

Friday 12th June 2026

This Week in Our School

From glorious sunshine to torrential rain! Nothing is going to stop the children here at Lower Farm from succeeding! This week we've seen our best ever writing results following writing moderation with the local authority, children in Year 4 finished their MTC test and did brilliantly, and our Year 1 children completed their phonics assessments. We're so proud of how hard everyone has worked to achieve so highly. We've also completed our 'Ride a Large Animal' promise in Nursery and Reception. There's so much more to come in this summer term!

Key Dates!

Please read this section carefull as there have been some updates/new additions and we don't want you to miss out on any of our Summer term events!



- Tuesday 16th June:** KS1 Sports Day: 1pm-3pm (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Wednesday 17th June:** KS2 Sports Day: 1pm-3pm (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
- Thursday 18th June:** Year 5 'Sleeping Under the Stars'
- Monday 22nd June:** Year 2 Assembly (details below)
- Thursday 2nd July:** Year 3 Assembly - 9am
- Friday 3rd July:** Non-Uniform Day (Gift Donation)
- Tuesday 7th July:** Year 4 Class Assembly - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 8th July:** Transition Day
- Friday 10th July:** Non-Uniform (Bottle Donation)
- Tuesday 14th July:** Year 2 'Ladies Day' Picnic - 2pm. To celebrate the wonderful women in our children's lives! We will provide cake and fruit punch to mark the occasion, and would greatly appreciate any picnic blankets you are able to lend for the afternoon. This will be a lovely opportunity to read or play games together, so please feel free to bring along books or small outdoor games. Attendance for this event is limited to one special adult per child, and wristbands will be distributed on the Friday before the picnic.
- Thursday 16th July:** Summer Fayre (after school)
- Friday 17th July:** School Closes at 1:30pm
Wraparound (MHR) closes 3:30pm



Things to Celebrate!

Value Awards



BEECH - Freya & Maya
BIRCH - Ralph
CHERRY - Whole Class
CHESTNUT - Whole Class
ELDER - Alfie
ELM - Amiya
HAZEL - Anabella
HOLLY - Lacie-Rose
OAK - Eli
OLIVE - Sian
PINE - Matthew
POPLAR - Marc
WALNUT - Thomas



Year 2 Assembly – Monday 22nd June

We will be holding a class assembly to showcase the children's learning on 'The History of Flight'. We would love you to join us to cheer the children on and celebrate all of their hard work and achievements.

Please note that attendance is limited to two adults per child, and we kindly ask that you arrive on site no earlier than 2.20pm.

Attendance!

For week beginning 8th June 2026

Beech Class:	97.7%
Birch Class:	96%
Cherry Class:	94.7%
Chestnut Class:	98.7%
Elder Class:	94.3%
Elm Class:	99.3%
Hazel Class:	94.8%
Holly Class:	92.4%
Oak Class:	90.7%
Olive Class:	94.7%
Pine Class:	94%
Poplar Class:	96.2%
Walnut Class:	98.7%



Congratulations to those classes that have reached an attendance of 97% or above!



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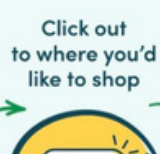
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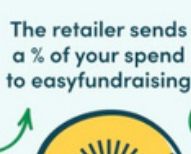
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ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the warmer weather arrives, it is clear that summer is upon us. We understand that this time of year can sometimes lead to the perception that the final weeks of term are less important, and that taking children out of school will have little impact—particularly for our Year 6 pupils who have recently completed their SATs.

However, we still have a full half term of valuable learning ahead. This period is essential in preparing pupils for their transition into the next academic year. Alongside this, there will also be a number of enjoyable and memorable activities for the children to take part in, including the Summer Fayre and our 11 before 11 promises such as Sleeping Under the Stars, Ride a Large Animal and so much more.

All of these experiences contribute to our pupils' personal development, sense of belonging, and enjoyment of school life. We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school every day and that holidays are not taken during term time. We would not want any child to miss out on these important learning opportunities and special experiences.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to support your child's success.

Mrs L Whitfield

Pastoral and Attendance Lead



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

What can you do you as families to avoid school absence

Encouraging strong school attendance is built on positive routines, open communication, and a close partnership between home and school. It is a shared responsibility that plays a key role in supporting children's academic success and social development.

Here are some practical strategies you can use at home to support your child's regular attendance:

Set clear expectations:

Make it clear that attending school every day is the norm. Framing attendance as non-negotiable (unless your child is genuinely unwell) helps to build consistent and positive habits.

Avoid occasional days off:

Try not to allow days off for minor reasons such as feeling tired or minor worries. These can quickly become patterns and make returning to school more difficult.

Establish a routine:

A consistent bedtime and wake-up routine—even at weekends—helps regulate your child's body clock. Consider a screen-free "wind-down" period before bed to support better sleep.

Prioritise sleep:

Children typically need between 9 and 12 hours of sleep per night. Ensure their bedroom is dark, quiet, and comfortable, and limit screen use before bedtime, as this can affect sleep quality.

Prepare the night before:

Having school bags, uniforms, and essentials ready the evening before helps reduce stress in the morning and supports a smooth start to the day.

Plan appointments carefully:

Where possible, arrange medical or other appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please provide the school with evidence of the appointment.

Talk about school:

Take time to discuss your child's day, their learning, and any worries they may have. Showing interest can boost engagement and motivation. If concerns arise, please contact us so we can work together to support your child.

Celebrate good attendance:

Acknowledge and praise consistent attendance. Positive reinforcement is a strong motivator.

Encourage involvement in school life:

Children are more motivated to attend when they feel connected. Encourage participation in clubs, teams, and school events where possible.

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

As a Reminder:

- Our expectation is 97% attendance or above for all pupils.
- Term-time holidays will not be authorised under any circumstances.
- Unauthorised absence of 5 days (10 sessions) within a 10-week period may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- Punctuality is vital: All pupils should be in school, ready to learn by 8:45am, as lateness impacts both attendance and learning. Arriving after registers have closed impacts your child's attendance percentage.
- Lost Learning Time: Just 5 minutes each day equals 3 days of missed education over a school year. Arriving 30 minutes late equates to 19 days of lost learning. Entering a classroom late can cause embarrassment and anxiety. Children also miss crucial social time before class, which is important for making friends and settling in.
- Persistent absence: Missing 19 school days or more is classed as persistent absence. In these cases, Warwickshire Attendance Service may review the situation and implement an attendance support plan.

Warwickshire Attendance Service

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 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.

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).

- o 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.

- o 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.