

# Emscote Express

Issue 6, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



Dear parents and carers,

Here we are in December and school is certainly gearing up for the wonderful performances and celebrations we have in store this month. EYFS are looking forward to welcoming adults to their first Christmas and Winter Craft day on Wednesday and you may find by Thursday morning the school has a little bit of sparkle! Please do refer to the dates section below with all of the times you will need over the coming weeks. Information regarding ticket requests has been sent out from the office team so please do confirm your requirements.

Thank you to our wonderful children in the Federation Choir who performed alongside Mrs Hart at All Saints' Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The children were invited to sing as part of the Christmas Fayre which was hosted by local residents in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Thank you to those parents who completed our questionnaire recently. We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback and some truly lovely comments about our School. We are of course always looking for ways to improve and have taken all comments on board. Please see the feedback for your perusal and as always, if you have any questions about your child's learning and progress, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. Note: Some of the colours are similar in the charts, please refer to the key!

## Use of mobile phone images taken in school.

We recognise that at times parents will want to take photographs or videos of their child at school, for example, when they are receiving a certificate in celebration assembly or during a Christmas performance and we want to support parents capturing these special moments. We must ask however, that parents only take images of their own child and if another child is inadvertently included in an image that this is not shared on Social Media. We need to consider the safety of all pupils and we thank you for your support with this.

## Stationary vehicles

Please may we ask that you kindly consider the impact of stationary vehicles with engines running outside of school at pick up and drop off times. We appreciate that many parents and carers drive to school, but we must ask that parents switch off their engines. We want to ensure that children are not breathing in unnecessary pollutants from idle engines and hope that you will support us with this request.

## Makaton -sign of the week



Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Nicol

## Dates for the Diary 2023/24

<b>Tues 5th Dec</b>	Year 1 trip to John's Museum	Victorian Christmas Workshop. Consent form and payment details have been sent out. Please pay at <a href="http://www.eduspot.co.uk">www.eduspot.co.uk</a> by 1st December.
<b>Wed 6th Dec</b>	Reception year Christmas craft day	Parents will be invited to join their child/ren for a Christmas craft event, this will be a morning or afternoon session. More details to follow
<b>Tues 12th Dec</b>	Reception Year Christmas Performances 10am and 2pm	We kindly ask that parents and carers make alternative arrangements for younger siblings, as from experience, younger children can be disruptive to our young performers. We appreciate your help on this matter.
<b>Wed 13th Dec</b>	Year 1 Christmas Performances 10am and 2pm	
<b>Wed 13th Dec</b>	Year 2 Carol Service 5.30pm at All Saints' Church	
<b>Thurs 14th Dec</b>	Christmas Church Service	9.15am at All Saints' Church, parents welcome to join us for refreshments straight after morning drop off.
<b>Fri 15th Dec</b>	PTA Christmas Fayre	5-7pm
<b>Mon 18th Dec</b>	Book sharing	Parents are invited to look through their children's books in the classroom from 2.30pm
<b>Wed 20th Dec</b>	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
<b>Thurs 21st Dec</b>	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
<b>Fri 22nd Dec</b>	Last Day of Term	
<b>Mon 8th Jan</b>	Inset Day	
<b>Tues 9th Jan</b>	Children return to school	



Christingles are used in some Christian churches during the time of advent. Christians think about the hope that the light of Jesus brings to the world. We helped Rev. Diane with the the nativity, then each made a Christingle.

We made umbrellas from different materials to find out which was the most waterproof.



# Firefighter visit

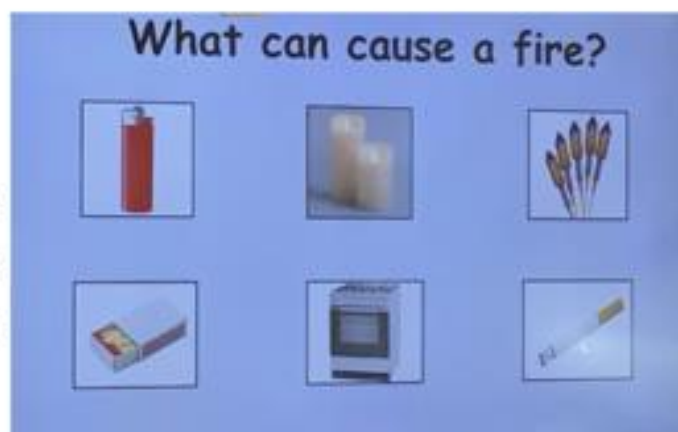
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**When the firefighters came to visit today we learnt a bit about water safety and railway danger.**



**We guessed what can cause fires and then played a game thinking about what activities are safe and unsafe.**



**We learnt about the firefighters uniform and how important the different parts are for keeping them safe in fires.**

## **If there is a fire call 999**

**We learnt what a smoke alarm sounds like, how important they are and the importance of testing them every week.**



**We watched a video that explained to the children how to get out of the house quickly and safely in a fire.**

PIC•COLLAGE

# Summary of Parent Feedback November 2023

64 relies. Some % don't add to 100% due to rounding.	Agree or strongly agree	Disagree or strongly disagree	Not answered or neutral
My child is happy at this school.	97%	3%	
My child feels safe at this school	99%	1%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	83%	8%	9%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	82%	7%	11% neutral
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year (for example website, topic letters and newsletters).	83%	5%	12%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	83%	2%	14%
If yes, the survey asks parents how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'	87%		13%
The school has high expectations for my child.	69%	3%	27%
My child does well at this school.	87%	0	13%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	83%	8%	9%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	83%	1%	16%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	92%	8%	
The school supports my child's wider personal development (mental health, growth mindset, spiritual awareness, British Values, RSE (relationship and sex education).	75%	3%	22%

We would like to share with you a selection of comments from parents in response to the question: 'what features of your child's schooling do you think stand out and should be celebrated?'

- My favourite thing about school is how hard they work to boost everyone's confidence. Giving stickers as rewards and making kids feel good about themselves. Fantastic job by all the teachers!
- Nurturing atmosphere
- I love the community feel of the school and that many teachers seem to know my child's name already, everyone is so friendly and approachable
- Communication & support for parents
- Growth mindset
- Kindness and helpfulness
- Feels very friendly, inviting and safe.
- Inclusion
- Confidence and behaviour skills
- Weekly access to library books!
- Sense of support and personal growth
- Attitude and life skills training
- Small, community feel
- It is a lovely school that involves its community. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with activities and events. The children are able to have specific roles such as school/eco council which helps to develop their confidence.

# 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)





## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

## DIGITAL DETOX

Technology has become a normal part of our day-to-day lives and is widely beneficial; from being used as an alarm to wake us up in the morning, to helping us stay connected with family, and watching our favourite programme wherever we are in the world! However, prolonged use of technology can increase stress levels and have an unhealthy impact on our mental wellbeing.

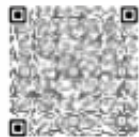
A digital detox can help to improve sleep quality, reduce stress and anxiety, enhance productivity, increase creativity, and improve self-awareness.

#### Our tips for digital detox:

**1- Phone free zones.** Keeping phones out of certain rooms may help you to stick to your detox plan. This will remove the temptation to reach for your phone/mobile device and it allows you to enjoy your space away from technology!

**2- 30 minute rule.** Try to swap using your phone before bed for a screen-free activity instead! This should be for at least the last 30 minutes of the day. The blue light from screens tricks our brain into thinking it is daytime, which disrupts the production of melatonin (the hormone we need to feel sleepy!) Activities could be reading, mindful colouring, tidying, journaling, playing a musical instrument, board games, meditation, completing a puzzle, or self-care.

**3- Take regular screen breaks.** Stepping away from the screen helps us to balance our digital and real-world lives. This will also increase our self-awareness, productivity and overall happiness.



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MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



# RISE MHST

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### Tips For Wellness:

## THOUGHTFUL

Being thoughtful is when you think about how your actions and words will affect other people's feelings. Taking the time to make ourselves aware of the needs and feelings of others is great for our mental health, as it helps reduce stress, improve friendships and creates a sense of belonging.

Being thoughtful about ourselves can also improve self-awareness and help boost self-esteem.

#### Our tips for being thoughtful:

**1- Small acts of kindness**, e.g., smiling at someone, giving a hug to a loved one, holding the door open, giving a compliment to a friend, telling someone that they are important.

#### 2- Classroom activity:

- Each student should have a piece of paper and fold it in half.
- On the left side, students should write the names of 5 people in the class they admire.
- On the right side, students should write down the quality they admire most about each person (making sure each quality is different!)
- Tear off the left half of the paper (with names on) and keep the right half.
- Students should read out their list of qualities. Discuss that they also have these qualities as they were able to recognise them in others!
- Ask students to read out their list of qualities again, starting the sentence with "I am..."

**3- Create a thoughtful box** in the classroom for students to write down compliments and kind messages about their peers. The thoughtful messages can be shared at the end of the week!

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# Messy MASS

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.lwsnightshester.org> and of course, they are happy to answer any questions you may have.

TWS Reverse Advent Calendar



1st December

TWS Reverse Advent Calendar



2nd December

TWS Reverse Advent Calendar



3rd December

TWS Reverse Advent Calendar



4th December

TWS Reverse Advent Calendar



5th December

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6th December

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23rd December

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24th December



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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# HAF

Active Kids  
Christmas!

Tuesday 2nd  
to Friday 5th  
JANUARY 2024

**4**  
DAYS!

CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS  
FUN!

HEALTHY  
LUNCH  
PROVIDED

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places available  
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# Active Kids Christmas

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JANUARY 2024

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Each

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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.

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# HAF

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

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### HAF COUPONS

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WARXMAS23



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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.







# 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.



# Weekly Menu

## 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**

**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 Bolognaise 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**

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

(v) Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Chipped 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

## 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**

(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...**  
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**

**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**

(msc) Gluten Free Battered 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, 2/10, 23/10  
Oxfordshire: 11/9, 2/10  
Leicestershire: 11/9, 2/10

**Choose a main meal... MONDAY**

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

(vg) Sticky Barbeque 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**

**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**

(msc) Battered 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) Dinky Doughnuts/Chocolate Sauce  
(v) Ice Cream Tub  
(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



**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

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Aug-23						
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Feb-24						
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Mar-24						
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Apr-24						
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May-24						
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Jun-24						
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Jul-24						
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Aug-24						
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Sep-24						
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30						

Half Term	Days
1	41
2	35
3	25
4	25
5	34
6	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

	Total days
Autumn Term	76
Spring Term	50
Summer Term	69

School Holiday  
 Public Holiday  
 Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)

Secondary School Induction Day



# 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



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## 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)



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# 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



Warwick  
Schools  
Foundation



# 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**

