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

Dear Parents / Carers

It is hard to believe that already we are closing another school year - how time flies when we are having fun!!

As we reflect back on the year there is so much that we can talk about as there have been so many wonderful moments but above all it is the journey every child has come on throughout the year that is the real highlight. I love to see how their confidence grows day by day as they learn new things and develop their skills. Many lovely friendships are formed along the way which I'm sure will last for many years to come.



This week 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 I am immensely proud of each and every one of them. I know they will all continue to be brilliant and try their best as they begin their new adventure in September.



We are also saying goodbye to Miss Telford who has been our brilliant Learning Mentor for the last 6 years. I know she has enthusiastically and professionally supported many families and children in the time she has been with us. I wish her all the very best for the future and know we will all miss her.



Mr Coates will also be leaving us at the end of term. Mr Coates has been with us for the last year teaching in Year 2 and I know the children who have been in his class have really enjoyed their time with him. I wish him all the very best for the future.

This week we welcome Mrs Lowen back from maternity leave and are pleased to have her back.



Miss Bilic will also be officially returning in September after her year of travelling. She has met her new class and is really looking forward to returning.

We welcome Miss Carey into school in September as our new Learning Mentor. I'm sure many of you will get to meet her as she settles into her new role.



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We will also be welcoming Miss Harris who will be joining us as a TA Apprentice in September. Many of the children will already know Miss Harris as she currently works in our school kitchen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful PTA for the wonderful events they have put on for us this year. Not only have they raised an incredible amount of money but have also put on events that have brought us together as a community. Hannah, our chair of the PTA, is leaving us after many years of running the PTA. I wish her well for the future and express my gratitude for everything she has done for our school. The PTA are always looking for additional support so if you are interested in joining this friendly group, please leave your contact details with the office.



Our staff team are an amazing group of hard-working people who come together to form a superb team who provide wonderful learning opportunities for our children day in, day out. I would like to thank them for all the incredible work they do and for their professionalism, enthusiasm and kindness as they ensure that school is a happy place for all.



Finally, I would like to thank all of our wonderful families for the support you give to our school, and I know your kindness and support is really appreciated by all of the staff.



On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you in September. Fingers crossed the weather improves!!

Mrs Forshew
Headteacher



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 and walking the plank!



We have found out lots of facts about sea creatures and enjoyed making models and pictures of different creatures. We looked at how pollution is affecting our Earth and ways that we could help. Great job recycling and litter picking!



We then looked at different seaside towns, comparing similarities and differences. We shared our own experiences of going to the seaside and talked about ways to keep safe in the sun and when we are near water.

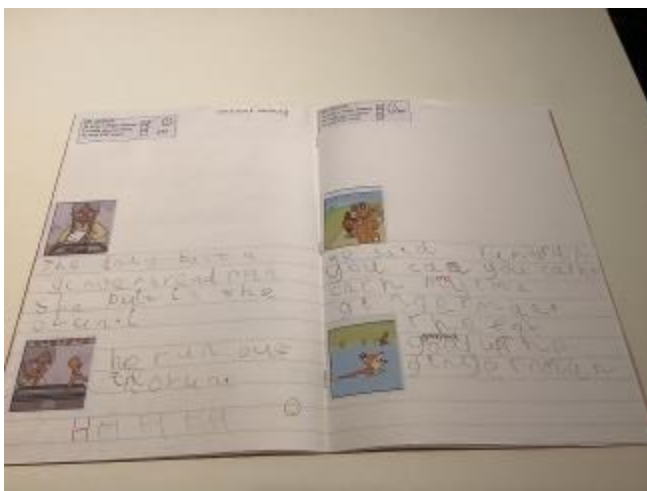


The Gingerbread Man

We have been doing lots of work about the story of The Gingerbread Man. We re-told the story using story language and actions and then did some super writing!



Run, run as fast as you can,
you can't catch me I'm the
Gingerbread man!



Music

We had a visit from a musician who taught us how to play different instruments in time to different beats. We played along to the story Handa's Surprise



Sports Day fun!

We had a fantastic time at our first sports day!

All children took part in a track and obstacle race and showed great teamwork, cheering for their friends!



Our trip to Twycross Zoo

We had a super time at Twycross Zoo, the children were very well behaved and great representatives of our school! We enjoyed looking at the different animals and finding the characters on the Gruffalo trail!



A big thank you to parents and carers for all of your support this year.
We hope you have a lovely summer :)

All Creatures Great and Small by Year One

Year One have had a very busy and enjoyable half term. In our topic we have been learning all about creatures, yes, you guessed it, both GREAT and small! Ponds and Rivers, Pets, Minibeasts, Farm Animals and of course Zoo animals, we have explored a lot of different types of creatures. We have considered how to sort and classify animals—what makes a certain creature fit into a particular group of animals? Why is a dog suitable to be a pet but not a rhino? What are the names of farm animals and what is their purpose on the farm? We have learnt about animals and their young and the names of their young. We have considered the needs of pets and how domestic animals are cared for by their owners. We have explored the differences between herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and the definition of those words. It has been a very practical, hands on, active topic and one which has allowed us to make the most of our school grounds complete with pond, fields, shrubs and wooded area. Finally we took a trip to the zoo! Here are some of the activities that the children have completed.....



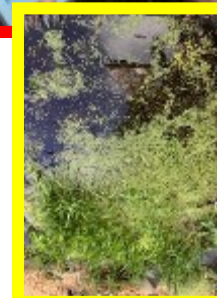
The children made some textured animal pictures in art to complete our topic. They used different textures to create rubbings and then cut them to form a collage of a favourite zoo animal.



Pond Dipping



On our school field we are very fortunate to have a pond which is beautifully maintained. The children were able to head outside onto the field, complete with nets and trays and a "Pond life hunt sheet" to see what they could find. Our aim was to identify creatures that live in a river and/or a pond. Two newts were found by 1VH, along with a water snail, pond skaters and lots of pondweed by the other classes. We discussed what we might have found at other times of the year such as frogspawn...



Minibeast Hunting

We combed the school grounds complete with magnifying glasses to search for minibeasts. We were curious to see what we could find and also the habitats of the minibeasts. Under logs, bark, stones, leaves, in bushes and trees we searched, hunting like detectives.



English: The Three Billy Goats Gruff was one of our focus text that began with a hunt for a very hungry troll...the children spotted a poster which read "Wanted: Greedy Troll" and so decided to take action and go searching in the school grounds. Unfortunately our search was futile. No troll was discovered but we did encounter three Billy Goats grazing in a field.....



Focus text: The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.
This made us all very hungry! Designing and writing instructions on how to make sandwiches is hungry work. We couldn't believe it when we discovered the Nathaniel Newton Seagulls had eaten the teacher's lunches....

Who ate my lunch?
Asked the teacher....
"It must be those pesky seagulls"
replied the children.



Our trip to the zoo.....

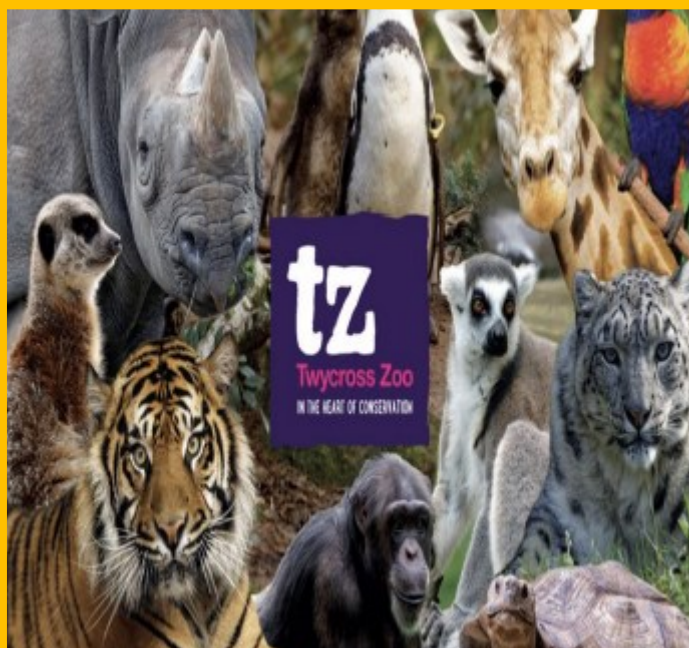
We've been to the zoo, zoo, zoo,
how about you, you, you?

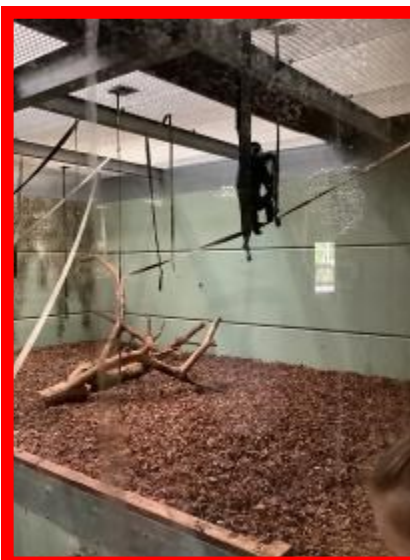


Year One had a fabulous day at the zoo! Despite the rain, the children and staff enjoyed every moment. We were so proud of the children. Their behaviour was exemplary and they represented the school superbly! Not a single grumble was heard, despite the relentless rain. We kept our positivity and made the most of our day out. Well done to Year One!

What did we see?

Penguins, flamingos, meerkats, gorillas, bonobo's, a cheetah, a tiger, a rhino, a giant tortoise plus many more. At lunchtime we were treated to some music played by an orchestra and so we took the opportunity to have a look at the instruments—and have a little dance - of course!





Zoo pictures continued ...
1Lo having fun—lots of happy smiles and smelly animals!



Other events we have enjoyed over recent weeks...

Father's Day

We welcomed special male members of our family into school to share some fun! We sang and read to our grown ups.



Hoop Guy!

Hoop Guy came to visit and supported us in completing our sponsored event. We've got some budding hula hooping experts in Year One!

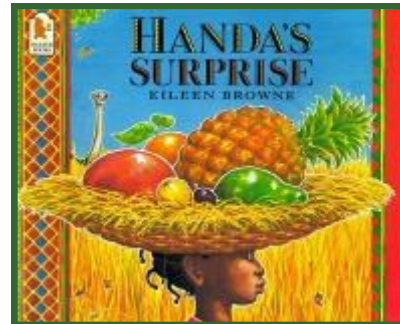


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Music Man Tim Scarborough

The children completed a music workshop based on the book "Handa's Surprise". We tapped out rhythms on various instruments in time to the story.



A Year 1 Retrospective (2022-2023)

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.



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 them all. Wishing you a lovely summer.

Mrs Fussey (Year One Team Leader) and the whole of the year one team.

Year 2

Wow! How quickly this year has flown by and it's now time for our final newsletter of the year! It's incredible to think how much the wonderful children in Year 2 have flourished!



Our final topic of the year focused on the lives of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Our teachers challenged us to answer the question: Who was more brave?

We've used historical sources and researched using non-fiction texts and the internet to decide on our own individual answers.

We even completed interviews about ship life in role as Columbus and retold the story of the Apollo 11 mission through role play!



This half term we have been exploring how to grow plants in different ways.

By exploring the school grounds we identified different ways that seeds can disperse and used magnifying glasses to observe them closely. We have also been fascinated by how well our bean plants have grown hydroponically! It was incredible to see the roots forming so clearly in the bags!



EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD!

Meet the stars our of end of term
performance...



WEST MIDLAND
**SAFARI
& LEISURE
PARK**

50
WILD YEARS

A picture is worth a thousand words!
These photos of an amazing day simply say it all!



Father's Day Afternoon

For the children to celebrate all of the men in their lives, we were delighted to welcome so many Dad's, Uncle's, brothers and friends to our special afternoon of activities. The children and their special guests enjoyed a scavenger hunt, picnic lunch, collaborative challenges to name but a few. The afternoon was concluded with a wonderful performance of songs and poetry!



Rhythmicity



To develop our skills with percussion instruments we had a very exciting workshop with 'Rhythmicity'. We had a fabulous time retelling the story of Handa's Surprise using a variety of percussion instruments to bring the characters and plot to life!



As you leave us and continue your learning journey just remember...

Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey!

You have been an absolutely amazing group of children and we all wish you the very best of luck in the future.

Have an amazing summer holiday filled with lots of fun, laughter and hopefully some sunshine!

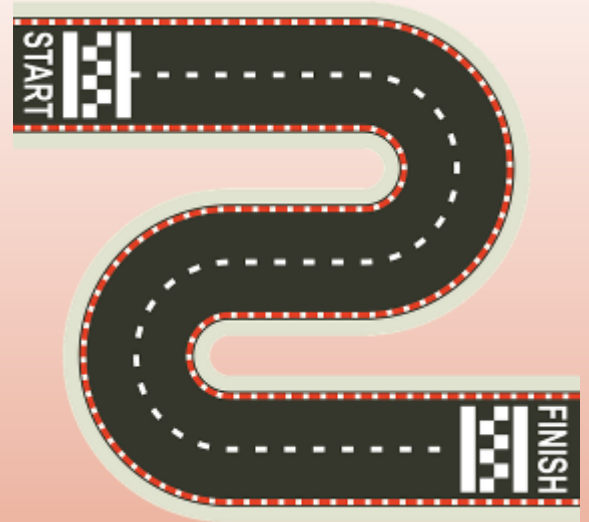
With very best wishes,

Mrs Carly Evans and the whole of the Year Two team!

ATTENDANCE WINNER

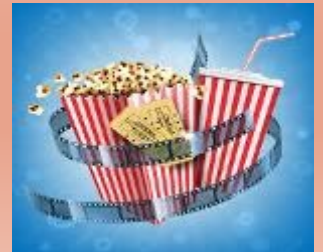
BEST CLASS ATTENDANCE

| Place | Class | Percentage |
|-------|-------|------------|
| 1st | 2Ev | 95.1% |
| 2nd | 2McG | 92.1% |
| 3rd | 1VH | 91.8% |
| 4th | 1Fu | 91.4% |
| 5th | RIr | 90.9% |
| 6th | 1Lo | 90.8% |
| 7th | RDD | 90.4% |
| 8th | 2Co | 90.2% |
| 9th | RHa | 89.6% |



Well done to Mrs Evans' class for having the best attendance this half term,
They have **WON** a Movie afternoon as a reward!!
Enjoy!!

WELL DONE!!



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for year 2022—2023 is 96%
Whole School Attendance from 7th September — 25th July is 92.6%

Check our figures to see how we are doing!

Please report a child's absence from school by sending us a message on MyEd or telephone the school on 02476 392236 and press 1 to leave a message for the office before 9.30 am.

School Year group doors open between 8.45 am and 8.55 am and children can go into school between these times for registration at 8.55 am. Please make sure your child is on time for school. If they arrive after 8.55 am they will need to come via the main school office entrance. Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark. **Please help us to achieve our target!**

Week Ending 6th July

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| RDD 94.3% | RHa 89.3% | RIr 93.0% |
| 1VH 92.0% | 1Fu 91.0% | 1Lo 97.7% Best Class |
| 2Ev 97.0% | 2Co 97.3% | 2McG 91.7% |

Week Ending 13th July

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| RDD 90.0% | RHa 79.6% | RIr 91.7% |
| 1VH 93.0% | 1Fu 96.3% Best Class | 1Lo 93.3% |
| 2Ev 94.7% | 2Co 94.3% | 2McG 90.3% |

Week Ending 20th July

| | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| RDD 95.7% | RHa 88.3% | RIr 92.7% |
| 1VH 90.3% | 1Fu 94.3% | 1Lo 95.3% |
| 2Ev 93.7% | 2Co 96.3% Best Class | 2McG 94.1% |

Week Ending 25th July

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| RDD 92.8% | RHa 93.3% | RIr 91.1% |
| 1VH 90.0% | 1Fu 91.7% | 1Lo 84.4% |
| 2Ev 95.6% Best Class | 2Co 86.7% | 2McG 91.4% |

Monty has/will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Late Winners

| Week Ending | Best Class |
|-------------|------------|
| 6th July | 1VH |
| 13th July | 1Lo |
| 20th July | 1VH |
| 25th July | 2Ev & 1Lo |



Snow Flake has will be spending the week with the winning classrooms!

Reading Raffle Winners

This half term we have welcomed our brand new 'Reading Vending Machine' into our library. Each time a child reads at home they are awarded with a raffle ticket that goes into our class prize box. The winners are awarded a golden coin to spend in the vending machine.

This half term our class reading raffle winners are:

RDD: Amely S
1FU: Thomas B
2EV: Matilda

RIR: Evalyn P
1LO: Charlotte
2McG: Anna-Leise

RHA: Alfie E
1VH: Ollie J
2CO: Samuel W



Our Pupils of the Week!

A pupil from each class is chosen by a teacher each week as 'pupil of the week' for eg doing good work.

| | 7th July | 14th July | 21st July |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Reception | Duke, Ewan, Tia | Connor M, Jayan, Finley M, Leo L, Daisy, Ollie C | Thomas F, Theo, Tommy T, Leo H, Cody, Angela, Leo S, Olivia S, Olivia S |
| Year 1 | Tilly, Freya, Phoebe AL, Ollie J | | Rudie, Daisy, James Autumn, Emmie Amelia-Rose, Emmie, Olivia M, Sophie S, Layla W |
| Year 2 | Harvey M, Antoni, Laila-Rose, Samuel W, Cora, Jacob S, Connor B | Gracie P, Koby, Caiden, Phoebe W, Ruben, Alfie M, Mario, Kaiden | |

Our Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded with stars! Well Done

30/06/2023

100 Daisy A

200 Laila-Rose P, Harvey C, Greyson B, Thomas B, Jaxon JC, Alfie M

300 Lucy J, Connor B, Liam R

400 Cooper H, Callum H



Friends of Nathaniel Newton (PTA) News



Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair this year. We made a total of £2500. This is an amazing achievement and we are so grateful for your support of this event.

All raffle prizes have been claimed. Congratulations to the lucky winners! Special thanks to Inspiro International, The Malt Shovel, Bunches Florist, The Nuneaton Equestrian Centre, Mr Paddock and Mrs Saje, for their generous donation of raffle prizes.

A big thank you to the PTA Committee, all the staff, their family members and volunteers who helped on the day.

This year funds raised by the PTA have purchased our fabulous book vending machine which is situated in the library, and has been amazing in inspiring our pupils to enjoy reading. The PTA has also contributed to our whole school pantomime experience and school trips to enable us to reduce the cost of these to parents. The committee also funds our Year 2 Leavers autograph books and their leavers party and disco.

Work is also in the planning stage for an exciting re-development of one of our outdoor areas, and profits from PTA events will also be used to contribute towards the cost of this installation.

We are sure you will agree that all of the events and fundraising activities have been worthwhile and without them we would be unable to provide these little extras for our pupils. We thank you for your generosity and continued support of our PTA.

School Gateway - An improved messaging system - and you can help the school save money.

We are moving to SchoolComms as our platform for communicating with parents. A free smartphone app for parents is available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iOS 8 on the iPhone 4S or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (4.0 / Ice Cream Sandwich or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents - and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no longer than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android).
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications".
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school.
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we will send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you have recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.
School Office.

Sports Day Results

| | | |
|--------|----------|----|
| Year R | Scotland | 94 |
| | Wales | 69 |
| | England | 65 |
| | Ireland | 53 |
| Year 1 | Ireland | 53 |
| | Scotland | 59 |
| | England | 57 |
| | Wales | 56 |
| Year 2 | Scotland | 78 |
| | Wales | 77 |
| | England | 68 |
| | Ireland | 49 |



Spread the word about dog safety

Leading animal welfare organisations have teamed up to produce a shareable infographic to encourage safe interactions with dogs. Recently we've seen several tragic dog attack fatalities, so it's paramount that families are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to enjoy spending time with their dogs safely.

The Canine and Feline Sector Group Dog Safety Code highlights three crucial messages that all dog owners and families need to know:

Be alert – Always keep an eye on your dog around kids. Never leave them alone together

Be aware – Dogs use signals to tell us how they feel – What is your dog telling you?

Be safe – Any dog can bite. Accidents happen fast.

For more information visit the website: <https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/.../348-spread...>

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Any dog can bite. Accidents happen fast.



Are you dog safe? [cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety](https://www.cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety)

Free Scooter Training - Summer Holidays

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Road Safety Partners are offering free Scootability Level 1 training throughout Warwickshire during 7th - 11th August 2023. Training is suitable for children aged 5 – 10 years and is being held at the following locations:

- Monday 7th August: Long Itchington Community Centre, Long Itchington
- Tuesday 8th August: Coleshill Memorial Park (basketball courts), Coleshill
- Wednesday 9th August: Bailey Park, Bedworth
- Thursday 10th August: Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre, Leamington Spa
- Friday 11th August: GEC Car Park, Rugby

During the course, children will learn essential skills and knowledge to help them scoot safely, including:

- learning about the parts of the scooter and the safety gear
- learning the basics of pushing, balancing and turning
- learning how to do slow and fast stops
- learning how to navigate stationary and moving obstacles
- learning how to do one handed signalling
- learning about road safety rules

All equipment, including scooters, helmets and pads, is provided. Booking is required and spaces are limited.

To find out more and book training for your child please visit: <https://warksroadsafety.org/scooter-training/> or visit: <https://teamrubicon.co.uk/scootability-sign-up/>.



Safe and well summer guide

As schools close over the summer, families may be looking for things to do to keep children occupied, healthy and safe.

Warwickshire County Council has created a Safe and well summer guide for children and their families. It includes advice about sun and water safety, ideas for things to do to stay active, support and guidance from the Family Information Service and some help to be ready to go back to school in September.

Hard copies may be available through school, at libraries and Children and Family Centres, or you can view the [digital version](#) along with lots of other helpful information for families at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wellness.

Upcoming Events



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

Term Dates for the next school year September 2023 to July 2024

Friday 1st September - Designated staff training day - school closed to children.

Monday 4th September - Staff training day - school closed to children.

Tuesday 5th September - Children return to school.

Friday 27th October - We break up for half term.

Monday 6th November - Staff training day - school closed to children.

Tuesday 7th November - Children return to school.

Friday 22nd December - We break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 8th January 2024 - Designated staff training day - school closed to children.

Friday 9th February - We break up for half term.

Monday 19th February - Children return to school.

Friday 22nd March - We break up for Easter holiday.

Monday 8th April - Children return to school.

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank holiday - school closed.

Thursday 23rd May - We break up for half term holiday.

Friday 24th May - Staff training day - school closed to children.

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school.

Friday 19th July - We break up for Summer holiday.

The school calendar is also on the school website

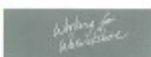


Vacancy

Would you or anyone you know like to be a
Relief School Crossing Patrol for
Michael Drayton Jnrs and Nathaniel Newton Infants School
in Hartshill (casual contract)
Shift availability: 8.10-9.05am and 2.40-3.45pm daily

Join our team now and make a real difference!
Full training and uniform provided.
Hourly rate of pay £10.79

Please call 01926 412661 or email scp@warwickshire.gov.uk for further details.



**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 Forshaw and Mrs Taroni.
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact them via the school office.

School Lunch Menu

School lunch full menu is available on our website.



Jacket Potato everyday choice of cheese and beans or tuna.

Week 1 W/c Monday 18/09, 9/10.

| | Red | Green | Brown | Blue |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mon | Pork Sausages | Veggie Korma | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Pasta Peas and Bacon | Veggie Breakfast Pattie in Bun | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft bap |
| Wed | Roast Chicken. | Quorn Roast. | Jacket Potato * | Tuna Mayo soft bap |
| Thur | Pasta Bolognese | Vegetable Brrito | Jacket Potato * | Ham soft bap |
| Fri | Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake | Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |

Week 2 W/c Monday 4/9, 25/9, 16/10.

| | Red | Green | Brown | Blue |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Mon | Quorn Dippers | Mac 'n' Cheese | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Chicken Fillet Wrap | Plant Based Meat Balls. | Jacket Potato * | Tuna Mayo soft Bap |
| Wed | Roast Gammon | Quorn Roast | Jacket Potato * | Chicken soft bap |
| Thur | Beef Grill in a Bun | Veggie Burger in Bun. | Jacket Potato * | Ham soft bap |
| Fri | Breaded fish fillet | Tomato Pasta Bake. | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap. |

Week 3 W/c Monday 11/9, 2/10, 23/10.

| | Red | Green | Brown | Blue |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Mon | Pork Meatballs | Sticky BBQ Quorn Fillet. | Jacket Potato * | Cheese soft bap |
| Tue | Chicken Korma | Cheese and Tomato Pizza | Jacket Potato * | Tuna Mayo soft bap |
| Wed | Roast Beef. | Veggie Toad in the Hole. | Jacket Potato * | Roast Chicken soft bap |
| Thurs | Chicken Pie. | Breaded Vegetable Fingers. | Jacket Potato * | Ham Soft bap. |
| Fri | Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers. | Veggie Hot Dog. | Jacket Potato * | Egg Mayo soft Bap |

Please can we ask that for the new school term in September children have a spare pair of pants and socks in their PE bag. Thank you.



We hope you all have a lovely holiday.
Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023.