

Emscote Express

Issue 7, 17th December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to everyone completing a successful term, in or out of the classroom. We have all had a terrific time enjoying being at school, visiting places and getting back to normal. Through whatever Covid has thrown at us, as a community, we have risen to the challenge and kept learning. Staff have pulled together and managed absences amazingly well and parents have been kind and supportive. As the frustrations caused by this virus continue, working closer, being more understanding and being innovative will remain very important.

Thank you for all of the gifts and cards we have received, they always boost moral and cheer us up.

The children this week have made lots of crafts, written letters to Father Christmas and have been partying on! Some fantastic dance moves have been demonstrated and perfected by the children and staff.

Thinking of the return to school in January. We know better than to share our plans too far in advance, please be advised that we get no prior warning of governmental changes. Please do look out for communications from us before the children return. I would imagine that testing in some form will be required. Please can we ask that parents ensure they have stocks of Lateral Flow Test kits before returning to school.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Kind regards,

Mr Queralt

Dates for the Diary		
2021/22		
Fri 17th Dec	END OF TERM (CHRISTMAS BREAK)	
Tues 4th Jan	INSET DAY	
Wed 5th Jan	Children return to school	
Mon 10th Jan	Afterschool Clubs Start	
Wed 19th Jan	Planetarium in School	
Wed 26th Jan	Growth Mindset Meeting for Parents	Details to follow
Mon 31st Jan	Trip to Houses of Parliament	Federation School and Eco Council
Feb 15/16/17th	Parents Evening Online	Timeslots and Zoom links to be issued nearer the time
Feb 21st - 25th	Half Term	
Mon Feb 28th	INSET DAY	
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day	
Fri 8th April	END OF TERM (EASTER BREAK)	
Mon 25th April	Children return to school	
May 30th - June 3rd	Half Term	
Mon 6th June	INSET DAY	
Thurs 21st July	END OF TERM (SUMMER HOLIDAYS)	

Late arrival at school

We would like to politely remind parents to arrive on time in the morning. School gates open at 8.45am – 8.55am. Children are expected to be in school for 8.55am ready for registration. Please can we also ask that people remember to give their children their water bottles, lunch bags, book bags etc ready for the day ahead.

Being on time for school is very important. Often key skills such as literacy and numeracy are taught at the beginning of the school day and children who arrive late can miss important learning. In addition, late arriving children miss important information on what is happening during the day, which can leave them confused and distressed as they don't know what is going on.

Thank you

Mathletics Madness!

January is Mathletics Month! From 1st January get onto Mathletics and start earning your bronze, silver and gold certificates. Children are encouraged to log in to Mathletics as often as possible, and every time they earn a certificate, they will be entered into a draw to win some fantastic games and prizes.

If you have lost your log in or need any other assistance please contact the school office.

Year 2 Applications for Junior School

The deadline for applying for a Year 3 place at a Junior school, for entry in September 2022, is **15th January 2022**.

If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2022).

Late applications won't be processed until after 16 April 2022, by which time many schools will be full and you are much less likely to be offered a place at your preferred school.

To apply please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-junior-school-place/apply-junior-school-place/1>

School Absences

Please ensure you let the school office know before 9am if your child is going to be absent from school.

Wearing Masks in School

Please can we remind parents that if they are coming into school they must wear a mask at all times.



Thanks to all those who dressed up in their colours of the emergency services and donated. We raised a total of £121.08

Year 1 trip to St John's Museum

Year visited St John's Museum's where they took part in a traditional Victorian Christmas workshop.

Thank you to all our parent helpers.



Nativity Plays and Carol Concerts

A big thank you to all the teaching staff for making the nativity plays and carol concert so special this year. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into the school again and we thank you all for joining us.



Fiery Feet!

Dance Studio

Heat up your feet!

Year 2 Dance Performance 2021

Maple and Sycamore have been working hard on a special Christmassy dance routine this term. We hope year 2 parents enjoyed the show!



Reindeer Run!

The children loved taking part in the reindeer run this week Thank you to Mrs Vallins for organising this for us!



Our School Library Has a New Home!

We are delighted that our school library has a new location in Apple Class. It is now part of a classroom that is much more accessible and can be used by a whole class or groups of children.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Green, the Year 2 children and lots of fantastic sorting by Mrs Cuthbertson and Mrs Dawe. We really hope it becomes a place to enjoy and use regularly to encourage Reading for Pleasure.

In the future we hope to be able to open it up for parents to visit with their children and for books to be regularly borrowed.

Keep on reading!

Mrs Stephenson
Literacy Coordinator



Warwickshire's Schools Waste and Recycling E-Newsletter

<https://us5.campaign->

[archive.com/?e=\[UNIQID\]&u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=2b2a0a27ef](https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=2b2a0a27ef)

Raring2go! - link to Autumn 2021 edition

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/southwarwickshire/autumn/>

Eligibility for Free School Meals and other funding

We know that from time to time circumstances can change and you may find you become eligible for Free School Meals and subsequently Pupil Premium Funding. To make an application if you think you may be eligible please visit

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Warwickshire Family Service

The latest edition of the Family Information Service newsletter is available to read at

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1200740?e=56e08a503a>

In this weeks Family Information Service newsletter there is information on the Holiday Activities and Food programme over the Christmas break, the NHS Healthy Start scheme, buying safe toys and much more!

The Family Information Service is here to support families across Warwickshire. As always, you can get in touch with us by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling [01926 742274](tel:01926742274)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme December 2021



We are delighted to share with you an update on the HAF programme. The HAF programme will be delivered in Warwickshire over the upcoming Christmas holiday period. There will be a programme of free face to face activities to include food, available for each qualifying child for up to four days over the two weeks of the December holidays. This provision will be available for take up from Monday 20th December to Friday 31st December. To qualify to access the HAF programme families must be in receipt of benefits tested free school meals. The parent/carers of all children who are currently registered have been sent a HAF code via text and e-mail from WCC (Warwickshire County Council). This code can be used to book activities direct with providers.

If you are not currently registered but think you may be eligible please apply at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>



Christmas 2021

Friday 24th December, 8pm

Midnight Mass “Bethlehem Time” Carols
by Candlelight and the first communion of
Christmas.

Saturday 25th December, 10.00am

“Away in a Manger” – a short mass to
welcome the Christ child.

Join us as we welcome the Christ Child!
All ages welcome

Christmas Holiday Activities

Warwick Library

Mon 20th Dec	Christmas Crafts (10am, ages 4-11, book online) Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Tues 21st	Story Stomp (9.30am, ages 2-4, book online) Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Wed 22nd Dec	Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Thurs 23rd Dec	Rhyme Time (9.30 & 11am, book online, ages 0-2) Christmas Crafts (2pm, ages 4-11, book online) Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Fri 24th Dec	Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Thurs 30th Dec	Rhyme Time (9.30 & 11am, book online, ages 0-2) Christmas Crafts (2pm, ages 4-11, book online) Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)
Fri 31st Dec	Christmas Book Trail (all day, ages 4-11, drop in)

All events are FREE

For bookable events we highly recommend advance booking—go to
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrensactivities and select Warwick Library



Bricks, Builds and Activities

The
Snowman™
AND THE SNOWDOG
BRICK LAM

Explore from 27 November until 3 January 2022

Winding through the town centre this uniquely crafted tour completely built from toy bricks brings these lovable characters to life in a fun, festive and delightful way. Tour map available from Rugby Visitor Centre.

Mini Masks

27th November 10.30-12.30pm

Inspired by well-loved mini figure characters, make your own mask!

£1 per child

Brick Printing

18th December 10.30-12.30pm

Print festive works of art.

£1 per child

Minifigure Parachutes

8th January 10.30-12.30pm

Design and create a parachute for your very own mini figure.

£5 per child (mini figure included)

Clay Creation

22nd January 10.30-12.30pm

Create your own clay masterpiece using patterns and shapes.

£3 per child

Toddler Tuesdays

- Messy Specials

7 & 14 December

11 & 18 January 10.30-11.30am

A fun packed session designed to help under 5's explore the gallery and enjoy a range of building and play zones.

£3 per child

Relaxed Sessions

Wednesday 22 December 4-5pm

Saturday 15 January 3-4pm

A dedicated time-slot for children with needs where they can explore the exhibition in their own time without the usual distractions.

Bricks, Beer & Vino

Thursday 13 January 5-8pm

Enjoy an evening viewing of the exhibition with friends. Admission FREE. Small selection of drinks to purchase.

Booking Essential.

Visit www.ragm.co.uk



Brick by Brick

RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

**27 November 2021
- 22 January 2022**

Your chance to see LEGO® in a way you've never seen it before. Prepare to be amazed by the incredible creations 18 international artists have made with simple plastic bricks.

And there's more! Inspired by the artworks on show, you can get hands on with activities including a LEGO® graffiti wall, build tables and a selection of LEGO® related games and competitions.

Brick by Brick is a 20-21 Visual Arts Centre Touring Exhibition.

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Artwork: Erow Hilmazo. Photography: Samuel Engking

www.ragm.co.uk



Adult and Community Learning Winter Workshops

Treat yourself to something special in the run up to the holidays

We have an exciting range of arts, craft, language and culture workshops to choose from, taking place at Pound Lane in Leamington or online.



Saturday mornings at Pound Lane, Leamington Spa, CV32 7RT

Saturday 13th November

- Eco friendly oil painting 10:00 – 13:00
- How to get Started with Crochet 10:00 – 13:00
- Advent calendars 10:00 – 13:00
- Bring a Story to Life 10:00 – 12:00

Saturday 20th November

- Naïve/stylised still life 10:00 – 12:00
- Felt Christmas decorations 10:00 – 12:00
- Spanish grammar 11:00 – 13:00
- Scarecrows 10:00 – 12:00

Saturday 4th December

- Crocheted Christmas decorations 10:00 – 13:00
- Spanish culture and traditions 11:00 – 13:00
- Eco friendly oil painting 10:00 – 13:00
- Collage and painting 10:00 – 13:00
- Bring a Story to Life 10:00 – 12:00

Online (Enrol using the links)

Dress your table Thursday 11th November 10.00 – 12.00

<https://bit.ly/3vpN4aQ>

Salt dough decorations Thursday 18th November 10.00 – 12.00

<https://bit.ly/3D19xAs>

Christmas garlands Thursday 25th November 10.00 – 12.00

<https://bit.ly/2XoSYwt>

*****NB. Fees may apply, see links for further information*****

Enrol:

Art:

<https://bit.ly/2Xvdked>



Craft:

<https://bit.ly/3D806Aq>



Languages:

<https://bit.ly/26x0hCB>



For more information you can contact:

01926 736392 or acl@warwickshire.gov.uk



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FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT AND PUPIL PREMIUM REGISTRATION

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are aware that Parent and Carer's circumstances may have changed. Depending on your family/household income, your child may be eligible for **Free School Meals**. All children in Infant School receive a free hot meal at lunch-time, but this is a separate entitlement.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals they will also receive **Pupil Premium funding**. This entitles your child to free or subsidised school trips, music lessons, school uniform and help to access after school clubs. Registering children for Free School Meals and subsequently Pupil Premium also enables the school to claim additional funding to improve resources for your child in school.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions you may be eligible:

- Is your joint family **income** under £16,190 per year?
- Are you in receipt of any of the **benefits** listed below?
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State 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
- Universal Credit.
- Are you or your partner a member of the **Armed Forces**?

All reception, year 1 and year 2 children in state-funded schools can have a free hot meal at lunchtime. This is known as 'Universal Entitlement'. If you think you are eligible for any of the criteria above we recommend that you still apply. This will mean that your child's school does not miss out on important funding. **It may also mean your child will continue to receive free meals after the end of year 2.**

If you think you are eligible then you can apply online at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>



Weekly Menu

Week one

Week Commencing: 30/08, 20/9, 11/10, 11/11, 22/11, 31/12, 24/1, 14/2, 7/3, 28/3, 2/5, 23/5, 20/6, 11/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...

British Pork Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mashed Potatoes

(v,h) Chinese Style Quorn with Noodles

On the side... Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse
(v) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple Slices
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

Barbecue Marinated British Chicken Breast Wrap, Baked Potato Wedges

(v,h) Chef's Free Range Omelette with Baked Potato Wedges

On the side... Fresh Salad
Corn on the Cob or Peas

For dessert...

(v,h) Peach Melba Sponge with Raspberry Drizzle Icing
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Pork, Joint or Loiri Steak or Gammon Joint, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

(v) Vegetable Korma with Rice

For dessert...

(v,h) Apple Charlotte and Custard
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...

(h) Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef Bolognaises with Pasta and Malted Wheat Baguette

(v,h) Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie

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

For dessert...

(v) Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Juice on the Side
(v,h) Cherry Cookie
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(mso) Crispy Salmon Fishcake with Cris-Cross Potatoes

(v,h) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Cris-Cross Potatoes

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

For dessert...

(v,h) Chocolate Frosted Sponge
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Week two

Week Commencing: 6/9, 27/9, 18/10, 8/11, 29/11, 10/12, 3/1, 14/3, 4/4, 5/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal...

Organic Pork Meatballs, Rich and Rustic Tomato Gravy and Pasta

(v,h) Veggie Sausages with Gravy and Crispy Diced Potatoes

On the side... Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v,h) Chef's Choice Flapjack
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

Brunch Lunch - Bacon Medallion, Pork Sausage, Omelette and Baked Potato Wedges

(v,h) Mild and Creamy Quorn Korma with Wholegrain Rice

On the side... Peas
Baked Beans

For dessert...

(v,h) Chef's Sponge Cake Choice with Fruit in Juice on the Side
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

(v,g,h) Veggie Bolognaises with Noodles

For dessert...

(v,h) Fruit Crumble and Custard
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...

(h) British Chicken Pie with Gravy, Creamy Mash or Crispy Potatoes

(v,g) Breaded/umbed Vegetable Fingers with Crispy Potatoes

On the side... Vegetables of the Day

For dessert...

(v,h) Up Beet Chocolate Cake
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(mso) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fillet with Chipped Potatoes

(v) Quorn Nuggets with Rainbow Rice/Sweet Chilli Dip

On the side... Peas
Baked Beans

For dessert...

(v) Two Dinky Doughnuts with Dipping Sauce
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Week three

Week Commencing: 13/9, 4/10, 15/11, 6/12, 17/1/22, 7/2, 28/2, 21/3, 25/4, 16/5, 13/6, 4/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal... MEAT FREE MONDAY

(v) Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

(v,g) Plant Power Veggie Balls in Rich and Rustic Tomato Sauce with Rice

On the side... Peas
Baked Beans

For dessert...

(v,g,h) Chocolate Cadenel
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef Grill in a High Fibre Bun with Crispy Potatoes

(v,h) Cheesy Pasta Bake with Malted Wheat Baguette

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

For dessert...

Jelly with Fruit
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... WEDNESDAY ROAST

British Roast Chicken Joint or Fillet, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

(v) Quorn Fillet, Gravy and Crispy Roast Potatoes

For dessert...

(v,h) Syrup Sponge with Custard
(v,g,h) Zesty Orange Cookie
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal...

(h) Lowerhurst Farm Organic Beef and Tomato Fusilli with Garlic Bread

(v,g) Veggie Hot Dog in a Finger Roll with Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges

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

For dessert...

(v,g,h) Shortbread
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... FISHY FRIDAY

(mso) Gluten Free Breaded Fish Fingers with Chipped Potatoes

(v,h) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese

On the side... Peas
Baked Beans

For dessert...

(v,h) Chocolate and Pear Brownie
(v) Ice Cream Tub
(v) Organic Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

A veggie meal is available on request on days when (v,g,h) is not shown as a choice. Please note: All our fish is natural whole fish and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, some tiny remains.

Shel 2021 © Cooks

Everyday we offer: Fruit Juice, Cordial, Organic Semi Skimmed Milk and a Fresh Bread Basket.
Ketchup is offered with selected dishes.
Vegetable accompaniments change to reflect seasonal availability.

(v) Vegetarian option (h) Homemade (v,g) Vegan (mso) Certified Sustainable Seafood (h) Homemade



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

Allergies

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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June 2022						
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July 2022						
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August 2022						
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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	34
Total*	194

	Total days
Autumn Term	72
Spring Term	64
Summer Term	58



School Holiday * one more day of holiday than usual due to additional day granted for
Public Holiday Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



School Induction Day

Inset Days set by school are highlighted above - 3/9, 28/2, 6/06]