



# Lower Farm Weekly



## Friday 12th April 2024

Welcome back everyone! Congratulations to everyone for an amazing first week of the summer term and a very warm welcome to our new children and staff who joined Lower Farm this week.

### Dates for your Diary

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Non-uniform day – bottle donation
- Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Non-uniform – gift donation
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 3 Fathers' Day 14:00 – 15:00
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer fayre – sports day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Transition Day
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** School closes at 13:30 for summer holidays



Many of our families celebrated Eid this week and we do hope you had a special time making happy memories with your family and friends.

### Value Awards



- Beech**  
Aurelia Resilience & Achievement
- Birch**  
Ella Resilience, Integrity, Achievement & Respect
- Cherry**  
Theo Care
- Chestnut**  
Lisari All school values
- Elder**  
Anjum Achievement & Integrity
- Elm**  
Layla All school values
- Hazel**  
Jennifer Respect
- Holly**  
Laksh Integrity & Resilience
- Oak**  
Kirra All School Values

### Attendance For week beginning 9th April 2024



<b>Beech Class</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Birch Class</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Cherry Class:</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>Chestnut Class:</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Elder Class:</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
<b>Elm Class:</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Hazel Class</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Holly</b>	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

**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.

# Welcome to our New Staff at Lower Farm Academy



## **Miss Jones Hazel Class Teacher**

I am Miss Jones and I am very excited to be joining Lower Farm Academy. I have really enjoyed my first week here.

Here are a few of my favourite things:

Food: Crisps and carrots

Book: The Gruffalo and Pig Heart Boy

Drinks: Squash and tea

Hobbies: Dancing and reading

I look forward to seeing you all around school!

## **Miss Stubbs**

### **Cover Supervisor Teacher**

Hi my name is Miss Stubbs and I am the new cover supervisor teacher at Lower Farm Academy. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I also love going on holiday! I am really looking forward to getting to know all of the children here and their families too.



## **Mrs Dench Teaching Assistant**

My name is Mrs Dench and I am pleased to say I am the new Teaching assistant in Holly Class.

What a lovely class it is!

In my spare time I enjoy reading, yoga, Morris dancing and cooking.



# Fundraising **FASHION SHOW** & SHOPPING EVENT



**YOUR FAVOURITE BRANDS AT UP TO 75% OFF**

DOROTHY PERKINS WHITE STUFF RIVER ISLAND NEXT  
EVANS NEW LOOK MISS SELFRIDGE TOPSHOP WALLIS  
URBAN OUTFITTERS WAREHOUSE MONSOON & MORE!

**PLUS FRENCH + ITALIAN DESIGNER WEAR**

**SIZES  
6 TO 30**

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 6:30pm**

School Hall, Lower Farm Academy (entrance via side door of school hall)



Tickets £5 (includes welcome drink)



Available to purchase from

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsflowerfarmacademy/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsflowerfarmacademy/)

Raffle & Refreshments (including alcohol) available to purchase at the show  
*(cash preferred please)*

This is an **ADULT ONLY** event (Over 18's only)

All funds raised will go towards Lower Farm Academy school projects

**SOS** Charity Fashion Shows

DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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# FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY

## Second Hand Uniform

- Scan the QR code to access the store
- Stock levels automatically updated to show what is in stock
- Order directly from the store & any purchases will be given to child's teacher to pass on at pick up / drop off
- All proceeds go towards school projects



## **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 2008 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 £80 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.**