a fantastic organisation they help many different animals become a PAT animal. They are having a fundraising event called Walk this May in which they are asking the team to walk 100km during May.

We would like to take part. So, over the month of May we are going to be walking around the school grounds with Bug and the children during the school days.

We would really appreciate if you could support this wonderful challenge by clicking on the Just Giving Page above.

Please see our Facebook page for updates.

Best wishes Mrs Howl

Coming up next week



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Reception	South Warwickshire Vision Screening and Ophthalmology team will be in school on Friday 9 th May to carry out vision screening, unless you have completed the form to opt out.
Year 1	
Year 2	Big Camp – the final instalment is now due. We would be grateful if you could ensure all payments have been made, thank you.
Year 3	
Year 4	Roman Heritage Centre Visits – if you have yet to do so, please log in to ParentPay and give consent/pay contribution urgently, thank you.
Year 5	Viking Experience Day – a polite reminder to give consent and pay the £3 contribution on ParentPay as soon as possible please if you have not already done so, thank you.
Year 6	Bell Boating – if you have yet to do so, please log into ParentPay and give consent for your child to attend urgently, thank 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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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.



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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.



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VE DAY

Hot Lunch Menu

Thursday 8th May 2025

Pork Sausages (G.SB.SU)

or

(vg) Vegetarian Sausages

Both served with
Mashed Potato (D)
Gravy,
and Allotment Vegetables.

(v) Jam Sponge and Custard
(D.G.E.)

or

(v) Strawberry Whip (D)

Allergen Free
alternatives are also
available

Allergen
G - Gluten
V - Vegetarian
VG - Vegan
D - Dairy
SB - Soya
E - Egg

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DEMENTIA BAKE SALE

COME JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON
THE 8TH OF MAY 2025



ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED TO

**Alzheimer's
Society**





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SUMMER TERM DATES – *subject to change*

Date	Time	Info
05.05.2025	All Day	Bank Holiday School closed
05 – 09.05.2025	All Day	Bikeability – Year 5
06.05.2025		4H Roman Heritage Centre Visit
08.05.2025	All Day	VE day – wear red/white/blue to celebrate. Children to bring in sweets for Friends PTA
08.05.2025	All Day	SIAMS inspection
08.05.2025	1 pm	Reception library visit
08.05.2025	3.15 pm	Charity bake sale in aid of dementia
09.05.2025	All Day	Reception vision screening
w/c 12.05.2025	All Day	Year 6 SATs (Mon-Thurs)
13.05.2025	All Day	Reception fairytale dress up day
15.05.2025	All Day	Census Day Change to menu/ special menu
19.05.2025	All Day	Year 6 Bell boating (class 6G)
20.05.2025	All Day	Year 6 Bell boating (class 6A)
20.05.2025	All Day	Viking experience – in hall – year 5
20.05.2025	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Reception summer fair
20.05.2025		4J Roman Heritage Centre Visits
w/c 26.05.2025	All Week	Half Term
02.06.2025	All Day	INSET Day
04.06.2025	1.00 pm	Olympic athlete visit
13.06.2025	All Day	Year 6 Lifespace transition session
16.06.2025	All Day	Open water swimming – Year 5
19.06.2025	All Day	World Music Day
24.06.2025	All Day	Year 2 trip to Coventry Cathedral and Herbert Gallery
25 -27.06.2025	All Day	PGL
01.07.2025	9.15 am to 11.00 am	SK1 Sports Day Morning



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02.07.2025	AM	Moving up day
07.07.2025	All Day	Heart of England Year 3
08.07.2025	9.15 am to 11.15 am	KS2 Sports Morning
09.07.2025	All Day	Heart of England Year 3
10.07.2025	Evening	Big Camp
11.07.2025	All Day	Y2 Big Camp
11.07.2025	End of day	Reports out to families
11.07.2025	5.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Leavers Festival
15.07.2025	1 – 3.00 pm	Rock academy world tour
16.07.2025	4.00 pm	Optional parents evening
18.07.2025	1.45 pm	Year 6 Leavers awards and ceremony
18.07.2025		Break up for summer