



Lower Farm Weekly



Friday 20th September 2024

School Photographs - Monday 23rd September

Parents are welcome to bring children with siblings from other schools from **8:00am -8:30am**. All other children will have their photograph taken throughout the school day. Pine class children should attend in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kits in a bag for this week only.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

September

27th



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September

On **Friday 27th September 9.30am-10.30am**, Year 5 will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning for the parents/carers at Lower Farm Academy. All parents/carers are welcome!

If you are a budding baker then we would be grateful for any donations of cakes/treats that we can sell at the coffee morning to raise some money. The donations could be homemade or shop bought. If you are making any cakes/treats please make a list of ingredients which can sit alongside your cake and remember we are a nut free school. Please could any cake/treat donations be brought in to school during the week beginning 23rd September. Many thanks for your support.

Value Awards



Cherry Ella	Resilience & Achievement
Chestnut Annabelle	Achievement
Elder Ronnie	Achievement
Elm Billy	Resilience, Collaboration & Achievement
Hazel Hamish	Resilience & Respect
Holly Francesca	Care
Oak Anisia	All school values
Olive Matthew	All school values
Pine Karam	Respect & Achievement

Attendance

For week beginning
16th September 2024



Beech Class	96.7%
Birch Class	100%
Cherry Class:	98.3%
Chestnut Class:	99.1%
Elder Class:	97.4%
Elm Class:	96.3%
Hazel Class	93.1%
Holly	94.9%
Oak	99.1%
Olive	94.0%
Pine	97.8%

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.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd September: School photos - see front she of newsletter for details

Tuesday 24th September: Parent Open Event for 2025/26 admissions 17:00 – 18:00

Friday 27th September: Year 5 MacMillan Coffee - 9:30 10:30 - all parents/carers welcome

Monday 7th October: Year 4 Grandparents Day - times TBC

Wednesday 23rd October: Parent Open Event for 2025/26 admissions 17:00 – 18:00

Friday 25th October: Friends of Lower Farm/PTA Halloween Disco (details to follow)

Half Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Wednesday 6th November: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 15:30 - 18:00

Thursday 7th November: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 15:30 - 18:00

Friday 8th November: Non-uniform day - bring in a bottle for Christmas Fayre

Friday 15th November: Non-uniform day - wear yellow/spotty clothes and donate for Children in Need

Monday 11th November: Anti-bullying week - wear odd socks to school on Wednesday 13th

Thursday 21st November: Parent Open Event for 2025/26 admissions 17:00 – 18:00

Friday 22nd November: Non-uniform day - chocolate donation for Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th November: Year 1 Fairytale Tea Party - times TBC

Friday 6th December: Christmas Fayre 15:30

Friday 13th December: Parent Open Event for 2025/26 admissions 17:00 – 18:00

Tuesday 17th December: Reception Nativity 14:00 for 14:30 start

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 20th December: Non-uniform Day. School closes at 13:30 for Christmas (no wraparound care)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Monday 6th January: Staff Inset Day - school closed

Tuesday 7th January: School opens for spring term

Friday 7th February: Friends of Lower Farm/ PTA Magic Show (details to follow)

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Friday 21st March: Red Nose Day – wear red clothes and donate for Comic Relief

Friday 28th March: Non-uniform day - Easter Egg donation for Easter Bingo

Friday 28th March: Year 2 Mothers' Day celebration - times TBC

Thursday 10th April: Easter Bingo and Raffle Friday 11th April: School closes at 13:30 for Easter holidays (no wraparound care)

Easter Holidays: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

Monday 28th April: Staff Inset Day - school closed

Tuesday 29th April: School opens for summer term

Wednesday 30th April: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 15:30 - 18:00

Thursday 1st May: Parents/Carer Pupil Progress Meetings 15:30 - 18:00

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday - school closed

Friday 23rd May: Non-uniform day - bottle donation for Summer Fayre

Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Friday 6th June: Non-uniform - gift donation for Summer Fayre

Friday 13th June: Year 3 Fathers' Day celebration - times TBC

Friday 20th June: Sports Day and Summer Fayre (details to follow)

Wednesday 2nd July: Transition Day

Thursday 10th July: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Friday 18th July: School closes at 13:30 for summer holidays (no wraparound care)

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BABY AND CHILDREN'S

NEARLY NEW SALE

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

10am-12pm

Lower Farm Academy School Hall



BUY top quality preloved baby and children's goods at our award winning pop-up markets. Entry £2 on the door - everyone is welcome!

Stall
booking
and info



Book your stall online, and keep 100% of the proceeds



www. **mum2mum market**.co.uk



FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY
PRESENTS:

2024 AUTUMN COLOURING COMPETITION!

ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE DISPLAYED PROUDLY ON PROJECTOR SCREEN
AT THE HALLOWEEN DISCO

A WINNER IS SELECTED FROM EACH YEAR GROUP FOR A PRIZE!

THEMES OF AUTUMNAL OR HALLOWEEN CREATIONS

WHICH CAN BE COLLAGES, MIXED MEDIA OR COLOURING IN

50P
ENTRY
FEE



PRIZES TO BE
WON

HOW TO ENTER:

A4 OR A3 SIZE OF PAPER

WRITE CHILDS NAME, YEAR & CLASS WITH ENTRY FEE OF 50p TAPED ON
THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK

SUBMIT ENTRY IN LABELLED BOX LOCATED AT RECEPTION OFFICE

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: **FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2024**

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED
WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL

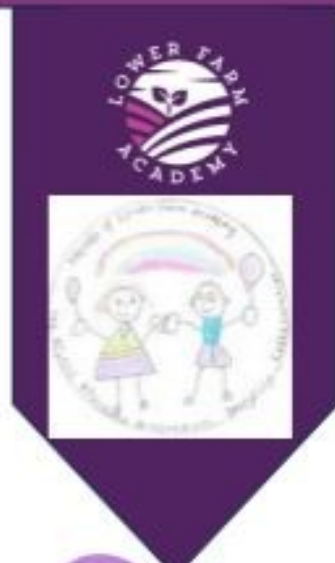
WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER





FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY
PRESENTS:

HALLOWEEN DISCO



£3.50 A TICKET

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2: 3:30 – 4.30pm



YEARS 3, 4 & 5: 5:00 – 6:00pm



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY 5pm 24th OCTOBER FROM:

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoflowerfarmacademy

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
BISCUITS, DRINK & TREAT WILL BE PROVIDED (ALL ALLERGIES
WILL BE CATERED FOR)

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE EVENT AND THE SCHOOL





FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY
PRESENTS:



Non Uniform Day

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



A Message From Friends of Lower Farm Academy!

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a brilliant summer!

Asda are kindly offering funding to schools with their "Cashpot for schools" initiative Parents/Carers/Grandparents/Friends just need to download their Rewards app and select Lower Farm Academy! At no additional cost to the shopper, Asda will donate to our school with every shop online or in-store when the Rewards app is scanned at checkout between 2nd September to 30th November 2024 - please see more details below and spread the word.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate **££s** to schools.



HERE'S HOW:

- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2** Choose your primary school
- 3** Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. 18+. App & Opt-in required. 65% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072831. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30/11/24

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.

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.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

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.
- 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.



FRIENDS OF LOWER FARM ACADEMY

Second Hand Uniform

- Scan the QR code or use website link 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

[HTTPS://FRIENDS-OF-LOWER-FARM-
ACADEMY.SUMUPSTORE.COM/](https://friends-of-lower-farm-academy.sumupstore.com/)

