

Y5 Space Explorers



Year Five blasted off to The National Space Centre in Leicester this week as part of their Science topic, "Stargazers."



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On arrival, pupils participated in an exciting rocket science workshop about the laws of motion and combustion.

Y5 Space Explorers

Afterwards, the children explored the different Space Centre galleries where they learnt about the solar system, our changing Earth and the wonders of our universe.





Y5 Space Explorers



The children also visited the planetarium to watch a show about astronaut training. Afterwards, they climbed the iconic Rocket Tower.





Year Three have been exploring nutrition in Science. Pupils applied their learning by designing and making healthy fruit snacks in their DT lessons.



Scrumdiddlyumptious



Hérons chose to make fruit kebabs from bananas, satsumas, strawberries, grapes and blueberries. Children had to write and follow their own instructions!



Scrumdiddlyumptious



Doves decided to make delicious fruit smoothies. Pupils learned some new DT skills of peeling, grating and using the claw and bridge technique for cutting and they had fun blitzing their chopped fruit in the blender. Herons also wrote and followed their own instructions. It looks like they worked a treat!



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Article 14: Health



Y6, Coventry Blitz

Year Six visited The Coventry Blitz museum this week as part of their learning about The Second World War. The museum is located in the corner of the cathedral ruins and is a treasure trove of 1940's memorabilia and artefacts. Pupils heard first hand accounts of the Coventry Blitz on 14th November 1940 in a period school room and had the chance to dress as soldiers. They also travelled through a typical house of the time and learnt more about life in this era from a volunteer.

Afterwards, pupils were able to compare the ruins of Coventry's medieval cathedral with its stunning replacement which was designed in 1962 by Sir Basil Spence.



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Article 38: War and Armed Conflict



Coventry's two cathedral's stand side by side in unity as a reflection of the reality of destruction but also of rebuilding.



Pupils enjoyed seeing the beautiful stained glass windows, the chapels, tapestries and nave.



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion.

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Sharing Assembly

Kingfishers shared their English, Science and PSHE learning with parents and carers on Wednesday. They enjoyed re-telling the story of “The Three Little Pigs” and singing some songs. Well done, Everyone.



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Y1 Kingfishers





Y2 RE Learning

Thursday 26th September 2025
L.O. To be able to talk about what happens at a wedding, recognising similarities between different worldview religions.

Article 13 Every child has the right to freedom of expression.
Article 14 Every child has the right to freedom of thought, belief and religion.

What happens at a wedding and why?

Worldview	Wedding Features
 Wedding in a Gurdwara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bride and Groom cover their heads to show respect to the Guru Granth Sahib. Granthi (Priest) weds the couple. Holy book is read (Guru Granth Sahib). Bride wears a traditional dress. After the religious ceremony, the couple host a lunch or party to celebrate their marriage.
 Wedding in a Church	<p>The bride wears a veil.</p> <p>The priest weds the couple. The Bible is red. The bride wears a white dress.</p>

Great!

Write some similarities between these two worldview weddings.

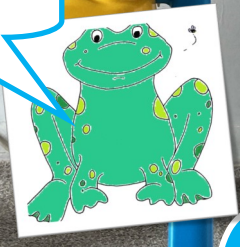
They are similar because we both have to pray. We celebrate the party.

Year Two have been learning how different world religions celebrate marriage. Pupils enjoyed comparing wedding outfits and watching videos of Christian and Sikh ceremonies.

The children loved seeing photographs of Mrs Harrad and Mrs Knowles on their wedding days and especially liked watching a video of Ms Knight dancing to Jewish music at her wedding reception.



Keep on improving.



Enjoy learning.

Learning Characters



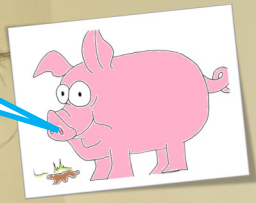
Reception have been using their Learning Characters at home. Well done children for building positive learning behaviours!




Cooperate.



Have a go.



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Pupils at Kayaking club took to the water on paddle boards this week. It was tricky at first but, with practice, everyone made progress.

Kayaking Club



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



Y3/4 Theatre Trip

Join Dick and his trusty cat on an exciting quest to see if the streets of London really are paved with gold. Can Dick find love, can his faithful feline rid London of King Rat and his hordes of little rats, and will his dream of becoming Mayor of London ever come true? There's only one way to find out!

Years Three and Four will be visiting the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry on Wednesday 27th November to watch a morning performance of the pantomime, "Dick Whittington." The cost of this trip is £21.08. Please log on to your ParentPay account to make your payment. There will be more details closer to the trip.

Dick Whittington

YR/1/2 Theatre Trip



Soar into space for your festive family treat with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler – as seen in the popular 2022 BBC TV Christmas animation.

On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So, when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back?

Music, laughs and interplanetary adventures for everyone aged 3 and up, from Tall Stories – the company that brought you The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom live on stage.

Reception, Year One and Year Two will be visiting Warwick Arts Centre on Monday 9th December to watch a morning performance of "The Smeds and The Smoos." The cost of this trip is £17.42 Please log on to your ParentPay account to make your payment. There will be more details closer to the trip.

The Smeds and the Smoos

News and Information

Year Five/Six Theatre Trip

We are still finalising the details of our Year Five /Six theatre trip. Our oldest children usually attend the Christmas show performed by The Royal Shakespeare Company but, sadly, tickets are unavailable. Do not fear, however, because we are looking for a different show that will be just as exciting!

Hooray! Hot Dinners are Back.

Our kitchen re-fit is now complete which means hot dinners are back on the menu from next week. Welcome back to Meat-Free Monday!, Roast Dinner Wednesday and Fishy Friday!

Year 5/6 Christmas Concert

Please note a change of date for the Y5/6 Christmas concert. It will now be held on Friday 13th December at 2.15pm.

Applying for a School Place in Reception or Year Seven

If your child was born between **1 September 2020** and **31 August 2021** you need to apply for a place in Reception.

The applications process opens on 1 November 2024 and the deadline for applying for a Reception place is 4.00pm on **15 January 2025**. If you apply by this date, you will receive your child's school offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2025)

Please see: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/421/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>.

The closing date to apply for a secondary school place is 4.00pm on **31st October 2024**. If you applied by the deadline, you will receive your school offer on National Offer Day, 3 March 2025.

Please see: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Last year there were over 500 late applicants. If you apply late, you are much less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools

Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals, applications can be made online at

[https:// www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ education-learning/applyfree-school-meals](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/applyfree-school-meals)

If you require any assistance, please speak to a member of our office team.

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Storycatchers

Guinness World Record Attempt

On Thursday 3rd October, KS2 are collaborating with poet Laura Mucha to co-write a poem about 'what counts' with 60,000 other students. We hope to help break the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for the largest poetry lesson! The attempt is in collaboration with five charities: National Poetry Day, the National Literacy Trust, CLPE, Poetry Society and Poetry Archive

Pupils have already submitted their poetry ideas to Laura and she has read them all! Students will be able to see the finished poem on billboards around the country and think, *I was part of that, my ideas and opinions mattered, I helped make that happen.*

The record breaking attempt will take place, live in the hall and the rules of participation are very strict. Let's hope we break that record.

National Poetry Day



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow








Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

<p>190 DAYS 100%</p>  <p>Very best chance of success</p>	<p>183 DAYS 96%</p>  <p>Off to a flying start</p>	<p>179 DAYS 94%</p>  <p>Less chance of success</p>	<p>175 DAYS 92%</p>  <p>Harder to make progress</p>	<p>More than 18 days absence less than 90%</p>  <p>Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)</p>
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ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

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Mental Health in Schools Team Tips For Wellness



Friendship

Friends can be there for you and be an important source of mental health support and wellbeing. The **5 steps to wellbeing** highlight the importance of connecting with others, whether that be friends, family or key important people in your life, it is important to stay connected!

Connecting with others can help us feel close to people and feel valued for who we are. Being social means different things for different people; you might prefer being in quieter situations with one other person, or you might like being in big groups. You might like to connect with people face-to-face, online, by sending letters, or talking on the phone!

Our tips for building friendships:

- If you feel comfortable, you could try speaking to someone new.
- Ask how someone's weekend was and really listen when they tell you.
- Walk to school with a friend or ask someone to play with you at breaktime.



5 steps to wellbeing

Friends can help you with your mental health in lots of different ways. They might check in with your feelings or simply make you laugh by sharing a video on TikTok. They might also help you by:

1. **Talking things through** - if you are finding things difficult, talking things through with a friend can help you understand how you feel and what support you might need. It might even be that they just sit and listen. A friend can also keep you company to remind you that you are not alone.
2. **Give practical support** - for example, if you are nervous about going to a party, friends can help you by going to the party with you, messaging you to see how you are getting on or helping you find a quiet space.
3. **Taking your mind off things** - they can distract you from what might be making you feel low or stressed and help you feel calmer through difficult times.
4. **Notice changes in your mood** - friends who know you well might recognise if you are struggling or not feeling your best and can check in to see if you need support.



Scan for the importance of friendships for our mental health



Remember, helping a friend is not all on you!
(See video)

In Coventry and Warwickshire, for any urgent mental health concerns, contact the RISE Crisis Helpline available 24/7, by calling NHS 111. Alternatively, call 999 or visit A&E in an emergency, for example if medical attention is required.



Imagine, Explore, Create
(www.theimagimill.co.uk)

Walk down Imagination Street to the Land of Oz in 3 interactive, sensory storytelling workshops exploring The Wizard of Oz.

The workshops will be aimed for young people with additional needs aged between 8 to 12 years old.

The sessions will be held at:

*Brunswick Hub, 98-100 Shrubland St, Leamington Spa
CV31 3BD*

on

Tuesday 15th October 4.30pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 22nd October 4.30pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 29th October 4.30pm-6.30pm

(The final session will include a sharing event for parents and carers)

Please register your young person's interest by email to
lynnebarton@entrustcarepartnership.org.uk

Generously funded by Warwick District Council



Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children and Young People with Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Thursday 26th September 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Emotion Regulation in School Aged Children

Thursday 10th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children aged 3-11 Years with Anxiety

Thursday 24th October 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting Children Aged 12+ Years Anxiety

Thursday 7th November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding and Supporting School Aged Children Who Self-harm

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Aged Children

Thursday 5th December 2024, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Low Mood in Children and Young People

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Understanding Self-esteem in Children and Young People

Thursday 10th April 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Places on our sessions are subject to availability. To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.



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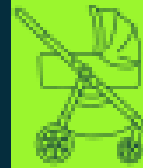
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Join the

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buggy walking group for parents in Leamington

All Mums & Dads are welcome to join this group. The walk will be at a gentle pace with no one left behind. Connect with other parents, learn from each other and receive information and advice from health professionals.



Funding has been awarded for this project by Warwick District Council

EVERY MONDAY AT 10AM

Walks will start from two locations:

- **Waterside Medical Centre** (CV31 2BB) on **Mondays** (excluding bank holidays), **except for the last Monday of the month**
- **Warwick Gates Health Centre** (CV34 6DZ) on the **last Monday of the month** (excluding bank holidays) which will include a guest speaker

Guest Speakers at the last walk of each month

After the walk, we will go to Heathcote Community Centre (opposite Warwick Gates) where we will have tea & coffee and a guest speaker, talking about a post-natal related topic. These include perinatal mental health, common illnesses and self-care, feeding you and your baby.

Upcoming Talk Dates:

- 30th September
- 28th October 2024
- 25th November 2024
- 27th January 2025
- 24th February 2025
- 24th March 2025

Travel Info



Both practices can be accessed by foot, bus or car.

Waterside Medical Centre:

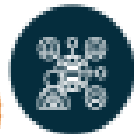
Nearest bus stop: opposite and adjacent Court Street.

Car: Free 2 hour on-street parking on Radford Road. Paying car park: Court Street. (min charge £1, max charge £5. Card and Ring-go payments only. Location code: 23858.

Warwick Gates Health Centre:

Nearest bus stop: Heathcote Lane

Car: Free parking at Warwick Gates Health Centre and Heathcote Community Centre. Free surrounding on-street parking.



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Personalised Care Hub

Diary Dates

Monday 30th September	Y4 visit to The Sealife Centre.
Wednesday 2nd October	Y6 Swans assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 3rd October	KS2 Guinness World Record attempt for Poetry Day. Can Sydenham break the Guinness World Record for the largest poetry lesson?
Wednesday 9th October	Y1 Puffins assembly at 10.30am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 16th October	Y6 Moorhens assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 21st October	Y3 trip to Cadbury World.
Wednesday 23rd October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.
Wednesday 23rd October	Y2 Swallows class assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 24th October	Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.00pm.
Friday 25th October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, please donate at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November, school closed for the half-term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 4th November.	
Wednesday 6th November	Y5 Kittiwakes assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 11th November	Road Safety Week and Y5/6 Bikeability.
Wednesday 20th November	Y5 Woodpeckers assembly at 9.05am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 25th November	YR trip to Compton Verney.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26th November	YR and Y6 height and weight checks.
Wednesday 27th November	Y3 and Y4 visit the Belgrade Theatre to watch the pantomime, "Dick Whittington."
Thursday 28th November	Christmas decorations go up in the hall.
Friday 29th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, please donate at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.
Monday 2nd December	School closed for INSET (In-Service training.) Children back at school on Tuesday 3rd December.
Wednesday 4th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am. Families are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 9th December	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch "The Smeds and The Smoos."
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas concert at 9.30am.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 13th December	Y5/6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm.
Monday 16th December	Rock Steady concert at 2.15pm.
Friday 20th December	Christmas MUFTI—come to school in a festive jumper or outfit. If your child wears their own choice of clothes, please donate at least 50p via ParentPay. All money raised will support the local charity, Parenting Project.

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January, school closed for the Christmas holiday.

Monday January 6th 2025, School closed for INSET (In Service Training.)

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025



Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One

See you on Monday.
Best wishes from Miss
Glenny



Key Stage Two