

# *Emscote Express*

*Issue 7, 15th December 2023*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in full festive mode here this week, with performances from every year group that have been enjoyed by many.

Reception started the week with their wonderful Christmas play, full of songs (written by Mrs Vallins) and Year One then performed their version of the Nativity story. Year Two followed this with their delightful carol service at the Church and finally our Christmas assembly on Thursday. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have contributed to costumes and a huge thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the performances. If you were lucky enough to see one or more, I am sure you will be full of festive joy! A special thank you to Eldhor, mother of Jason in Year 2, and Ania, our Family Link worker, who joined with Year 2 to sing their version of *Halleluiah* in Church yesterday.

Tonight we are looking forward to the annual PTA Christmas Fair (5.00-7.00). There will be stalls, games and prizes and even a special visitor from The North Pole.

Next week we welcome a visiting theatre company, who will be performing a Pantomime of Dick Whittington for the children, and a group of Year Two children will be visiting a local care home to perform some carols for the residents and share their beautiful singing. We also have our Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, followed by class parties on Thursday.

## **Book Sharing**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 you are invited into school to look at your child's books with them to see some of their learning from this term. You will then be free to take your child home, or they may go to ScallyWags as normal, if booked in. We will open the gates at this time.

## **Goodbye**

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that we are losing a much loved member of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Dawe who has worked at Emscote since 2000 is leaving. She began working in the Pre School and then joined Emscote Infant School. Over the years she has worked with many different staff and families; she's now even teaching the children of some of our past pupils! We know she will have had an enormous impact on hundreds of children's lives with her care and compassion. She has however, expressed a wish to pop back for her 'girls' - Speckle, Ava, and Speedy our chickens! We wish her well for the future as she will have more time to devote to her Granny duties.

## Mathletics competition

We will be running a Mathletics competition in January, with some fantastic prizes of Lego to win! Thank you to *Little Journeys* for the Gift Card. If your child gains a certificate (any level) throughout January their name will be put into the tombola and names chosen in an assembly.

This is a great way to fill some of that time at the start of January when the excitement of Christmas has run out!

A reminder that we finish for the winter break at 3.00 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Nicol



Dates for the Diary 2023/24		
Fri 15th Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre	5-7pm
Mon 18th Dec	Book sharing	Parents are invited to look through their children's books in the classroom from 2.30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	On 20th December, we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and donate £1 (or however much you can give), to support children in the UK and around the world
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas Parties	Children come to school in party clothes and enjoy a party food lunch all together in the hall. After lunch each class enjoys a Christmas party.
Fri 22nd Dec	Last Day of Term	
Mon 8th Jan	Inset Day	
Tues 9th Jan	Children return to school	
Thurs 1st Feb	Willow Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 2nd Feb	Cherry Class Sharing Assembly	
Tues 20th & Wed 21st Feb	Parents Evenings	
Wed 28th Feb	Reception Year height and weight checks	More info to follow
Thurs 7th Feb	Oak Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 8th Feb	Chestnut Class Sharing Assembly	
Wed 20th March	Maple Class Sharing Assembly	
Fri 22nd March	Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly	

# After School Clubs Spring 2024

We are running a range of clubs next term, details of how to enrol have been emailed out this week. We have included below a summary of clubs on offer and the dates they start in the new year.

Please note that drama club will no longer be available at Emscote. Instead, Arts Insight will be running a club for years 3-6 at All Saints Junior School. We are really pleased that they are able to continue working with us within our federation.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group	Provider/Teacher	Cost/Booking	Start Date
Monday	Bayleaf Cookery	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Bayleaf Cookery	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	15/01/2024
	Lego Club	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Miss Hewitt	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	15/01/2024
	Fiery Feet	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Fiery Feet	Book directly via Fiery Feet	15/01/2024
Tuesday	Football	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Warwick School	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	09/01/2024
	Arts and Crafts	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Miss Sandhu	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	16/01/2024
	Violin	9.30am-12pm	Y1 and Y2	Warwickshire Music Hub	Book directly via Warwickshire Music Hub	09/01/2024
Wednesday	Lifeskills for Kids	3-4.30pm	Y1 and Y2	Miss Hewitt	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	17/01/2024
Wednesday	Tennis	3-4pm	Y1 and Y2	Coolsportz	Book directly via Coolsportz	10/01/2024
Thursday	Choir	3-4.15pm	Y2	Mrs Hart	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	11/01/2024
Thursday	Mini Movers	3-4pm	Reception	Jo Bartlett	<a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a>	11/01/2024



## Christmas performances and Warwick Lights of Love Service

Mrs Hart would like to say a big thank you and well done to the Federation Choir for their performance at the Warwick Lights of Love (Rotary Club) and the Cancer Research fundraising where they helped to raise just over £1000. We've also received a lovely letter from the organisers to express their gratitude.







Year 1 visited St.John's  
Museum to experience  
Victorian preparations  
for Christmas and also  
a session in a Victorian  
classroom!

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# RISE MHST

## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

## BOUNCING BACK

Bouncing back is all about 'having another go' after we are faced with challenges, this is also called **resilience**! We will all need to bounce back at times, so it is important to maintain a growth mindset and practise how we can be more resilient.

#### Our tips for bouncing back:

- 1- Watch this short video on 'bouncebackability' and how to build resilience. Scan the QR code to load the video and other lesson resources.



- 2- Practise **problem solving** as a strategy to overcome practical difficulties and help you bounce back! Follow the steps below:

- 1.What is the problem?
- 2.How does it make you feel?
- 3.What are the possible solutions?
- 4.What are the positives and negatives of each solution?
- 5.Select the best solution and make a plan to try out!

- 3- Think about a time when you have faced a challenge in the past...how did you overcome it? Would you do anything differently if you came across the same challenge again? You could discuss this with a friend to share ideas.

- 4- Build your **support network**. Having people that you trust around you through difficult times can help you to bounce back! Try to share how you are feeling with friends, family, teachers and other trusted adults in your life.

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### Tips For Wellness:

## LEARNING

Learning a new skill can be exciting and incredibly rewarding. You might have lots of questions: 'Will I be good at it?' 'Will I get it wrong?' 'Where do I start?'

However, when we have a go at learning something new it can help us to feel happier and healthier, as well as distract us from everyday worries and events. Learning also gives the mind a chance to switch off, it gives us a sense of purpose, an opportunity to connect with others, and can boost our self-belief and confidence!

### Our tips for learning:

- 1- Upskill:** you could improve a skill you already have, such as learning a new football trick, dance move, baking a new recipe, or learning a new sewing technique.
- 2- New skill:** learn something new altogether! Ideas for new skills could be origami, coding, a musical instrument, photography, tai chi, or learn a new language.
- 3- Skill swap:** with a friend or family member, take turns to teach each other a new skill!
- 4- Re-discover a skill:** re-discover a hobby you used to enjoy when you were younger, e.g., you could join a sports club that you used to play, practise puzzles, colouring, or playing piano.



Scan to learn a new football trick.



Scan for photography tips.



Scan for craft activities.



Scan to learn a new language.

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## **Measles and the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine**

Dear Parent / Carer,

There has been an increase in measles cases across the country including recent cases in Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry. Most of the measles cases are children who have not had the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

**This letter is to give you information about measles and encourage you and your family to have the MMR vaccine.**

### **About measles**

Measles is a disease which spreads very quickly and easily in communities such as schools and nurseries where people have not had two doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles can cause serious illness and can be fatal. People in certain at-risk groups, including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity (immunosuppressed) are at **increased risk** of complications if they catch measles.

Vaccination with **two doses of MMR** is the only way to give people maximum protection from this serious disease.

**The first signs of measles are:**

- High temperature (fever)
- Cold like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, coughing, sneezing
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- A non-itchy, blotchy red brown rash. This usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to the rest of the body). The rash can be harder to see on darker skin tones.
- Small white spots appearing inside the cheeks and on the back of lips (for a few days)

Anyone who contracts measles is infectious for four days before any rash appears and for at least four days after the start of the rash.

Anyone with measles symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP practice or NHS 111 for advice. After contacting the GP or NHS111, you should try to rest and stay at home.

**If you do need to visit a GP or hospital, you must call ahead to let them know that it could be measles.** The staff will make special arrangements to see you and/or your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

**If your child has measles, they cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 4 days after the start of the rash.**

## Important information about the MMR vaccine

The MMR vaccine can be given to anyone who missed their MMR vaccinations when they were younger. People can 'catch-up' by booking in for MMR vaccination at their GP practice free of charge.

The first dose of MMR vaccination is offered to children soon after their first birthday. The second dose is normally given before your child starts school.

- If your child has not received **two doses of MMR vaccination** as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child.
- If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) or you can contact your GP to check.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. MMR vaccination is very important when there are cases of measles in the community. This is because any child or adult that has not had **at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles** cannot attend nursery/school or group activities for 21 days after contact with the infected person. This is the time it can take for measles to develop.

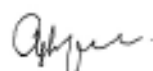
### Did you know?

- One person with measles can infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated close contacts.
- For people who do not touch any pork products, there is a version of the MMR vaccine which does not use porcine gelatin in its production.

More information about measles and MMR vaccination can be found on the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/).

Thanks for your support.

Best wishes,



**Dr Shade Agboola**  
Director of Public Health  
Warwickshire County Council



**Johnny Kyriacou**  
Director of Education  
Warwickshire County Council



# It's Christmas Time!



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**



## It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

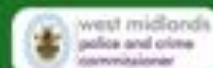
**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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# Cashback for you and your school

In association with

Sainsbury's

Argos

ESPO

## Help boost our budget with the My School Fund initiative

We're pleased to announce that Emscote Infant School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

### How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

This term, thanks to the scheme, we have purchased a new storage unit for second hand uniform which is on display in our main reception area as well as a new Henry Hoover.

### How to get involved

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to Emscote Infant School. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)



# MessyMASS

at All Saints Church

JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS!

3rd Sunday of the month  
at 10.30am



Sunday 19th November  
Sunday 17th December  
Sunday 21st January

Contact Ania for more details:



COME AND SEE!



Family  
Christmas



at  
All Saints

# Christmas Eve

4pm - Crib & Christingle

"The Donkey's Story"  
(45mins-1hr)

9pm - Midnight Mass

"Bethlehem Time"

Christmas Communion  
to welcome the Christ Child



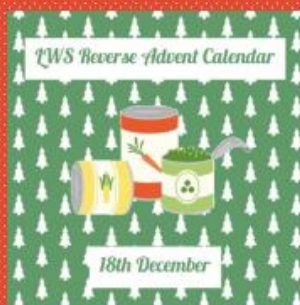
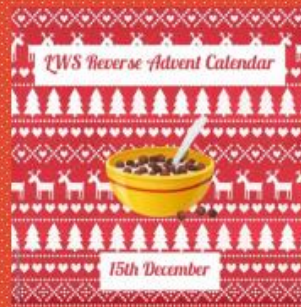
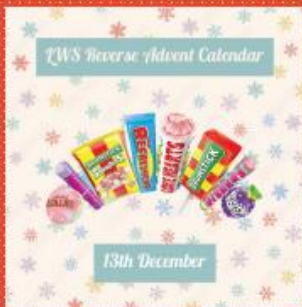
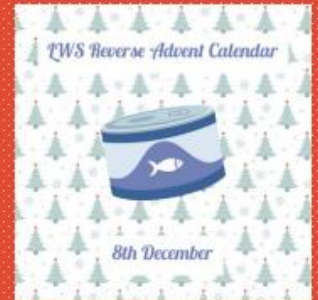
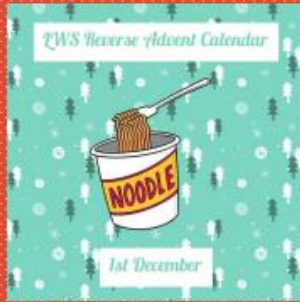
Every day from 1st-24<sup>th</sup> December, , LWS Night Shelter will be posting an item on social media that they need most for the shelter. The idea is that people, households or schools/classrooms put each item in a box each day - just like an Advent Calendar but instead of getting something, you give something!

LWS Night Shelter will have a donation point in Leamington where you can bring the box the week before Christmas.

LWS Night Shelter provides a hot meal and safe place to sleep for homeless and vulnerably housed people of Leamington Spa, Warwick and the wider area. They currently provide meals for between 60-70 people each weekend, overnight accommodation for 10-15 people on Friday and Saturday and provide an average of 40-50 food parcels each weekend for the community.

All items received from the Reverse Advent Calendars will be given out to the LWS community. Further information about LWS Night Shelter can be found on their website <https://www.lwsnightshelter.org> and of course, they are happy to answer any questions you may have.









Department  
for Education



May 2023

## Winter HAF 23/24 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education (DfE) funds the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme across the United Kingdom. At its core, HAF provides young people the opportunity to access enriching activities alongside healthy meals over the **main school holidays in Winter, Spring and Summer**.

**Please note that this programme is entirely separate from the Local Welfare Scheme's household support funding (i.e. supermarket HUGGG vouchers).**

Each eligible young person (in full-time education from Reception to Year 11 who receives benefits-related free school meals) with a HAF code can access a maximum of **4 sessions** over the winter holidays. Families have the flexibility to book with multiple activity providers if desired. All providers can request additional funding for 1-to-1 support if this is required, however this will depend on their staff availability and qualifications. We do have a number of SEND-specific activities which may be a more suitable option.



Family Information Service

0800 408 1558

[fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Facebook: @WarwickshireFIS







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Eligible families need to request a HAF Code via a brief online form. This can be found at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/haf) or you can scan the QR code below. HAF codes are valid for the academic year, so if you've had a HAF code starting with a 'W' before, the same code can be used. If you need codes to be re-sent, just send us an email via [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk)

For families not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we can release a limited number of HAF codes for each delivery period. A separate referral form will need to be completed on behalf of your family, if you're facing a significant financial barrier and one (or more) of the following criteria apply:

- Have an allocated family support worker or social worker
- On an open early help plan
- Your child(ren) acts as a young carer

The referral form is available upon request from a professional/allocated worker on [hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Winter activity listings will be available online from Tuesday 28th November 2023. Contact providers directly to discuss booking.

**Scan the QR code below to visit the HAF website.**

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Warwickshire HAF programme. Please contact us directly if you have any queries related to the HAF scheme.



Warwickshire HAF Team



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# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Roast Turkey,  
Cocktail Sausage, Stuffing Ball  
with Gravy**

**or  
(vg) Roast Quorn Fillet,  
Stuffing Ball with Gravy**

**Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes,  
Garden Peas and Sliced Carrots**

**(vg) Christmas Shortbread or  
(v) Christmas Cup Cake**





A vegan meal is available on request on days when (vg) is not shown as a choice on the menu.  
All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some may remain.

## Week one

Warwickshire, Coventry: 18/09, 9/10  
Oxfordshire: 18/09, 9/10  
Leicestershire: 28/8, 18/09, 9/10

Choose a main meal...

## MONDAY

Best of British Pork Sausages  
with Gravy and  
Creamy Mashed Potatoes

(v) Veggie Korma Curry  
with Wholegrain or White Rice  
*mild and creamy*

On the side...  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Swirly Chocolate Mousse  
(vg) Homemade Fruity Flapjack  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## TUESDAY

Homemade Cheesy Pasta  
with Peas, Bacon, and Freshly Baked  
Wholegrain Baguette

(v) Veggie Breakfast Pattie in a  
Bag with Oven Baked Potato  
Wedges

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day  
Baked Beans

For dessert...  
(v) Homemade Crispy  
Cornflake Cookie  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

## WEDNESDAY

British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet,  
Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast in Gravy with  
Sage and Onion Stuffing

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Homemade Chocolate and Orange  
Brownie  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## THURSDAY

Homemade British Beef Bolognese  
with Pasta and Garlic Bread

(v) Homemade Vegetable Burrito  
Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes  
*Mild Mexican flavoured veggies and cheese,  
layered between soft tortillas*

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(vg) Homemade Strawberry Slice  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

## FRIDAY

(msc) Harry Ramsden's Crispy  
Salmon and Sweet Potato Fishcake

(v) Homemade Cheese and Tomato  
Pizza

Crispy Potatoes

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...  
(v) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple  
Wedges  
(v) Ice Cream  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Fruit Cordial or Fruity Water from the Hydration Station, Semi Skimmed Milk & Fresh Bread are also offered daily

Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

(vg) Vegan  
(v) Vegetarian Option (h) Homemade  
(msc) Certified Sustainable Seafood

## Week two

Warwickshire, Coventry: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10  
Oxfordshire: 4/9, 25/9, 16/10  
Leicestershire: 4/9, 25/9

Choose a main meal...

## MEAT FREE MONDAY

## MONDAY

(vg) Quorn Dippers with Rainbow Rice  
and Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce or  
Ketchup

(v) Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese  
with Freshly Baked  
Wholegrain Baguette

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(vg) Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Juice  
(v) Homemade Cherry Cookie  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## TUESDAY

British Chicken Fillet in Wrap with  
Fresh Salad, Mayonnaise or  
Ketchup and Oven Baked Potato  
Wedges

(vg) Plant Power 'Meatballs' with  
Noodles and a Sweet and Sour  
Sauce

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(vg) Homemade Chocolate  
Shortbread  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

## WEDNESDAY

British Roast Gammon Steak  
with Gravy

(vg) Quorn Roast  
with Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(vg) Homemade Jam Tart  
(v) Ice Cream Tub  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## THURSDAY

British Beef Grill Burger in a High  
Fibre Bun with Ketchup and Crispy  
Diced Potatoes

(vg) Veggie Burger in a High Fibre Bun  
with Ketchup and Crispy Diced  
Potatoes

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Vegetable Sticks  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Homemade 'School Favourite'  
Sprinkles Sponge Cake  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

## FRIDAY

(msc) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet  
with Chipped Potatoes

(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...  
Jelly with Fruit  
(v) Ice Cream  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

## Week three

Warwickshire, Coventry: 11/9, 21/9, 23/10  
Oxfordshire: 11/9, 21/9  
Leicestershire: 11/9, 21/10

Choose a main meal...

## MONDAY

Gluten Free British Pork Meatballs in a  
Rustic Tomato Sauce with Pasta

(vg) Sticky Barbecue Quorn with  
Oven Baked Potato Wedges

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Homemade Chocolate  
Cracknel  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## TUESDAY

Chicken Korma Curry  
with Wholegrain or White Rice - *mild and  
creamy*

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
Wedge with Italian Herby Potatoes

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Swirly Strawberry Mousse  
(vg) Homemade Orange Cookie  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

## WEDNESDAY

British Roast Beef, with Traditional  
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

(v) Veggie Toad in the Hole  
with Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

On the side...  
Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...  
(v) Homemade Fruit Crumble  
with Custard  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal...

## THURSDAY

Homemade British Chicken Pie  
with Gravy and Creamy Mash

(vg) Breaded Vegetable Fingers  
and Crispy Diced Potatoes

On the side...  
Vegetables of the Day  
Baked Beans

For dessert...  
(vg) Homemade Flapjack  
with Fresh Fruit Wedges  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

## FRIDAY

(msc) Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers  
with Chipped Potatoes

(vg) Veggie Sausage Hot Dog  
with Ketchup and Chipped Potatoes

On the side...  
Fresh Salad Choice  
Peas or Baked Beans

For dessert...  
(v) Dirty Doughnuts/Chocolate Sauce  
(v) Ice Cream Tub  
(v) Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

## Allergies

Please contact your school cook for information regarding  
the content of dishes and products on our menu.

## Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2023/24

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Half Term	Days
1	41
2	35
3	25
4	25
5	34
6	35
Total	195

	Total days
Autumn Term	76
Spring Term	50
Summer Term	69



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

## So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact:  
[freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 359189



Warwickshire  
County Council

## Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - If you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



Warwickshire  
County Council

# HAF Active Kids Christmas!

Tuesday 2nd  
to Friday 5th  
JANUARY 2024

**4**  
DAYS!

CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS  
FUN!

HEALTHY  
LUNCH  
PROVIDED

**FREE**  
places available  
for eligible families

**W** Warwick

**BT** Bishop's Tachbrook

For more information go to

[haf.onsidelive.co.uk](http://haf.onsidelive.co.uk)

# CHRISTMAS AT KIDS CLUB<sup>AT</sup> BT

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fantastic mix of sports,  
games and activities.

Only  
**£18**  
per day

Tues 2nd to Fri 5th  
January 2024

9am  
to  
4pm

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To book using Childcare Vouchers and Tax Free Childcare please contact us  
Email [kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk](mailto:kidsclub@onsidecoaching.co.uk) or Call 01926 496 406

**BT** Bishop's Tachbrook

Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary School  
Kingsley Road, Bishop's Tachbrook, Royal Leamington Spa  
CV33 9RY

**Ofsted**  
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# Active Kids Christmas

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th  
JANUARY 2024

COURSES RUN 9.30AM - 3.30PM

Early Drop off 8.30 - 9.30am  
Late Pick up 3.30 - 4.30pm

+£3.50  
Each

**£18** per day  
OR SAVE MONEY  
4 days for **£64**

**W** Warwick

Aylesford School, Tapping Way  
Warwick CV34 6XR

**TJ** Thomas Jolyffe

Clopton Road, Stratford-upon-Avon  
Warwickshire CV37 6TE

Book now at [onsidecoaching.co.uk](http://onsidecoaching.co.uk)





#### HAF ACCEPTED

Your child may qualify for free places under the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. Contact us to find out if you are eligible.

**HAF III 2023** READY STEADY WYCESTERSHIRE

# HAF

Years 1 to 8

From  
**£12**  
per day

**5 Great Locations!**



KITS ACADEMY

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Winter Sports & Fun!  
2nd - 5th January 2024



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#### DROITWICH - FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS, MULTI SPORTS

Wychbold First & Nursery School, WR9 7PU

#### NUNEATON - TRAMPOLINING, MULTI SPORTS

Park Lane Primary School, CV10 8NL

#### RUGBY - ARCHERY & FENCING, TRAMPOLINING & GYMNASTICS, RUGBY COLLEGE, CV21 1AR FOOTBALL, DANCE, MULTI SPORTS

#### WARWICK - ARCHERY & FENCING, DANCE, MULTI SPORTS

Emscote Infant School, CV34 5NH

#### HAF COUPONS

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NUNXMAS23

RUGXMAS23

WARXMAS23



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For more information Call us on 07772 873271 or Email us at [bookings@kitsacademy.com](mailto:bookings@kitsacademy.com)

All parents must pre-book to avoid disappointment



### Early Bird Price - £12

When booked before  
the 2nd December

**Early Drop off**

8:30am

Just £2.50 extra

**Normal Drop off**

9:00am - 9:30am 3:00pm - 3:30pm

**Pick up**

**Late Pick up**

4:30pm

Just £5.00 extra

All children will be provided with lunch. Please ensure your child has two refillable drinks bottles.



# *iSing iDance iAct Theatre School*

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**Contact us for a**  
**FREE trial!**







# Coolsportz January -

## 2024 Camps

Tues 2nd - Fri 5th Jan  
8.30-3.30pm or 8.30-12pm

@ Warwick Tc

Ages 4-16 years

Ofsted Registered

Childcare/Tax Free Vouchers  
accepted and HAF codes

Tennis - Football - Hockey -

Rounders - Cricket - & more

Book online [www.coolsportz.co.uk](http://www.coolsportz.co.uk)

★ 10% OFF IF BOOKED BY 18TH DEC



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# Christmas Holiday Action

## 18 - 22 December 2 - 5 January

Multi activities for Reception and Year 1  
Fun short courses and Super Choice for Years 2-7



[warwickschool.org/](http://warwickschool.org/)  
[christmas-activities-2023](http://christmas-activities-2023)

All enquiries to Dan Partridge and Adrian Bevan 01926 735473  
[holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk](mailto:holidayaction@warwickschools.co.uk)





Other venues  
include  
Warwick,  
Leamington  
& Coventry!

# NETBALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Brand new weekly netball sessions at Kenilworth School  
for children aged Reception to Year 6.**

Launching in January 2024, our weekly netball sessions on a  
Thursday evening are aimed at 4 to 11 year-olds.

Session 1 (Reception / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3) 6:00-6:45pm

Session 2 (Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6) 6:00-7:00pm

**First session for free, sign up now!**



## What parents say about Kid Squad..

"My daughter is having an amazing time with Kid Squad Warwickshire. She loves her netball training. Can't speak highly enough of the coaches, they are empowering the kids for sure. Highly recommend for anyone looking to start a journey in netball."

"This is such a fantastic club. My daughter absolutely loves the training sessions and the league matches. Her knowledge, skills and confidence have improved significantly since joining and this is all down to the quality teaching and care from the wonderful coaches"

"Kid Squad is the netball club that every primary-aged kid needs in their life!"

"My daughter LOVES going to Kid Squad Warwickshire. Kid Squad is a fantastic introduction to netball for primary age school children - something that seemed to be lacking in typical girls team sports in the area. The sessions are run by coaches who are clearly passionate about netball and sport in general. A great opportunity for children to make friends, keep fit & agile, develop hand/eye coordination skills, learn drills & new skills and play together as a team."

"This has been a fantastic group for my daughter to join. Learning netball skills, gaining confidence and playing with girls from all different schools. The coaches are fab, always developing them and making them feel special."

[www.kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk/Kenilworth](http://www.kidsquadwarwickshire.co.uk/Kenilworth)



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# WARWICKSHIRE

## PARENT CARER VOICE

### JOIN YOUR LOCAL

### PARENT CARER FORUM

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?



### YOUR VIEWS AND

### EXPERIENCES MATTER

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is a **parent carer led organisation** working to ensure that every parent carer in Warwickshire feels that their views and experiences matter, and gets their voice heard to develop and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or SEND.

We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities (no diagnosis necessary) to join us.

Tell us your experiences | Fill in our surveys | Join our meetings  
Spread the word | Join us as a Member

Visit our website: [www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](http://www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org)  
or email [hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](mailto:hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org) for more information



# WARWICKSHIRE

## PARENT CARER VOICE

### WHAT IS A PARENT CARER FORUM?

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is the recognised forum for Warwickshire. We are completely independent of Warwickshire County Council and the local health services.

### WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We gather the views of local families and then work in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.



Follow us on social media!  
Facebook: [@Warksparentcarervoice](https://www.facebook.com/Warksparentcarervoice)  
Twitter: [@WarksPCarerV](https://twitter.com/WarksPCarerV)

### GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

Visit our website: [www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](http://www.warwickshireparentcarervoice.org)  
or email [hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org](mailto:hello@warwickshireparentcarervoice.org) for more information



# Help to pay your household bills

**Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy bills?**

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas or electricity bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence.

Call **0800 408 1448** between 4 and 22 April 2022.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)



The Household Support Fund can help households in need of support



# Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

## Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)  
Call: **0800 408 1448**  
or **01926 359182**

