

Newsletter 581

21st July 2022

Be kind, be fair, be safe whilst learning together to be the best we can.



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, it is lovely to reflect on all that has been achieved this year. The pandemic has continued to be a factor in school life and the disruption it has brought but I'm pleased that the latter part of the school year has felt more like business as usual with us being able to enjoy a fantastic Summer Fair, Sports Day and a parent afternoon to name a few. Next year we will be bringing back parental attendance at Congratulations assemblies, class assemblies and parent afternoons.

I would like to thank the PTA for their enthusiasm and hard work in reforming and organising events such as the Summer Fair and movie nights. Many exciting events are already planned for next year and will be communicated to you in September. The money raised from these events provides us with much needed funds to provide the children with enrichment activities and additional resources that the school budget doesn't allow for.



Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children who will be moving onto junior school in September. They have achieved so much in the time they have been with us and have coped exceptionally well with the disruption they have had since starting school. We wish them every success for the future and hope that they continue to be the brilliant characters that they are.



Mrs Shilton, Mrs Johnson, Miss Cooper, Mrs Bates and Mr Manley are all leaving us today. I would like to thank them for their hard work in the time they have been with us and I wish them every success for the future.



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I would like to say a massive well done to all the children who are in school. They have worked so hard this year and have achieved so much. They have enjoyed time with their friends and have thrown themselves into all areas of school life.



We have an amazing staff team at Nathaniel Newton and I would like to thank each and everyone of them for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm day in and day out to ensure the children achieve the best education that we possibly can.

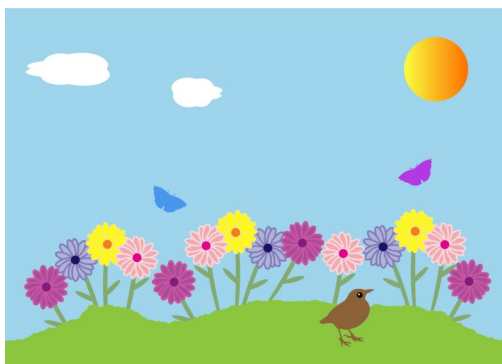


Finally, I would like to thank the families within our school community for your support throughout the year and for your positive comments to the staff team. Your support is very much appreciated by the whole staff team.



On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer break.

Mrs Forshaw
Headteacher



Year 2

What an absolutely brilliant yet emotional half term it has been. The children this half term have been so busy doing lots of various events. The first has to be the incredible end of Year 2 concert that they performed to both the school and parents. As teachers we are so proud of each and everyone of them. All of the children were fantastic and all worked so hard learning lines, dances and songs to ensure that they put on 3 spectacular performances. I am sure you will agree with me that they were all amazing! This leads me on to thanking you as parents and carers. We are extremely grateful to you for buying costumes for your children and also helping them with learning lines too.

As well as being brilliant in the concert, the children were also brilliant in sports day too. It was really lovely seeing huge smiles on the childrens' faces and hearing them all cheering each other on as well. Additionally we were super proud of the children because every single one of them took part and all had a smile on their faces the whole time! The children really enjoyed themselves.

Straight after Sports Day the children completed their 3 induction days at Michael Drayton. I am pleased to report that all of the children had a wonderful time and couldn't wait to tell us everything that they had got up to when they came back on the Monday with so much enthusiasm.

Finally to finish a very busy half term, as a well deserved reward we had an absolutely wonderful day at Cadbury World. It was so lovely watching the children really enjoying themselves, especially when they got the chance to eat chocolate and go into a 4D cinema! The children were an absolute credit to the school as everyone was so well behaved and a pleasure to take. Everyone including staff had a brilliant day out!

On Thursday unfortunately the children will be leaving us after having 3 wonderful yet eventful years at Nathaniel Newton. Seeing how far the children have come over these last 3 years has been so lovely even though their schooling has been hugely affected by COVID. The children have all truly blossomed this last year in year 2 and seeing them all individually flourish has been a pleasure to witness. I am certain that they will be as equally as brilliant at Michael Drayton as they have been at Nathaniel Newton as they are all superstars.

We hope that you all have a wonderful summer break making lots of lovely memories. Remember you are always welcome to come and visit us. We would also like to say an enormous thanks for all of the lovely presents and cards that we have received and all of the comments too all are very much appreciated. Thank you for all of the support that you have given us over the last 3 years too.

Good luck and well done on an incredible Year 2. You should all be so proud of yourselves as we are of you!



Year 1 Newsletter

Traditional Tales

Year One have had a very busy half term sharing and exploring lots of different Traditional Tales. Children and teachers alike have thoroughly enjoyed this topic as we are a year group full of book lovers! So... which Traditional tale is your favourite? There are so many to choose from...



The Three Little Pigs?

The Princess and the Pea?

The Elves and the Shoemaker?

Hansel & Gretel?

The Gingerbread Man?

The Three Billy Goats Gruff?

Jack and the Beanstalk?

Little Red Riding Hood?



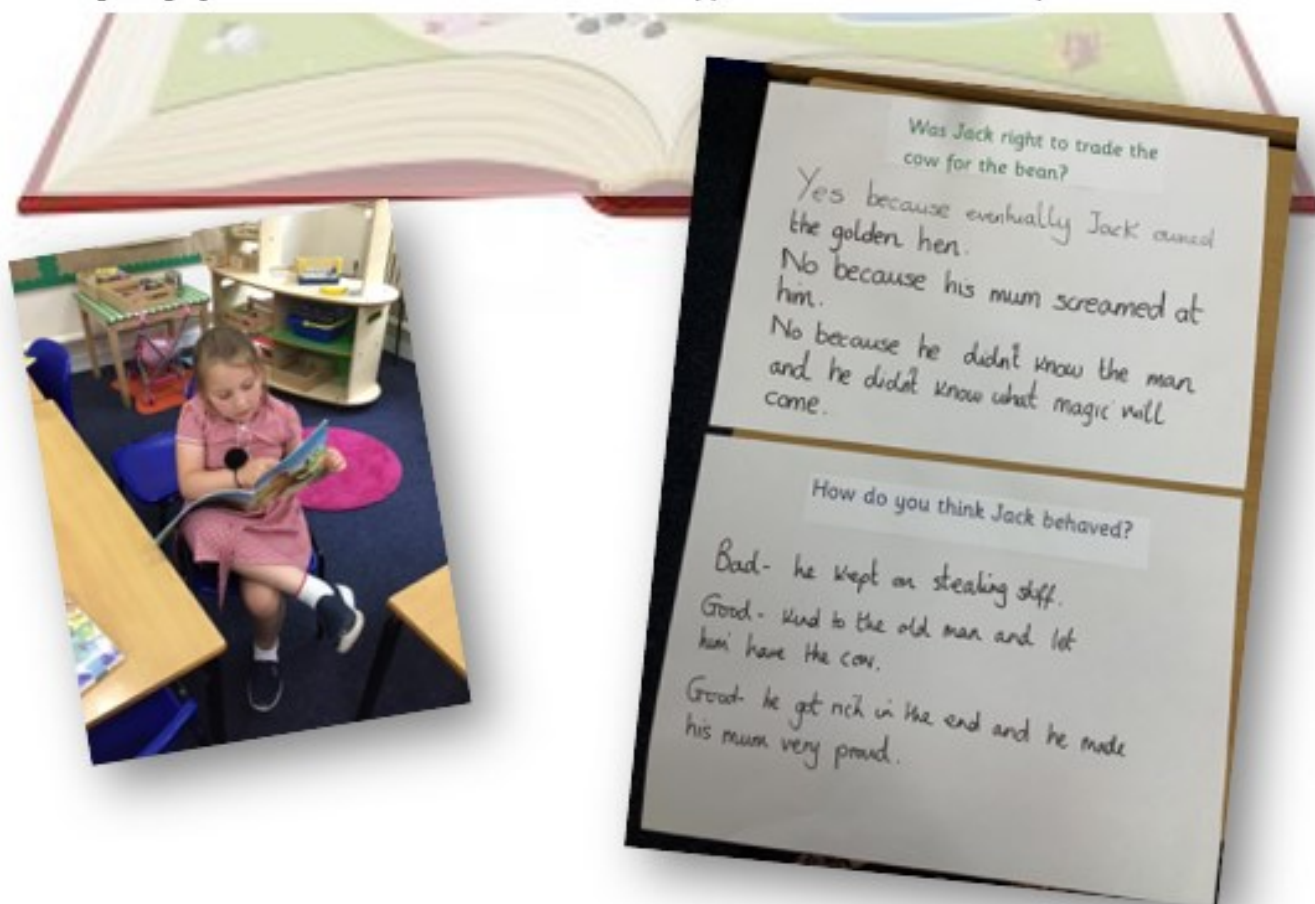
We have tried to read as many as possible, both as part of our topic and also to support our English curriculum and of course, simply for story time pleasure! Thanks to our library subscription service, each class has had a box of Traditional Tales to share and enjoy and we are prone to swapping! This has enabled our children to experience different versions of the same story and compare the similarities and differences between the versions, along with discussing our preferences. Each time we turned our focus to a different story, the children were asked to consider these overlapping themes that can often be found in a Traditional Tale.



Good and Bad Characters

Who are the characters? Do you like them? Are they good or bad? What are the consequences of their actions? Are they mythical or magical? Are they talking animals? What challenges do the good characters face? These are some of the questions that the children have discussed.

Jack and the Beanstalk provoked a very interesting debate....Was Jack a good character? Was he correct to enter the Giant's house without an invitation and remove the Giant's belongings? Was he correct to trade the cow for beans? The children proved themselves to be very insightful in their answers and were able to appreciate each other's viewpoints.



Settings

We discovered that the forest is one of the most common settings in a fairy tale. It can represent a place of both magic and danger. Hansel and Gretel were abandoned and lost in the woods whereupon they stumbled across a tempting house of sweet treats and found themselves trapped by a witch.

Little Red Riding hood followed a path through the woods that led her into danger in the form of a wolf dressed as Grandma....

The children were very good at identifying lots of different settings...castles, cottages, market place, beanstalks, rivers, paths and many more.



Power of Three

Lots of things happen in threes in Traditional Tales, thus creating a pattern which is great when writing and retelling stories. The children have retold stories in groups with puppets, both Jack and the Beanstalk and the Gingerbread Man. They have been learning to apply the power of three to their written stories too and this featured in our Dogger and Zog innovations.

- Jack went up the Beanstalk three times
- There are three Little Pigs
- Three Billy Goats
- Three Bears to catch Goldilocks...
- Even Little Red Riding Hood expresses things in threes: "Grandma, what big eyes you have!" "Grandma, what big ears you have!" and finally, "Grandma, what big teeth you have!"



Magic

Magic just happens in fairy tales! A Gingerbread Man can escape and run, beans grow humungous beanstalks, boys can climb into lands beyond, animals can talk to communicate, hens can lay golden eggs, harps respond to a call to sing... The children have been very clever at understanding the magic in Traditional Tales and appreciate the differences in real life.



We designed our own magic bean packets. Would you swap your cow for these?

We have also enjoyed lots of different creative activities as part of our learning this half term. Take a look at the photos below...



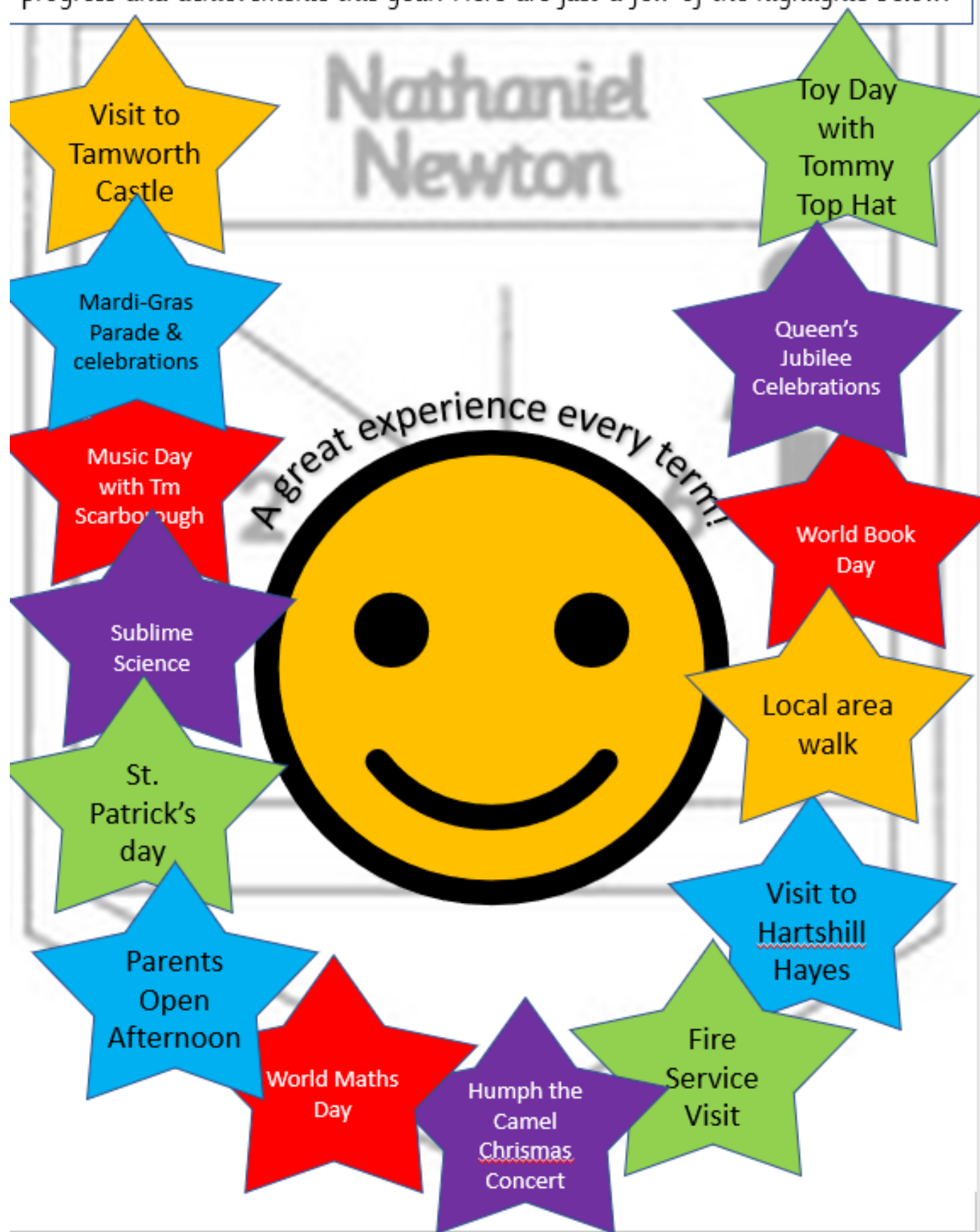
We designed and made our own sweetie cottages. Would you be tempted in the woods like Hansel and Gretel?



We followed instructions to make our own gingerbread men. We were very lucky they didn't run away!

A Year 1 Retrospective (2021-2022)

What an exciting year we have had! We are really proud of the children, their progress and achievements this year. Here are just a few of the highlights below.



I have enjoyed singing
lots of songs!
Joseph

Pupil Voice

As our year together draws to a close, here are some of the children's thoughts on what they have enjoyed in Year One:

It's fun!
Koby

I enjoy Maths and I
like using the cubes
to help me.
Bonnie

I love Maths. We get to
go on hot and I challenge
myself with Volcano.
Jessica

Painting our toys was
fun.
Kyle

It's a hard choice of
what of say. I'm going
to say the Castle and
Mardi Gras.
Max

I enjoy lunchtime, because we
play outside on the
playground and I like "Fishy
Fridays!"
Albanu

I liked going to Tamworth Castle. I
liked looking around the castle because
I thought it was beautiful. When
Tommy Top-Hat came I liked looking
at all of the old toys.
Lucy

Going on the trip to see
Tamworth Castle and going
on the bus.
Hugo

I liked making the
gingerbread men and
writing all the
instructions. I got
them all done.
Matilda

I love social time because
we get to play with the toys
in the classroom.
Charlie

I love writing and
English.
Liliana

I loved the Gingerbread
Story and the Jack and
the Beanstalk stories.
Renee

Good luck from the Year One team to all of our children as they move into Year Two! We have had a wonderful year getting to know the children through our learning and shared experience. We are so proud of all of them. We wish you a lovely summer.

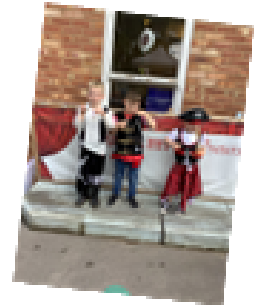
Mrs Fussey (Year One Leader)



Year R

Wow, I can't believe this is the final newsletter for this year. We have been so proud of the children in Reception and impressed by the progress they have all made - well done!

Our topic this half term has been 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!' We had a fun start dressing as pirates for the day, making telescopes and flags.



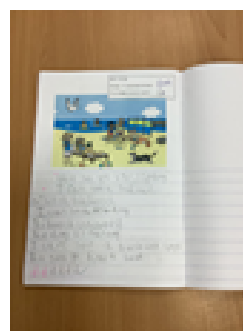
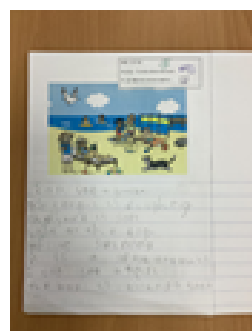
We have found out lots of facts about sea creatures and enjoyed making our own rhyming poems about them. We looked at how pollution is affecting our Earth and ways that we could help.

Whale
I saw a big blue
whale,
He had a massive tail,
He lives in the sea,
Spraying water out of
his hole,
And lives with his friend
called snail.

Starfish
I know a starfish called Keith,
he lives in the coral reef.
This is at the bottom of the ocean,
where he likes to make a potion.



We then looked at different seaside towns, comparing similarities and differences, and also how seaside holidays have changed over the years. We shared our own experiences of going to the seaside and talked about ways to keep safe near water.



Our trip to Ash End Farm

We had a super time at Ash End farm, the children were very well behaved and great representatives of our school! We enjoyed lots of activities - holding a baby chick, feeding goats, sheep and ducks, riding on a tractor, and then meeting some creepy critters. Some of us were even brave enough to hold a snake!

We then finished the day by choosing a chickens egg to take home. It was lovely to see some of the things that the children used their eggs for!



A big thank you to parents and carers for all of your support this year.

We hope you have a lovely summer :)

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Week 1 W/c Monday 5/9, 26/9, 17/10, 7/11, 28/11, 9/1/23, 30/1.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Quorn Dippers	Broccoli and Sweetcorn Bake.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pork Meatballs	Cheese and Potato Pie	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Chicken	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thurs	Pasta Bolognese	Veggie Sausage Pattie	Jacket Potato *	Ham Sandwich
Fri	Salmon Fishcake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft Bap

- **Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.**

Week 2 W/c Monday 12/9, 3/10, 14/11, 5/12, 16/1, 6/2/22, 27/2.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Tuna Pasta Bake	Veggie Toad in the Hole.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Beef Grill in a Bun.	Plant Power Burger in a Bun	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft bap
Wed	Roast Pork in gravy	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna Mayo soft bap
Thur	Chicken Pie	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Breaded Vegetable Frittata	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap

Week 3 W/c Monday 19/9, 10/10, 31/10, 21/11, 12/12, 2/1/23, 23/1, 13/2, 6/3.

	Red	Green	Brown	Blue
Mon	Cheese and Tomato pizza	Veg Korma.	Jacket Potato *	Cheese soft bap
Tue	Pork Sausages	Cheese Style Plant Based Meat Balls.	Jacket Potato *	Chicken soft Bap
Wed	Roast Beef	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato *	Tuna mayo soft bap
Thur	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Mac 'n' Cheese.	Jacket Potato *	Ham soft bap
Fri	Breaded fish fillet	Breaded Vegetable Fingers.	Jacket Potato *	Egg Mayo soft bap.

The Family Information Service helpline is available over the Summer from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
 01926 742274.

We are pleased to let you know that we will have a new school crossing patrol outside our school from Thursday 8th September.



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and parents to share this commitment



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The designated Safeguarding leaders in this school are Mrs Forsheew, Mrs Taroni and Miss Telford. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

Term dates for the next school year 2022 - 2023



Monday 5th September - Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 6th September - Staff training day - school closed to children.
Wednesday 7th September - Children return to school.

Friday 21st October - We break up for half term.
Monday 31st October - Staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 2nd November - Children return to school.

Friday 16th December - We break up for Christmas holiday.
Tuesday 3rd January - Designated staff training day - school closed to children.
Wednesday 4th January - Children return to school.

Friday 17th February - We break up for half term.
Monday 27th February - Children return to school.

Friday 31st March - We break up for Easter holiday.
Monday 17th April - Children return to school.

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank holiday - school closed.
Monday 26th May - We break up for half term.
Monday 5th June - Staff training day - school closed to children.
Tuesday 6th June - Children return to school.

Tuesday 25th July - We break up for Summer holiday.

We will send a list of diary dates to parents in September with all the things happening in school in the next school year.



We hope you all have
a lovely holiday.
Children return to school on
Wednesday 7th September 2022.

