



Lower Farm Weekly



Friday 19th January 2024

KS1 Trim Trail

A big thank you to Sam and Russ from The Midcounties Co-operative for laying the matting around our new trim trail. The students are so pleased now they can use their new equipment. THANKS GUYS!!!!!!



Value Awards

Well done to those who have particularly stood out for displaying our school values this week.



Beech

Kingsley Resilience, Integrity & Achievement

Birch

Alfie Care & Collaboration

Cherry

Arabella Resilience & Care

Chestnut

Billy Integrity & Resilience

Elder

Jayden Achievement & Integrity

Elm

Melody Care & Integrity

Hazel

Habeeba All School Values

Holly

Maddie All School Values

Oak

Aiden Resilience & Achievement

Attendance For week beginning 15th January 2024



Beech Class	98.6%
Birch Class	100%
Cherry Class:	90.7%
Chestnut Class:	95.5%
Elder Class:	95.6%
Elm Class:	98.0%
Hazel Class	97.2%
Holly	99.2%
Oak	91.3%

Congratulations to those classes that have reached an attendance of **97% or above**. It would be great to see every class reach 97% next week.



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Lower Farm Academy CV10 0FG

Dates: 12th February 2024 - 16th February 2024

Times: 8:00-16:00 or 9:00-15:00

Price: 8:00-16:00 @ £26.50 or 9:00-15:00 @ £20

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: Child Care Vouchers are accepted

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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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 Wight* 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 regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider there are exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance 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. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their 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 is the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required 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, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

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 and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

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'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed 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 in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

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

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 31st January: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Friday 9th February: Friends of Lower Farm Magic Show

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Wednesday 21st February: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings
13:30 - 18:00

Friday 1st March: Non-uniform day – Easter Egg donation

Friday 8th March: Year 2 Mothers' Day 14:00 - 15:00

Thursday 14th March: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day-details to follow

Thursday 21st March: Easter Bingo and Raffle

Friday 22nd March: School closes at 13:30 for Easter holidays

Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April: Staff Inset Day – School closed

Tuesday 9th April: School opens for summer term

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 17th May: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Friday 24th May: Non-uniform day – bottle donation

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Friday 7th June: Non-uniform – gift donation

Friday 14th June: year 3 Fathers' Day 14:00 — 15:00

Saturday 29th June: summer fayre – sports day

Monday 8th July: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Wednesday 10th July: Transition Day

Thursday 18th July: School closes at 13:30 for summer holidays