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Comic Relief Fundraiser

The children have all enjoyed going round the stalls that the year 6 children put on. They have raised a brilliant **£265.23** and everyone had fun aswell!



Stars of the Week

Reception

- Giraffes**
All Children
- Zebras**
All Children

Year One

- Hedgehogs**
Loki
- Rabbits**
Harry

Year Two

- Penguins**
Dhruv
- Seals**
Nelson

Year Three

- Crocodiles**
Elijah
- Turtles**
Emily-Rose

Year Four

- Bears**
Chinmayi
- Eagles**
Ellen

Year Five

- Pandas**
Finlay
- Tigers**
Jaiden

Year Six

- Sloths**
Zach
- Toucans**
Ivy

Headteacher Awards

- Max (Y5)**
Respect and Kindness
- Isaac (Y5)**
Resilience and Endeavour
- Scarlett (Y6)**
Collaboration, Endeavour and Kindness

Staff News and Recruitment

At the end of Spring term Mrs Bhogal (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Williams (Administrator) will be leaving RFPs. We would like to say a huge thank you to them both for their dedication and support that they have shown RFPs and hope they are very happy in their new positions. We will miss them both very much.

We have recruited two excellent new Teaching Assistants who will be starting just after the Easter Holidays. They both come with experience and interviewed very well.

We have an advert on My New Term for an administrator to join our team. This is a crucial role for our school as you are the face/voice everyone sees first! It would suit someone who is bubbly, kind and organised! The closing date is 25th March at 12pm. We are looking for either 1 full time person or 2 part time people that would be on a job share basis. Please do share this link to anyone who you feel would like to join our team. <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141936/EDV-2026-RFPs-60221>

Year 5 Knitting & Crochet Club

A group of year 5 children on a Wednesday lunchtime have set up a Knitting & Crochet club for their year group. This has been well attended by different groups of children each week.

The children have taught other pupils a new skill and pupils that have attended have all shown resilience and perseverance. Miss Nelson also attends and has improved her crocheting so much that she is running it as a after school club in the summer term!



Easter Competition

Easter is approaching, and this year, we are inviting the children to decorate an egg.

The eggs should be brought into school on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**, when they will be judged!

Please note, this is an optional competition! We can't wait to see your "egg-cellent" creations





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Year 3 Inspire Workshop



On Tuesday, Year 3 had an amazing morning sharing their learning with their adults. They took part in lots of different activities and had the chance to teach their adults what they have been learning.



Thank you for everyone who joined us. We were very impressed with how engaged everyone was. A big thank you to the Year 3 teachers for all of their preparation with this!

Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)



Pre-loved uniform- We are clearing our cupboards, we have some logo jumpers available for 50p. On a first come first served basis - we have 6x 24", 8x 26", 5x 28" and 1x34",

If you are interested please email us at frrfps@gmail.com and we will give you details for collection.



AGM

Annual General Meeting



20th April 2026

@ Brewers Fayre 7:45 for 8pm start

We invite you to join us to discuss the past year and vote for the committee going ahead to this coming year

We are always looking for more volunteers you do not have to attend all events/meetings- pop along and see if and where you could help or share your skills



Year 6 End of Year Performance

Save the date

Join us in celebrating the Year 6 students as they take the stage for their final school performance. We will let you know of any further details nearer the time.

Performance Dates

- 14th July - Year 6 Production (Morning) – 9:15am (No ticket limit)
- 15th July - Year 6 Production (Evening) – 6:00pm (Limited to a maximum of 2 adults only per child- this will be strictly enforced. Children attending will need to sit on knees of adults if no further space)

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Game On Holiday Camp

Game On is operating a Holiday Camp over the Easter holiday. The booking form was attached with the newsletter on 27th February 2026. Please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly for bookings.



The dates are: **Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April**

All Sorts Magazine

Here is the link to the March/May digital edition of Allsorts magazine https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MARCHMAY you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone/tablet (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family. You can view this issue at www.allsortsmag.com too or on the allsorts Facebook page. Take care - Michelle Love (Editor).

Diary Dates (please check every week as they are subject to change!)

- 25th Mar – Y6 WW2 Beaumanor Hall trip
- 26th Mar – Y4 Peter Pan Performance 9:15am
- 27th Mar – Y4 Peter Pan Performance 9:15am
- 30th Mar – 10th Apr – Easter Holiday
- 30th April - Y3 Hunstanton trip
- 4th May – Early May Bank holiday
- 11th - 14th May – Y6 SATS week
- 19th May – Y1 Ryton Pools trip
- 22nd Jun – Y5 Tudor World trip
- 14th July – Y6 End of year performance to families (no limit on attendees)- 9.15am
- 15th July – Y6 End of year performance to parents & Graduation (2 adults per child only) - 6pm

Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below or alternatively come in to school and ask to speak to a DSL. Contact the **Warwickshire's Family Connect** on **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5.30pm, Friday 8.30am- 5.00pm. If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately on **01926 886922**. If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately by dialling **999**.

SAFEGUARDING
Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFPS, you must tell Miss Finch or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.

	Miss Finch Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Mrs Colledge Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Mrs Powell Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Miss Briffers Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Jennifer Beattie
Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone Family Connect on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.



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A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.



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- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council’s Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council’s Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child’s progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

All penalty notices are issued by Warwickshire County Council and all fines are paid directly to WCC. The school does not receive any of the money.



Dimensions tool



Free online personalised self-care information & support for adults and children in Coventry & Warwickshire

Positivity

“Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.” - Alice Morse Earle.

Positivity means focusing on the good things in life, even when things get tough. It’s about thinking and acting in a way that makes you feel happy and hopeful. Being positive can help you feel better, solve problems, and have a more joyful life.

Our tips for practising positivity:

- **Focus on the good** – Look for the positive in every situation. Every day, there is always something positive.
- **Use positive words** – Try saying things like “I can do this” or “I’ll keep trying and I will get there”.
- **Be kind to yourself** – Don’t be too hard on yourself. Try to remind yourself that you are trying your best. Celebrate any small successes!
- **Practise gratitude** – Think about three things that you are thankful for each day. It could be something as simple as a sunny day or a friend saying something nice to you.
- **Spend time with positive people.**
- **Find something you enjoy** – Whether it is a hobby, sport, quality time with friends and family, or watching your favourite TV programme, doing something you love can bring you joy.
- **Try using positive affirmations** – Tell yourself one positive thing every day, like “I am enough” or “I am trying my best”.
- **Help others** – Helping someone else, even in a small way, can make you feel good about yourself too.
- **Keep a positive journal** – Write down things that you are proud of or moments that made you smile.

Positivity makes a big difference!

When you practise positivity, you start seeing the world in a brighter way. You can face challenges with confidence and believe in yourself.

Positivity is also contagious — when you’re positive, you inspire others to be positive too!

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.



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.





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