Lower Farm Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th September

This Week in Our School

We'll be into October before we know it! September has flown by and there are so many successes to celebrate. Our children continue to impress, working extremely hard in all subjects. This week, Year 3 have been warming up their brains learning about volcanoes and how muscles contract to move parts of our body, Year 2 have been learning about the equator and Year 1 have been exploring seasonal changes. As a school, we continue to focus on English skills and grammar while our maths has focussed on place value for all year groups.



Key Dates!

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

Monday 28th September:	European Day of Languages
Tuesday 29th September:	School Photographs
Monday 5th October:	Year 4 Grandparents Afternoon - 1.30 to 3pm
Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th October:	Parents Evenings
Friday 23rd October:	Halloween Discos

Things to Celebrate!



Value Awards

CHERRY - Maya

CHESTNUT - Albie

ELDER - Joshua

ELM - Harry

HAZEL - Archie

OAK - Leonidas

OLIVE - Isla-Mai

PINE - Jayden

POPLAR - Ellery

WALNUT - Max

WILLOW - Matthew

Parents Evening 13th and 15th October

Parents evenings are a perfect opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see how your child has settled into their new class.

Slots will become available from early October.

Attendance!

For week beginning 21st September 2026

Beech Class:	91.3%
Birch Class:	99.3%
Cherry Class:	96.2%
Chestnut Class:	94.6%
Elder Class:	97.3%
Elm Class:	97.3%
Hazel Class:	89.7%
Holly Class:	95.3%
Oak Class:	93.3%
Olive Class:	96.1%
Pine Class:	95.0%
Poplar Class:	95.2%
Walnut Class:	94.5%
Willow:	98.3%



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

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PRESENTS: easyfundraising

You spend, retailers donate

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite retailers donate to

Friends Of Lower Farm Academy

whenever you shop with them

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them

Argos TESCO JOHN LEWIS ebay JUST EAT



Plus, you'll get...

Exclusive retailer offers | Competitions | A warm feeling inside!

Over **£60m** raised for UK good causes

£0 extra cost to anyone

Sign up & get started

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-lower-farm-academy/o8m3x9/ca/BzoopvuG//share

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE SCHOOL

Friends of Lower Farm Academy



Name Labels

Friends of Lower farm recommended Name Labels from:

www.Stikins.co.uk

They are suitable for clothes, shoes, lunch boxes, drink bottles and more!

Add our fundraising code at checkout:

36499

Commission from your order will go towards additional resources for the school

Thank you for your continued support



PTA

Friends of Lower Farm Academy

Could you help?

We need new PTA Members - Are you interested in joining?

Friends of Lower Farm Academy is a group of parent volunteers that raise money for additional resources;



Library Subscription



External Workshops



Tents



Sports Equipment



Art Supplies

As well as funds towards each class/whole school wish lists

By organising fun events;



Halloween Disco



Christmas Fayre



Easter Bingo



Summer Fayre

As well as Pre loved Uniform, Easy Fundraising & Stikins (Name label) etc

Please contact us

friends@lowerfarmacademy.org

NHS
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Protect your child from flu
The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details



Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

01926 353899

Mental Health Support Team in Schools

Tips For Wellness

Nutrition

Dimensions tool

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

Nutrition refers to thenutrients in food and how our body uses them to stay strong and healthy. There are lots of positive benefits for our **physical health**, nutrition is also really importantfor our**mental health!**

Our brain works hard taking care of our thoughts, movements, breathing, heartbeat and senses (even when we are sleeping!), so we must fuel our brain with nutritious foods to help us function. This can help us to think clearly, increase our energy levels and support concentration. What we eat also affects our mood too!

Our tips:

1. Get involved in the cooking–Can you help your parent/carer to prepare dinner? This can be a fun way to spend time with othersand learn a new skill.

2. Make it fun-There are lots of different ways different foods can be prepared. You could try experimenting putting different food together to see what you like and don't like.

3. Try something new-When was the last time you tried a new food? It can be exciting to find out what food we like and don't like. Also, our tastes can change as we grow and develop. See if you can set yourself a challenge to try a new food this week.

4. Keep Hydrated-Dehydration could lead to headaches,difficulty focusing and may impact sleep. Try to ensure you are regularly drinking water,it can be useful to bring a bottle of water to school every day to remind you to stay hydrated!

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.

Scarecrow Shenanigans

A brand new family trail in Nuneaton Town Centre

19th - 30th September



🌟 Step into a world of storybook magic as Nuneaton Town Centre comes alive with colourful scarecrows inspired by your favourite children's book characters!

🌟 Follow the trail, discover every scarecrow, vote for your favourite, and don't forget to take a selfie and share it on social media!

🌟 People's Choice Award – Vote for the Best Scarecrow!

🌟 Trail sheets available from the BID office, Saints or scan the QR code

Scan me!

Join the trail & vote. Take a selfie, tag us on socials, the most tags will win!

SPECIAL GUESTS
Ukele Jam Band
12pm at Saints
JUST ADDED!

Join us for the trail launch!

Scarecrow Shenanigans

Saturday 19th September, 10am - 2pm

Come along and join in with the trail





Perfect for families Free to take part Fun for all ages

Nuneaton BID Business Improvement District

Saints

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

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.

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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 childs 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 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.
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).
oFirst 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.
oSecond 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.